

CHICAGO RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
DISTRICT 127 ½ -NOVEMBER 17, 2009
REGULAR MEETING
RIDGE CENTRAL SCHOOL

PRESENT: R Ruge, L. Barker, B. Guerin, P. Grow, E. Moody

ABSENT: M. Craig, C. Koschetz

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

GUESTS: Community Members and Parents of Students

Mr. Ruge called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Ridge Central School.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Ruge stated the public participation portion of the meeting would be conducted toward the end of the Board Meeting.

Mrs. Bollinger, principal of Ridge Central School, proceeded to step forward and thank all the families present for coming to the Straight-A Award Recognition. She read a brief quote from Lady Byrd Johnson, and then along with Mr. Ruge, School Board President, presented each child with a recognition certificate.

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

Mrs. Hamacher, principal of Finley Jr. High, and Mr. Michael Donovan, Dean of Students at Finley Jr. High, joined Mr. Ruge in the final certificate presentation to those 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students who received Straight- A grades. Mrs. Hamacher read a brief quote and proceeded to call each child up to receive their certificate.

Also being recognized at the meeting was the girls' volleyball team from Finley Jr. High, who won their division in the play-offs. Ms. Julie Bonk, coach of the team, called each player up individually and spoke of how well they all worked together to achieve this victory.

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

At 7:42 P.M., Mr. Ruge called the meeting back to order.

#1. MOTION
TO APPROVE
CONSENT
AGENDA

Mr. Ruge made a brief statement regarding the process on how the Board makes decisions.

Mr. Moody, Board Secretary, presented the Treasurer's Report to Mr. Ruge for the month of September, 2009. Mr. Ruge asked if there were any corrections or questions regarding the items contained in the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Barker moved and Mrs. Grow seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda that contained the following items:

- Minutes of the October 13, 2009 Meeting – Open Session
- Minutes of the October 13, 2009 Meeting – Closed Session
- Minutes of the October 27, 2009 Meeting – Open Session
- Minutes of the October 27, 2009 Meeting – Closed Session
- Minutes of the November 5, 2009 Meeting – Open Session
- Minutes of the November 5, 2009 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	\$ 551,949.11
Building Fund	59,324.50
Transportation Fund	50,002.56
Debt Service Fund	1,037.57
Total Payroll	<u>543,389.44</u>
TOTAL PAYROLL AND BILLS	\$ 1,214,050.18

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

Moving on the agenda, Mrs. Liston, Business Manager, began the Business Manager's Report by stating that the accounting firm of McGladry Pullen had completed the audit for FY09. A copy of the complete audit had been given to the Board Members in their packet. Mrs. Liston further stated that it was a successful audit, with the auditors reporting no significant or unusual transactions. The Annual Financial Report was also provided to the Board Members, with Mrs. Liston stating that the District received a rating of 3.8 out of 4.0. This is a very high rating which indicates that the District should receive Financial Recognition from the State.

Mrs. Liston then proceeded to let the Board know that they will be able to access the Debt Service Extension Base (DSEB) again this year. The DSEB would be approximately \$412,000 as that was what was approved in November of 2008. She stated that funds accessed from the Base would be utilized for upgrading the computers in the District that are no longer compatible with current technology and/or are out of warranty. It will additionally be used to complete projects that remain unfinished once the Capital Projects Fund has been exhausted.

Mrs. Liston let the Board know they would need to schedule hearings and approvals at the December and January Board meetings to meet the February deadline should they desire to proceed.

Mrs. Liston lastly proceeded to provide the Board with an update on IMRF funding. She stated that the District's fund balance in IMRF is still negative. In discussing the situation with the Township Treasurer, she wanted to make the Board aware that as long as the other District accounts are funded adequately enough to make the overall balance a positive number, and the Board accepts this policy, it is acceptable for the IMRF balance to be negative. She also stated that the IMRF pension base, as a whole, has recouped three billion dollars back out of the five billion dollars that were lost in last year's market downturn.

Moving down the agenda, Dr. Kleinaitis stated that enrollment for the month of October was 1,331 students.

The second reading of Board Policies 2:70, 2:70-E, 2:100, 5:180, 5:185, 5:220 occurred.

Mrs. Liston then proceeded to request the Board's approval on the tentative tax levy. She stated that the numbers presented are ballooned because taxing authorities always request more than they know they will receive in order to include any new property not incorporated in the present Estimated Assessed Value (EAV). Conversely, if the taxing authority does not request all that it may be entitled to, it will not be received.

#2 MOTION TO
APPROVE THE
TENTATIVE
TAX LEVY

Mrs. Grow moved and Mr. Guerin seconded the motion to approve the tentative levy. Upon roll call: Ms. Koschetz-YES, Mr. Moody-YES, Mrs. Grow-YES, Mr. Guerin-YES, Mrs. Barker-YES, Mr. Ruge-YES. Motion carried.

Dr. Kleinaitis then stated that the recent RTI meeting went very well. RTI (Response to Intervention) is the result of changes in federal and state laws which are geared to addressing learning problems in children earlier within the general education setting. The next meeting will take place on December 10th, 2009, at which time the panel will look at RTI models other schools are utilizing.

Dr. Kleinaitis stated the next Board Meeting will take place at the District Office on December 8th, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.. At that meeting, a brief overview of the annual IASB conference will be discussed, as well as an overview of the library and media curriculum.

At 7:55 P.M., Mr. Ruge stated if anyone would like to address the Board, they now had the opportunity to do so. He provided time limits and instruction as to how the participation portion of the meeting would be handled.

Several community members came forward to question a recent personnel issue, which Mr. Ruge stated legally the Board cannot discuss.

#3 MOTION TO
CONVENE TO
CLOSED
SESSION

At 8:16 P.M., Mr. Guerin moved and Mrs. Grow 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) and 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).

MEETING CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION AT 8:16 P.M.

#4 MOTION TO
RECONVENE
INTO OPEN
SESSION

Mrs. Grow moved and Mr. Guerin seconded the motion to reconvene into Open Session at 10:05 P.M. Upon roll call: Mrs. Barker – YES, Mrs. Grow –YES, Mr. Guerin-YES, Mr. Moody – YES, Mr. Ruge-YES. Motion carried.

#5 MOTION TO
EMPLOY NEW
PERSONNEL

Mr. Moody moved and Mrs. Grow seconded the motion to employ Ms. Molly Mahoney as Pre-Kindergarten teacher for maternity leave at Ridge Central.
Upon Roll Call: Mrs. Barker – PRESENT, Mr. Guerin-YES, Mr. Moody – YES, Mrs. Grow-YES, Mr .Ruge –YES. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Grow moved and Mr. Guerin seconded the motion to approve the employment of Mr. Peter Krason as 6th grade Social Studies teacher at Finley Jr. High.
Upon Roll Call: Mrs. Barker-YES, Mr. Guerin -YES, Mr. Moody-YES, Mr. Ruge-YES, Mrs. Grow-YES. Motion carried.

#6 MOTION
TO
ADJOURN

Mr. Moody moved and Mrs. Barker seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 P.M. Upon Roll Call: Mrs. Barker-YES, Mr. Moody-YES, Mr. Guerin -YES, Mrs. Grow -YES, Mr. Ruge –YES. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

President

Secretary

