

CHICAGO RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
DISTRICT 127 ½ -JANUARY 11, 2011  
REGULAR MEETING  
DISTRICT OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER

PRESENT: R. Ruge, L. Barker (arrived at 6:33 P.M.), P. Grow, B. Guerin, E. Moody.  
M. Craig (arrived at 6:34 P.M.), C. Koschetz (arrived at 6:45 P.M.).

ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: J. Kleinaitis, S. Liston, L. Hamacher, F. Setaro, T.  
Bollinger, C. Hillegonds, K. Kirk

GUESTS: None

Mr. Ruge called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Due to the inclement weather, it was suggested by Mr. Ruge to move on to the Business Manager's Report to allow any Board Member enroute to the meeting some additional time. Mr. Ruge asked if there were any changes to the Meeting Agenda. Dr. Kleinaitis stated that the Social Networking Policy item would be tabled due to recent revisions made by the attorney. A revised copy was at the place of each Board Member so they could have time to read and review the revised policy.

Mrs. Barker entered the meeting at 6:33 P.M. Mr. Craig followed at 6:34 P.M.

Mr. Ruge stated that since two additional members had just arrived, the meeting would progress on to the Consent Agenda.

#1 MOTION TO  
APPROVE THE  
CONSENT  
AGENDA

Mr. Ruge asked if there were any corrections or questions regarding the items contained in the Consent Agenda. The Treasurer's Report for November was presented. Mrs. Barker stated she had a question regarding one of the bills on the Consent Agenda she would like to address before the vote was taken. Mrs. Barker stated she noticed one of the attorney's involved in the annexation was billing for services for the deposition company, Esquire. She felt that the District should be paying Esquire directly, as opposed to being billed by an attorney. The Board agreed that payment to Esquire directly seemed more logical as this expense was a direct responsibility of the District to pay. The check will thus be voided and recut to reflect Esquire as the payee. Mr. Ruge then asked the Board again if there any additional questions regarding the items contained in the Consent Agenda. With there being no further inquiry, Mrs. Barker moved and Mr. Guerin seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda that contained the following items:

-Minutes of the December 14, 2010 Meeting –Open Session

- Minutes of the December 14, 2010 Meeting – Closed Session
- Minutes of the January 5, 2011 Meeting – Open Session
- Minutes of the January 5, 2011 Meeting- Closed Session
- Monthly Imprest and Activity Fund Account Statements
- Fund Balance Summary
- Eisenhower Cooperative Payroll and Bills
- Payroll and Bills in these amounts:

Education Fund	\$ 178,019.19
Building Fund	63,020.03
Transportation Fund	13,419.56
Debt Service	1,244.57
Capital Projects Fund	0.00
Life Safety Fund	1,048.00
Total Payroll	<u>567,212.76</u>
TOTAL PAYROLL AND BILLS	\$ 823,964.11

Upon roll call: Mr. Craig-YES (with exception to the December 14, 2010 minutes), Mr. Moody-YES, Mrs. Grow-YES, Mr. Guerin-YES, Mrs. Barker – YES, Mr. Ruge-YES. Motion carried.

Mr. Ruge then proceeded on to the next agenda topic which was the Business Manager’s Report.

Mrs. Liston, Business Manager, stated that there were two expenses left to incur from the annexation of Fireside Drive. One was just discussed, regarding Esquire Deposition Services. The other was a bill from the newspaper for the legal notice regarding annexation. Mrs. Liston stated she did not expect any further billings and the matter should be finished.

The next item she discussed was regarding disposal of old computers. She said since some of the computers in the District were getting replaced due to age and compatibility issues, the Board needs to consider how to best handle the veteran PC’s. One option would be to maintain an inventory and redeploy the computers as needed. This would be a very timely process as each PC would need to be erased and new software installed. Also needed would be new outlets and switches if these PC’s were to be additional to any existing PC’s in a classroom. Licensing, too, could prove costly depending on how these PC’s are utilized. A second option would be to recycle the replaced PC’s to see if there would be any resale value, either for parts or for conducting a raffle open to the staff/community. This option would also require the PC’s to be erased, and a decision would need to be made regarding the distribution process and who would receive what. A third option is a hybrid of the two, in which the principal could determine if the PC’s in inventory are newer than the PC’s they would be replacing. In that case, it would make more sense to redeploy and dispose of the oldest piece.

The Board felt the expense of additional outlets, wiring and switches is too much of an undertaking at the present time, but what would make sense is to first assess what can be replaced in each building and what available inventory there would be to draw from for a possible redeployment. It was recommended to get that data together first before moving forward in considering the available options.

Ms. Koschetz arrived at the meeting at 6:45 P.M.

Moving along, Mrs. Liston stated that next year there would be no AARA grant funding, and the Board had requested some financial information as to what AARA funds pay for now versus what the District would need to cover next year. Mrs. Liston created a spreadsheet that broke down the different categories that AARA has paid for and proceeded to walk the Board through the numbers. Basically, when all was presented, the District can expect to have to pay roughly \$373,000 from its own budget to continue to offer the same services that the AARA funds covered.

Lastly, Mrs. Liston stated there had been some additional adjustments to property taxes that affect how much the District receives from the County, and that those items were included in their packets.

Dr. Kleinaitis then stated that enrollment for the month of December was 1,368 students.

Dr. Kleinaitis then reiterated that the Social Networking Policy was being tabled to allow the Board time to review some adjustments made by the attorney.

Dr. Kleinaitis then stated that the Drop Everything and Read program (D.E.A.R.) will be kicking off next month. The Chicago Ridge Public Library is working in conjunction with the District to promote reading amongst the students.

Dr. Kleinaitis informed the Board that the District received \$2,000 from a grant sponsored by Lowe's Home Improvement. This will be utilized to make some of the courtyard areas around the schools into outdoor learning environments, highlighting gardening and other outdoor learning endeavors.

Mrs. Liston then stated she received word from Ken Schultz, architect at Studio GC, regarding the issue of the gym light clips at Finley Jr. High. She stated it is Ken's opinion that the issue with the clips is not related to installation but rather manufacturing. He is contacting the manufacturer regarding this problem, but feels final payment of \$71,791.00 should be sent to Construction Solutions. The Board informed Mrs. Liston she could release the check, but Studio GC is responsible for finding out what the underlying cause is for the light clips and getting the manufacturer to rectify the problem.

Mrs. Hamacher then provided data regarding Finley students who participated in the Spanish program since its inception at Finley Jr. High and how they were placing in high school.

Dr. Kleinaitis then stated the next meeting will take place on February 8, 2011 at 6:30 P.M. at Ridge Central School.

#2 MOTION  
TO  
CONVENE  
TO CLOSED  
SESSION

Mr. Craig moved and Mr. Ruge seconded the motion to convene the meeting to closed session at 7:13 P.M. for the purpose of discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the District, including hearing the testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity as defined in the Open Meetings Act, Section 2 (c)(1), the discussion of collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees as defined in Section 2 (c) (2), the discussion of student disciplinary cases as defined in Section 2 (c)(9), the discussion of pending, or probable and imminent litigation against, affecting, or on behalf of the District as defined in the Open Meetings Act, Section 2 (c)(11), and for discussion of minutes of prior meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of review, approval or release of such minutes, as defined in Section 2 (c)(21) at 7:13 P.M.

Upon Roll Call: Mr. Guerin –YES, Mrs. Grow –YES, Mr. Moody – YES, Mrs. Barker – YES, Ms. Koschetz-YES, Mr. Craig-YES, Mr. Ruge-YES. Motion carried.

MEETING CONVENED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 7:13 P.M.

#3 MOTION  
TO  
RECONVENE  
INTO OPEN  
SESSION

Mrs. Barker moved and Ms. Koschetz seconded the motion to reconvene into open session at 8:40 P.M.

Upon Roll Call: Mr. Moody-YES, Mr. Guerin-YES, Mr. Craig-YES, Ms. Koschetz-YES, Mrs. Barker-YES, Mrs. Grow-YES, Mr. Ruge –YES.

#4 MOTION  
TO TABLE  
RELEASE OF  
CLOSED  
MINUTES

Mrs. Grow moved and Mr. Guerin seconded the motion to table the release of closed minutes until the February meeting. Upon Roll Call: Mrs. Barker-YES, Ms. Koschetz-YES, Mr. Craig-YES, Mrs. Grow –YES, Mr. Guerin-YES, Mr. Moody-YES, Mr. Ruge – YES. Motion carried.

#5 MOTION  
TO PLACE  
STUDENT IN  
ALTERNATIVE  
PLACEMENT

Mrs. Barker moved and Mrs. Grow seconded the motion to place student #1111 in alternative placement. Upon Roll Call: Mrs. Grow-YES, Mr. Guerin-YES, Ms. Koschetz-YES, Mr. Craig-YES, Mr. Moody-YES, Mrs. Barker-YES, Mr. Ruge-YES. Motion carried.

#6 MOTION  
TO ADJOURN

Mrs. Barker moved and Mr. Ruge seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 P.M. Upon Roll Call: Mr. Moody –YES, Mrs. Barker-YES, Ms. Koschetz-YES, Mr. Craig –YES, Mr. Guerin-YES, Mrs. Grow-YES, Mr. Ruge-YES. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:43 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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President

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Secretary