

RIDGEVIEW COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 19

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
7:00 p.m. Monday, March 10, 2008
Ridgeview Unit Office
309 N. Harrison Street, Colfax, IL 61728
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Board of Education of Ridgeview Community Unit School District No. 19 was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President Pam Givens, with the following board members and administrators present: Pam Givens; Chris Donaldson; Ed Johnson; Curt Heimer; Larry Marolf; Tammy Purcell; Nadene Ratcliffe (arrived 7:10 p.m.); Jim Campbell, Principal; Joshua Olsen, Principal; and Dr. Larry K. Dodds, Superintendent.

Absent: Cathy Weber, Assistant Principal/AD Others Present: Paula Meiner, Levi Heimer, Sydney Copley, Patti Welander, Student #031392, Father of Student #031392, Mother of Student #031392

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Larry Marolf led the Board of Education and others present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Larry Marolf moved and Tammy Purcell seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Discussion. Vote. Ayes: Givens; Donaldson; Heimer; Johnson; Marolf; Purcell Absent: Ratcliffe Nays: 0 Passed 6-0

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
 - Regular Meeting Minutes-February 11, 2008
- Approval of Bills
- Approval of Treasurer's Report/Monthly Financial Reports
- Approval of Activity Report
- Approval of Request for Sunday Use of Facilities for Annual Art Show on May 18, 2008
- Approval of Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America Bond for Treasurer

ADMINISTRATIVE & OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- Dr. Larry K. Dodds, Superintendent
- Jim Campbell, Principal, Ridgeview Jr.-Sr. High School
- Josh Olsen, Principal, Ridgeview Elementary School
- Cathy Weber, Assistant Principal/AD, Ridgeview Jr.-Sr. High School
- Melissa King, Guidance Counselor
- Emily Watterson, Student Services Coordinator
- Teresa Pratt, District School Nurse

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC INPUT ON ANYTHING ON THE AGENDA

COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION

- Alliance Legislative Reports: (95-56) (95-57) (95-58)
- Thank You Notes: Teresa Pratt & Family
- Transportation and Attendance Report
- Report of Annual Goal Setting Session for Ridgeview Board of Education
- Ridgeview CUSD #19 Awarded \$417.34 for FY 2008 School District Library Program Grant

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- Continue Emergency Shelter Agreement with American Red Cross
- Colfax Village Board Approves Agreement for Easement for Newly Acquired Property
- Phases IV & V of Twin Groves Wind Farm
- Statement of Economic Interest Distributed - Due May 1, 2008
- Future Meetings:
 - Policy Committee: 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 2, 2008
 - Finance Committee: 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 8, 2008
 - Building Committee: 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 10, 2008

BUSINESS ITEMS

Ed Johnson moved and Chris Donaldson seconded to approve the resolution of proposed name change for Bloomington Area Vocational Center to Bloomington Area Career Center. Discussion. Vote. Ayes: Givens; Donaldson; Heimer; Johnson; Marolf; Purcell; Ratcliffe Nays: 0 Passed 7-0

Ed Johnson moved and Tammy Purcell seconded to approve the proposed changes to joint agreement due to proposed name change for Bloomington Area Vocation Center. Discussion. Vote. Ayes: Givens; Donaldson; Heimer; Johnson; Marolf; Purcell; Ratcliffe Nays: 0 Passed 7-0

Nadene Ratcliffe moved and Larry Marolf seconded to approve Intergovernmental Agreement with Lexington CUSD #8 for the Use of Facility as Shelter and/or Transportation, Equipment & Drivers in a Disaster. Discussion. Vote. Ayes: Givens; Donaldson; Heimer; Johnson; Marolf; Purcell; Ratcliffe Nays: 0 Passed 7-0

Larry Marolf moved and Tammy Purcell seconded to approve the issuance of tax anticipation warrant for \$400,000 for the Education Fund. Discussion. Vote. Ayes: Givens; Donaldson; Heimer; Johnson; Marolf; Purcell; Ratcliffe Nays: 0 Passed 7-0

Tammy Purcell moved and Larry Marolf seconded to approve employment of Tim Givens as a substitute bus driver contingent upon successful completion of driving test. Discussion. Vote. Ayes: Donaldson; Heimer; Johnson; Marolf; Purcell; Ratcliffe Present: Givens Nays: 0 Passed 6-0

APPOINT TO PRESIDE OVER EXPULSION HEARINGS

Larry Marolf moved and Ed Johnson seconded to appoint School Board President Pam Givens to preside over the expulsion hearing. Discussion. Vote. Ayes: Givens; Donaldson; Heimer; Johnson; Marolf; Purcell; Ratcliffe Nays: 0 Passed 7-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Larry Marolf moved and Ed Johnson seconded to go into Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. to discuss topic listed as exception for closed meetings of the Open Meeting Act.

- Student disciplinary cases [Section 2 (c) (9)]

Discussion. Vote. Ayes: Givens; Donaldson; Heimer; Johnson; Marolf; Purcell; Ratcliffe Nays: 0 Passed 7-0

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Larry Marolf moved and Tammy Purcell seconded to come out of Executive Session at 8:17 p.m. and go back into Regular Session. Discussion. Vote. Ayes: Givens; Donaldson; Heimer; Johnson; Marolf; Purcell; Ratcliffe Nays: 0 Passed 7-0

Ed Johnson moved and Nadene Ratcliffe seconded to seal the minutes of the Executive Session. Discussion. Vote. Ayes: Givens; Donaldson; Heimer; Johnson; Marolf; Purcell; Ratcliffe Nays: 0 Passed 7-0

ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pam Givens moved and Larry Marolf seconded that Student #031392 be found to have violated school rules, which is considered gross misconduct and a violation of school policies and under circumstances so related to the school program so as to warrant discipline. Discussion. Vote. Ayes: Givens; Donaldson; Heimer; Johnson; Marolf; Purcell; Ratcliffe Nays: 0 Passed 7-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chris Donaldson moved and Curt Heimer seconded to go into Executive Session at 8:19 p.m. to discuss topic listed as exception for closed meetings of the Open Meeting Act.

- Student disciplinary cases [Section 2 (c) (9)]

Discussion. Vote. Ayes: Givens; Donaldson; Heimer; Johnson; Marolf; Purcell; Ratcliffe Nays: 0 Passed 7-0

Larry Marolf moved and Pam Givens seconded to come out of Executive Session at 9:21 p.m. and go back into Regular Session. Discussion. Vote. Ayes: Givens; Donaldson; Heimer; Johnson; Marolf; Purcell; Ratcliffe Nays: 0 Passed 7-0

Larry Marolf moved and Nadene Ratcliffe seconded to seal the minutes of the Executive Session. Discussion. Vote. Ayes: Givens; Donaldson; Heimer; Johnson; Marolf; Purcell; Ratcliffe Nays: 0 Passed 7-0

ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pam Givens moved and Ed Johnson seconded that Student #031392 be expelled from school for 18 months, beginning March 11, 2008 and the expulsion be stayed.

- The student will be referred to the Regional Alternative School.
- The student will meet other criteria as specified by RHS Administration.
- The student may be considered for transition back to Ridgeview High School during the 2008-2009 school year, provided the student has satisfactorily met the academic goals, attendance requirements and disciplinary guidelines of the Alternative School.
- The student may not attend any Ridgeview extra-curricular activities, either home or away. The student should not be on school property at any time. If the student transitions back to Ridgeview in 2008-2009, these two stipulations are terminated; otherwise, these restrictions continue for as long as the student remains at the Alternative School.

Discussion. Vote. Ayes: Givens; Donaldson; Heimer; Johnson; Marolf; Purcell; Ratcliffe Nays: 0 Passed 7-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chris Donaldson moved and Pam Givens seconded to go into Executive Session at 9:30 p.m. to discuss topics listed as exceptions for closed meetings of the Open Meeting Act.

- Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees [Section 2 (c) (1)]

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Discussion. Vote. Ayes: Givens; Donaldson; Heimer; Johnson; Marolf; Purcell; Ratcliffe Nays: 0
Passed 7-0

Pam Givens moved and Nadene Ratcliffe seconded to come out of Executive Session at 10:58 p.m. and go back into Regular Session. Discussion. Vote. Ayes: Givens; Donaldson; Heimer; Johnson; Marolf; Purcell; Ratcliffe Nays: 0 Passed 7-0

Pam Givens moved and Nadene Ratcliffe seconded to seal the minutes of the Executive Session. Discussion. Vote. Ayes: Givens; Donaldson; Heimer; Johnson; Marolf; Purcell; Ratcliffe Nays: 0
Passed 7-0

ACTIONS AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pam Givens moved and Larry Marolf seconded to approve re-employment of the following forth-year probationary teachers to tenure status for the 2008-2009 school year: Sandy Kollross, Teresa Cottrell and David Ludwig. Discussion. Vote. Ayes: Givens; Donaldson; Heimer; Johnson; Marolf; Purcell; Ratcliffe Nays: 0 Passed 7-0

Pam Givens moved and Nadene Ratcliffe seconded to approve re-employment of the following third-year probationary teacher for the 2008-2009 school year: Jessica Harden. Discussion. Vote. Ayes: Givens; Donaldson; Heimer; Johnson; Marolf; Purcell; Ratcliffe Nays: 0 Passed 7-0

Chris Donaldson moved and Larry Marolf seconded to approve re-employment of the following second-year probationary teachers for the 2008-2009 school year: Randi Morrison, Justin Barnish, Christopher Wyant, Amanda Schutte, Melissa Dziengel. Discussion. Vote. Ayes: Givens; Donaldson; Heimer; Johnson; Marolf; Purcell; Ratcliffe Nays: 0 Passed 7-0

Larry Marolf moved and Ed Johnson seconded to approve re-employment of the following first-year probationary teachers for the 2008-2009 school year: Jason McCoy, Kristyn Miller, Jacob Kennedy, Brandon Tate, Melissa King, Megan Birt and Samuel Dietrich. Discussion. Vote. Ayes: Givens; Donaldson; Heimer; Johnson; Marolf; Purcell; Ratcliffe Nays: 0 Passed 7-0

Pam Givens moved and Chris Donaldson seconded to approve the resolution of Notice of Remedy in regards to Teacher A. Discussion. Vote. Ayes: Givens; Donaldson; Heimer; Johnson; Marolf; Purcell; Ratcliffe Nays: 0 Passed 7-0

ADJOURNMENT

President Pam Givens adjourned the meeting at 11:02 p.m.

President, Ridgeview Board of Education

Secretary, Ridgeview Board of Education