

CHICAGO RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
DISTRICT 127 ½ -FEBRUARY 8, 2011
REGULAR MEETING
RIDGE CENTRAL SCHOOL

PRESENT: R. Ruge, L. Barker, B. Guerin, P. Grow, C. Koschetz (entered meeting at 6:47 P.M), M. Craig

ABSENT: E. Moody

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

GUESTS: Community Members and Families of Straight A Students

Mr. Ruge called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M in the lunch room of Ridge Central School.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#1 MOTION
TO ELECT
SECRETARY
PRO-
TEM

Mr. Craig moved and Mrs. Barker seconded the motion to elect Mr. Guerin as Secretary, Pro-Tem in the absence of Mr. Moody. Upon Roll Call: Mrs. Barker-YES, Mrs. Grow-YES, Mr. Craig-YES, Mr. Guerin-YES, Mr. Ruge-YES. Motion carried.

Mr. Ruge welcomed all present to the Straight A awards portion of the meeting and introduced Mrs. Hamacher, principal of Finley Jr. High School, and Mr. Kevin Kirk, Dean of Students, to begin the presentation of certificates.

Mrs. Hamacher spoke words of praise to the students and their parents for their hard work and dedication to their studies. She then began to present the award certificates to those 6th, 7th and 8th grade students who achieved Straight-A honors.

Mrs. Bollinger, principal of Ridge Central, then 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 Mr. Ruge, presented each Ridge Central child who achieved Straight-A recognition with an award certificate.

Mrs. Setaro, principal of Ridge Lawn School, presented next. She too spoke words of praise, and along with Mr. Ruge, called each Ridge Lawn student who achieved Straight-A grades up to receive their recognition certificate.

Mrs. Koschetz entered the meeting at 6:47 P.M.

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

At 7:03 P.M., Mr. Ruge called the meeting back to order.

#2. MOTION
TO
APPROVE
CONSENT
AGENDA

Mr. Guerin, Secretary Pro-Tem, presented the Treasurer's Report to Mr. Ruge for the month of December, 2010. Mr. Ruge asked if there were any corrections or questions regarding the items contained in the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Barker moved and Mr. Craig seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda that contained the following items:

- Minutes of the January 11th, 2011 Meeting – Open Session
- Minutes of the January 11th, 2011 Meeting – Closed Session
- Minutes of the January 25th, 2011 Meeting – Open Session
- Minutes of the January 25th, 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	\$ 184,115.60
Building Fund	56,285.86
Transportation Fund	25,340.35
Debt Service Fund	1,037.57
Capital Projects Fund	0.00
Life Safety Fund	0.00
Total Payroll	<u>571,657.32</u>
TOTAL PAYROLL AND BILLS	\$ 838,436.70

Upon roll call: Mr. Craig -YES, Mrs. Grow-YES, Mr. Guerin-YES, Ms. Koschetz – YES, Mrs. Barker-YES, Mr.Ruge-YES. Motion carried.

Moving on the agenda, Mrs. Liston, Business Manager, began the Business Manager's portion of the meeting.

#3 MOTION
TO
DESIGNATE
PERSON TO
PREPARE
TENTATIVE
BUDGET

Mrs. Liston stated the Board needs to designate a person to prepare the Budget for the 2011-2012 school year. Mr. Ruge moved and Ms. Koschetz seconded the motion to appoint Dr. Kleinaitis as the person to prepare the Budget. Upon Roll Call: Ms. Koschetz-YES, Mrs. Barker-YES, Mr.Guerin-YES, Mr. Craig-YES, Mrs. Grow-YES, Mr. Ruge-YES. Motion carried.

Mrs. Liston then stated she was happy to report to the Board that the District's 2011 Financial Profile score is 3.80, which places the District at "Financial Recognition", the best designation a district can receive from the Illinois State Board of Education and given only to those districts that show financial strength. This ranking is done annually by the Illinois State Board of Education.

Mrs. Liston then informed the Board that Sunrise Southwest has presented a formal offer to extend both the regular and special education transportation contracts at a rate increase of one percent (1%) for the 2011/2012 school year. She further stated the Clover Leaf

Farms contract is also up for renewal, and that there would be no price increase from them for the 2011/2012 school year.

In terms of satisfaction of service, she stated that both Mr. Kirk and Mr. Hillegonds (Director of Special Services) were very happy with Sunrise Southwest for the District's transportation needs and that the quality of service and product from Clover Leaf Farms was excellent as well.

The Board asked Mrs. Liston if there was a need to go out to bid for these services this year. Mrs. Liston explained that the milk is exempt from bid under the perishable food and beverage exemption in the Illinois School Code and that transportation can legally be extended on a year-to-year basis.

#4 MOTION
TO APPROVE
CONTRACT
EXTENSION
WITH
SUNRISE
SOUTHWEST
FOR 2011-
2012

Mrs. Grow moved and Ms. Koschetz seconded the motion to approve the contract with Sunrise Southwest for the 2011-2012 school year for both regular and special needs transportation at a 1% increase over last year's rate.

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

#5 MOTION
TO APPROVE
CLOVER
LEAF
CONTRACT
FOR 2011-
2012

Ms. Koschetz moved and Mr. Guerin seconded the motion to approve Clover Leaf Farms as the milk provider for the 2011-2012 school year with no rate increase.

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

Mrs. Liston then proceeded to provide the Board with an update on IMRF's investment returns. She stated that IMRF has fared well in regard to recovering from the market losses of two years ago, citing that 2010's estimated investment return is 13%. She further mentioned that additional numerical data was in their packets should they want more analysis.

She lastly informed Board that the Fund Balances on the reports provided to the Board have changed due to the fact that the auditor's adjustments have been entered.

Dr. Kleinaitis then stated that enrollment for the month of January was 1,359 students.

Dr. Kleinaitis further stated that agenda topic 7.2, which was the first reading of the discipline handbook revisions, was being tabled because the meeting was rescheduled due to the recent snow storm. More information will follow at the March Board meeting.

Dr. Kleinaitis then stated that the Board has had two readings regarding the Social Network Policy, and was now seeking Board action for approval.

#6 MOTION TO
APPROVE
POLICY 5:340 –
SOCIAL
NETWORKING
POLICY

Mr. Ruge moved and Mr. Craig seconded the motion to approve Policy 5:340- Social Networking Policy.

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

Dr. Kleinaitis then informed the Board that the District is the recipient of a \$141,000 grant from the Cook County Health Department. She stated she had been working on it as had other school districts and municipalities across Cook County, but only a few were chosen. She and Mrs. Liston will be attending a meeting up in Rosemont presented by the Health Department regarding further instruction as to how to proceed. She did state that the staff at all three schools were most elated and were looking forward to discussing the best application of the funds.

Dr. Kleinaitis then requested Board action to accept the grant award.

#7 MOTION
TO ACCEPT
COOK
COUNTY
HEALTH
GRANT

Mrs. Barker moved and Ms. Koschetz seconded the motion to accept the \$141,000 grant awarded to the District by the Cook County Health Department.

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

Mrs. Liston then stated she had heard from Pat Callaghan of Studio GC regarding progress on the energy grant. She said he received word that the State of Illinois will be looking to award the grant to those schools who are at 50% or higher with Free and Reduced enrollment. This would put the Chicago Ridge District at an advantage if the State does proceed in that manner. In conjunction with that information, Dr. Kleinaitis stated that Ridge Central would soon be serving breakfast as their free and reduced percentage now qualifies them for the Federal breakfast program.

After that discussion, Dr. Kleinaitis stated the next Board meeting would take place on March 8th, 2011 at District Office, 6135 W. 108th Street, at 6:30 P.M.

At 7:26 P.M., Mr. Ruge stated if anyone would like to address the Board, they now had the opportunity to do so. No person came forward.

#8 MOTION TO
CONVENE TO
CLOSED
SESSION

At 7:27 P.M., Mrs. Grow moved and Mr. Craig seconded the motion to convene into Closed Session back at the District Office for the purpose of discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity as defined in the Open Meetings Act, Section 2 (c) (1), 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), 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 7:27 P.M.

MEETING CONVENED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 7:27 P.M.
CLOSED SESSION MEETING MOVED BACK TO DISTRICT OFFICE

#9 MOTION TO
RECONVENE
INTO OPEN
SESSION

Mrs. Grow moved and Mr. Guerin seconded the motion to reconvene into Open Session at 9:15 P.M. Upon roll call: Ms. Koschetz – YES, Mrs. Grow –YES, Mr. Guerin-YES, Mr. Craig-YES, Mrs. Barker – YES, Mr. Ruge. Motion carried.

#10 MOTION
TO
ACCEPT
RETIREMENT
AND
RESIGNATION
LETTER OF

Mrs. Grow moved and Mr. Craig seconded the motion to accept the retirement and resignation of Margaret Owens, paraprofessional, Sandy Mason, office aide, and Cynthia Stell, Speech and Language teacher.

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

#11 MOTION TO
APPROVE
EMPLOYMENT

Mrs. Koschetz moved and Mrs. Grow seconded the recommendation to approve employment of Lana Haddad as one-on-one paraprofessional. Upon Roll Call: Mrs. Barker-YES Mr. Craig-YES, Mr. Guerin-YES, Mrs. Grow-YES, Ms. Koschetz-YES, Mr. Ruge-YES. Motion carried.

#12 MOTION TO
APPROVE
RELEASE OF
MINUTES

Mr. Craig moved and Mr. Guerin seconded the motion to approve the release of closed session minutes dating from May, 2009-November, 2009.

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

#13 MOTION
TO
ADJOURN

Mrs. Grow moved and Ms. Koschetz seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 P.M..

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

President

Secretary