

CHICAGO RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
DISTRICT 127 ½ -DECEMBER 13, 2011
REGULAR MEETING
RIDGE LAWN SCHOOL

PRESENT: C. Koschetz, B. Guerin, P. Grow, N. Salzer, K. Gaylord, B. Gushes (entered meeting at 6:40 P.M.)

ABSENT: E. Moody

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

GUESTS: Mrs. Lenz, Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Zamlynski, Mrs. Albon, Mrs. Lind, Community Members and Families of Straight –A Students

Ms. Koschetz, President Pro-Tem in the absence of Mr. Moody, called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M in the gymnasium of the Ridge Lawn School.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#1 MOTION
TO ELECT
VICE PRES-
IDENT, PRO-
TEM

Mr. Guerin moved and Mrs. Salzer seconded the motion to elect Mrs. Grow as Vice-President, Pro-Tem to fill the vacancy created as Ms. Koschetz stepped in to act as President, Pro-Tem. Upon Roll Call: Mrs. Grow-YES, Mrs. Salzer-YES, Mrs. Gaylord-YES, Mr. Guerin-YES, Ms. Koschetz-YES. Motion carried.

Ms. Koschetz proceeded to welcome all present to the awards portion of the meeting and introduced Mrs. Setaro, principal of Ridge Lawn School, who was hosting the event for the evening.

Mrs. Setaro proceeded to step forward and thank all the families present for coming to the Straight-A Award Recognition. She read a brief quote, and then along with Ms. Koschetz, presented each Ridge Lawn child who achieved Straight-A recognition with an award certificate.

Mrs. Bollinger, principal of Ridge Central School, presented next. She welcomed the parents as well, and along with Ms. Koschetz, called each Ridge Central student who achieved Straight-A grades up to receive their recognition certificate.

Mrs. Hamacher, principal of Finley Jr. High, and Mr. Kevin Kirk, Dean of Students at Finley Jr. High, joined Ms. Koschetz in the final certificate presentation for the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. Mrs. Hamacher said a few words to the families present thanking them for their involvement in the daily education of their children and then proceeded to call each child up to receive their certificate.

Mr. Gushes entered the meeting at 6:40 P.M.

After the award ceremony, a small offering of juice and cookies was made available.

At 7:05 P.M., Ms. Koschetz called the meeting back to order.

#2. MOTION
TO APPROVE
CONSENT
AGENDA

Mr. Guerin, Board Secretary, presented the Treasurer's Report to Ms. Koschetz for the month of October, 2011. Ms. Koschetz asked if there were any corrections or questions regarding the items contained in the Consent Agenda. Mr. Guerin moved and Mrs. Gaylord seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda that contained the following items:

- Minutes of the November 8, 2011 Meeting – Open Session
- Minutes of the November 8, 2011 Meeting – Closed Session
- Monthly Imprest Fund and Activity Account Statements
- Fund Balance Summary
- Eisenhower Cooperative Payroll and Bills
- Payroll and Bills in these amounts

Education Fund	\$ 273,285.85
Building Fund	58,221.28
Transportation Fund	56,995.83
Debt Service Fund	960.55
Capital Projects Fund	40,577.76
Total Payroll	<u>618,889.11</u>
TOTAL PAYROLL AND BILLS	\$ 1,048,930.38

Upon roll call: Mr. Gushes-YES, Mrs. Salzer -YES, Mr. Guerin-YES, Mrs. Gaylord-YES, Mrs. Grow – YES, Ms. Koschetz-YES, Motion carried.

Moving on the agenda, Mrs. Liston, Business Manager, began the Business Manager's portion of the meeting. Mrs. Liston stated she was seeking Board action to approve Payment #5 to Loung's Corporation in the amount of \$19,127.76 for construction work at all three schools.

#3 MOTION
TO APPROVE
FINAL CERT-
IFICATE OF
PAYMENT #5
TO LOUNG'S
CORP.

Mrs. Grow moved and Ms. Koschetz seconded the motion to approve final certificate of payment to Loung's Corporation in the amount of \$19,127.76.

Upon Roll Call: Mrs. Grow-YES, Mr. Guerin-YES, Mrs. Salzer-YES, Mr. Gushes-YES, Mrs. Gaylord-YES, Ms. Koschetz – YES. Motion carried.

Mrs. Liston then stated she wanted to provide the Board with some updated information regarding Transportation funding from the State, but unfortunately the information she wanted to share was not received in time for the meeting. She said anything she gets from the State regarding transportation she would share with the Board as soon as possible.

Mrs. Liston then stated she pulled some information together regarding Fund Balances, Expenditures and Operating Expenses per Pupil from surrounding school districts. She stated our District is the lowest operating expense per pupil, at \$8,796.00 per pupil, while other districts were over \$11,500 per pupil.

Lastly, Mrs. Liston provided the Board with a letter from the Our Lady of the Ridge Men's Club apologizing for breaking the basketball rim and the backboard at Ridge Central recently. They are going to fully reimburse the District for the purchase of a new one.

Dr. Kleinaitis then stated enrollment for the month of November was 1,409 students.

Next on the agenda was the annual review of the School Library Media Program. The program provides \$00.75 per child to spend on library media supplements, and the money will be split evenly between the three school's libraries.

#4 MOTION TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA PROGRAM

Mrs. Salzer moved and Ms. Koschetz seconded the motion to approve the annual review of the School Library Media Program. As Dr. Kleinaitis reiterated, the review is done in accordance with the requirements of the School Library Per Capita Grant 2012 Application, which has allowed the District's three libraries to receive 75 cents per student to improve services and materials. Upon Roll Call: Mrs. Grow-YES, Mrs. Gaylord-YES, Mrs. Salzer-YES, Mr. Gushes-YES, Mr. Guerin-YES, Ms. Koschetz-YES. Motion carried.

#5 MOTION TO APPROVE POLICIES 2:140, 6:120 AP-4, and 5:330

Mrs. Grow moved and Mr. Guerin seconded the motion to approve School Board Policies 2:140 (Communications To and From the Board), 6:120 AP-4 (Administrative Procedure: Care of Students with Diabetes), and Policy 5:330 (Educational Support Personnel – Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays and Leaves). Upon Roll Call: Mr. Guerin-YES, Mrs. Gaylord-YES, Mrs. Salzer-YES, Mrs. Grow-YES, Mr. Gushes-YES, Ms. Koschetz-YES. Motion carried.

#6 MOTION TO APPROVE WELLNESS POLICY 6:50

Mrs. Gaylord moved and Ms. Koschetz seconded the motion to approve the annual Wellness Policy 6:50 which specifies the District's goals for nutritional education and physical activity. Upon Roll Call: Mrs. Salzer-YES, Mr. Gushes-YES, Mrs. Gaylord-YES, Mr. Guerin – YES, Mrs. Grow – YES, Ms. Koschetz-YES. Motion carried.

Mrs. Bialczak, recording secretary, stated that the next item on the agenda was the hearing for the Annual Tax Levy, and that only those questions pertaining to the Annual Tax Levy would be addressed. Any other questions should be posed during the public participation portion of the meeting, which would follow shortly.

At 7:15 P.M., Ms. Koschetz opened the hearing for the Annual Tax Levy. Mrs. Liston stated that there was one slight change in the levy from the tentative levy. She explained the tentative levy called for \$4,578,169 to be levied for in the Education Fund and \$105 to be levied for in the Working Cash Fund; the final levy calls for \$4,577,274 to be levied

for in the Education Fund and \$1,000 to be levied for in the Working Cash Fund. This change was made to ensure that the amount levied for in Working Cash Fund would generate a tax rate, as the County has declared that if an agency doesn't levy in a fund for three years on a row, they lose the ability to levy in that fund without a referendum. Following the adoption of the levy, formal paperwork will be filed with the Cook County Clerk's Office no later than the last Tuesday of December. Mrs. Liston asked if there were any questions she could answer regarding the tax levy, either for the Board or for the public. Mrs. Barker asked several questions regarding the levying process and how it affects the average Chicago Ridge homeowner. Mrs. Liston replied with an overview of the semantics of the levying process; she explained how the District can levy for the CPI (Consumer Price Index) or 5%, (whichever is lower) in addition to the previous year's tax extension or over and above the previous year's tax extension. She also discussed how new properties factor into the process, such as Curley Funeral Home and homes annexed into our District from Fireside Drive. There being no other questions on this topic, Ms. Koschetz closed the hearing at 7:25 P.M.

#7 BOARD
ACTION TO
ADOPT THE
DISTRICT TAX
LEVY

Mrs. Gaylord moved and Mr. Guerin seconded the motion to approve the District Tax Levy. Upon Roll Call: Mrs. Gaylord – YES, Mrs. Grow – YES, Mr. Guerin-YES, Mr. Gushes-YES, Mrs. Salzer-YES, Ms. Koschetz-YES. Motion carried.

Dr. Kleinaitis then stated she received the results from the 8th Grade Banquet Survey back. She said it was a delight to read what some of the children and parents wrote, and that the overwhelming response was to keep the Banquet at the Garden Chalet in Worth.

Dr. Kleinaitis then told the Board she had the pleasure to meet with the Wellness Council and the Homework Committee. In regard to the Wellness Council, she stated that this team is comprised of the P.E. teachers, the Health teacher, and school nurse and other staff members. This meeting is a mandate from the Model Communities Grant, and that there was \$67,000 remaining to spend. After brainstorming with the group, it was decided to host a Health & Wellness Day for the families of the District, which would include a 1 mile walk, blood pressure screening, healthy cooking tips from a chef, a gardening expo on growing your own fruits & vegetables, along with raffles and prizes. This event will be held on February 25th, and flyers have been sent home with the children.

The Homework Committee had over 400 replies back regarding the type of homework the children are receiving and the volume of homework the children are bringing home. Overall, the responses indicated that the children are receiving just the right amount of homework.

Dr. Kleinaitis then stated the next meeting would be held January 17th, 2012 at 6:30 P.M.

Dr. Kleinaitis then stated that the District received a grant for \$1,000 from the South Suburban School Business Officials' Organization to sustain the garden. She said she applied for \$3,000 but was happy to receive the \$1,000.

Ms. Koschetz then opened the floor for public participation. Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Lenz, Mrs. Albon, Mrs. Zamlynski, and Mrs. Lind directed questions and comments to the Board regarding the Abatement of \$400,000 that was passed at the November 8th meeting. Many of the remarks made from the public concerned putting more money back into the programs in the school, and abating a smaller portion back to the community. Also mentioned was saving some of the proceeds for a rainy day should State funding get cut for any of the programs. After much discussion, Mrs. Barker asked the Board to put on the agenda for the January 17th meeting a request for recession of the abatement that was passed at the November 8th, 2011 meeting. The Board stated that request would be honored.

At 8:02 P.M., Ms. Koschetz closed the public participation portion of the meeting.

#8 MOTION
TO
CONVENE TO
CLOSED
SESSION

Ms. Koschetz moved and Mrs. Grow seconded the motion to convene the meeting to closed session at 8:03 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) and 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).

Upon Roll Call: Mrs. Grow –YES, Mr. Gushes –YES, Mrs. Salzer – YES, Mr. Guerin – YES, Mrs. Gaylord-YES, Ms. Koschetz-YES. Motion carried.

MEETING CONVENED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 8:03 P.M.

#9 MOTION TO
RECONVENE
INTO OPEN
SESSION

Ms. Koschetz moved and Mrs. Grow seconded the motion to reconvene into open session at 8:20 P.M.

Upon Roll Call: Mr. Guerin-YES, Mr. Gushes-YES, Mrs. Grow-YES, Mrs. Salzer-YES, Mrs. Gaylord –YES, Ms. Koschetz-YES. Motion carried.

#10 MOTION
TO APPROVE
EMPLOYMENT

Mrs. Gaylord moved and Mrs. Salzer seconded the motion to approve the employment of Ruth O'Boyle – paraprofessional at Ridge Central, Allison Gierman – paraprofessional at Ridge Lawn, and Sandra Muth- paraprofessional at Ridge Central. Upon Roll Call: Mr. Gushes-YES, Mrs. Gaylord-YES, Mr. Guerin-YES, Mrs. Salzer-YES, Mrs. Grow-YES, Ms. Koschetz-YES. Motion carried.

#11 MOTION
TO
APPROVE
CONTRACT
FOR DR. SUE
IRELAND

Ms. Koschetz moved and Mr. Guerin seconded the motion to approve the contract for Dr. Sue Ireland, Director of the Eisenhower Cooperative.

Upon Roll Call: Mrs. Salzer-YES, Mr. Gushes-YES, Mrs. Grow-YES, Mrs. Gaylord-YES, Mr. Guerin-YES, Ms. Koschetz-YES. Motion carried.

#12 MOTION
TO APPROVE
FMLA

Mrs. Gaylord moved and Mrs. Salzer seconded the motion to approve the request of Dawn Dannenberg for Family Medical Leave. Upon Roll Call: Mrs. Gaylord-YES, Mrs. Grow –YES, Mr. Guerin-YES, Mr. Gushes-YES, Mrs. Salzer-YES, Ms. Koschetz –YES. Motion carried.

#13 MOTION
TO
ADJOURN

Mrs. Grow moved and Mrs. Gaylord seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 P.M.. Upon Roll Call: Mr. Guerin-YES, Mrs. Salzer-YES, Mrs. Gaylord-YES, Mrs. Grow-YES, Mr. Gushes-YES, Ms. Koschetz-YES. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

President

Secretary