

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE SCHOOL FINANCE AUTHORITY OF ROUND LAKE  
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 116  
HELD JANUARY 26, 2006 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE  
ROUND LAKE HIGH SCHOOL  
LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER  
800 HIGH SCHOOL DRIVE, ROUND LAKE, ILLINOIS**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Edwin Kula called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Answering present were Chair Ed Kula, Secretary Robert Traxler and Members Bish Krywko and Rosa Reyes-Prosen. Vice-Chair George Lingel was absent.

Also present were Chief Executive Officer Dennis Stonewall, Chief Fiscal Officer Walter Korpan, Chief Educational Officer Dr. Janet Elenbogen, ISBE Division Administrator for School Business and Support Services Debbie Vespa, ISBE Auditor Jay Grimes, SFA Legal Counsel Heidi Katz, District Legal Counsel Jerri Ryan and Secretary to CExO Heather Bennett.

**3. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS**

Visitors included Director of Elementary Learning Mary Dudek, Manager for Driver Safety and Assessment Leslie Lauritzen, Director of Upper Grade Learning Lana Soldat, Director of Technology Michael Kastler, Board of Education President Ann Welk, and Daily Herald reporter Jason King.

**4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**5. CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

There were no changes to the agenda.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**7. OTHER BUSINESS/INFORMATION**

**a. February 16, 2006 Breakfast Meeting**

D. Stonewall reported that the District will be hosting a breakfast meeting with the Round Lake Area Chamber of Commerce on February 16, 2006 titled *Round Lake Area Schools – Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow*. Round Lake Area businesses, bankers and real estate brokers have been invited.

## **8. SFA DISCUSSION AND REPORTS**

### **a. Chief Executive Officer Report**

D. Stonewall reported that the referendum question has been certified to the County Clerk. He stressed the importance of informing the voters of the “facts” of the referendum. The School Finance Authority cannot bond to resolve building space issues in the same manner as the Board of Education. If more than 50% of the building is remodeled, the construction would be subject to BOCA codes, which could consume more money to complete without solving the functional obsolescence. Mr. Stonewall distributed a draft referendum fact sheet to the SFA. This document will be reviewed by Chapman & Cutler, for accuracy as regards statements concerning the difference between Board of Education and SFA bonding authority.

SFA members were provided with county parcel maps of each building in the District.

A draft of the SFA Annual Report to the State will be distributed for SFA review prior to the next meeting.

D. Stonewall and W. Korpan have visited mobile classrooms at the Burlington and Johnsbury school districts as part of administration’s evaluation of possible ways of addressing classroom space shortages.

### **b. Chief Fiscal Officer Report**

W. Korpan reported that the District will obtain bids from companies for the removal of tile containing asbestos and bids from carpeting companies to replace carpeting at Village Elementary. Life safety funds will be used to pay for this work which will be completed over the spring and summer breaks.

The SFA was provided with a copy of Robbins Schwartz Nicholas Lifton & Taylor, Ltd.’s preliminary response on behalf of the District to the Lake County States’ Attorney office, regarding the 2004 tax rate objections to the levy for Bond and Interest purposes.

W. Korpan will prepare and send out bid requests for audit proposals. Eder Casella & Co has been the auditing firm for the District for the past 12 years.

As a result of the recomputation of its 1998-2002 State aid entitlement, the District will receive an additional \$68,469.35 in State aid for that period. The recalculation fee is \$10,270.40, which will be paid once the funds are received. Attorney Paul Millichap of Franczek Sullivan has indicated that the District may receive an additional distribution of approximately \$50,000 in the coming months.

W. Korpan provided a schedule of fees for registration and various services provided. Administration recommends that student parking fees be increased from \$75 to \$100, and that lunch fees be increased from \$1.90 to \$1.95.

A spreadsheet of showing progress on collection of property taxes for 2004 was presented. The District has received 99.85% of the expected property taxes to date.

A copy of the referendum question as certified to the Lake County Clerk's office was distributed.

A retirement cost summary from FY01-04 was provided.

A transfer of funds and abatement of taxes for the Johnson Controls contract needs to be made annually. The District needs to escrow \$2,812,000 this year of the \$5,199,311.90 that is in the Working Cash Fund. Last year, the District escrowed \$2,937,071.

**c. Chief Educational Officer Report**

Dr. Elenbogen distributed a revised school report card.

The District has applied for a Reading First grant. If awarded, this grant will provide opportunities for additional staff and books to align curriculum for grades K-3.

Dr. Elenbogen briefed the SFA on the restructuring process for Round Lake Middle School and the High School.

The District is working with SEDOL to begin the take back process for Learning Opportunities Program (LOP) students in grades 4 through 6. The District began the Early Childhood – grade 3 take back process this year. Classroom space has been identified at Murphy Elementary. The 4/5/6 LOP take back is expected to save the District \$64,650.

**9. READING AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

**a. December 15, 2005 Special Joint Meeting and Closed Session Minutes**

R. Traxler moved and B. Krywko seconded to approve the minutes as presented. On roll call, members voted as follows: Yes – B. Krywko, R. Traxler, R. Reyes-Prosen, and E. Kula. No - None. Motion carried.

**b. December 15, 2005 Regular Meeting Minutes**

R. Traxler moved and R. Reyes-Prosen seconded to approve the minutes as presented. On roll call, members voted as follows: Yes – B. Krywko, R. Traxler, R. Reyes-Prosen, and E. Kula. No - None. Motion carried.

**10. CONSENT AGENDA; EMPLOYMENT OF STAFF, PAYMENT OF BILLS**

On a motion by R. Traxler and seconded by R. Reyes-Prosen, the SFA approved prior Board action on Consent Agenda items 10.a (Employment of Staff) and 10.b (Payment of

Bills: SEDOL \$145,883.85). On roll call, members voted as follows: Yes – B. Krywko, R. Traxler, R. Reyes-Prosen, and E. Kula. No - None. Motion carried.

**11. PAYROLL**

B. Krywko moved and R. Traxler seconded to approve Board action approving the December 22, 2005 payroll in the amount of \$771,219.20 and the January 15, 2006 payroll in the amount of \$729,797.73. On roll call, members voted as follows: Yes – B. Krywko, R. Traxler, R. Reyes-Prosen, and E. Kula. No - None. Motion carried.

**12. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

R. Reyes-Prosen moved and R. Traxler seconded to approve Board action on the December 2005 Previous Motion in the amount of \$560,034.76 and January 2006 Accounts Payable in the amount of \$3,956,328.23. On roll call, members voted as follows: Yes – B. Krywko, R. Traxler, R. Reyes-Prosen, and E. Kula. No - None. Motion carried.

**13.a. APPROVE RLAS BOARD RESOLUTION FOR TREASURER'S REPORT**

R. Traxler moved and B. Krywko seconded the motion to approve the treasurer's report for the month ending December 30, 2005. On roll call, members voted as follows: Yes – B. Krywko, R. Traxler, R. Reyes-Prosen, and E. Kula. No - None. Motion carried.

**13.b. APPROVE RLAS BOARD RESOLUTION FOR RSNLT REVIEW OF AIA AGREEMENT WITH GILFILLAN CALLAHAN ARCHITECTS AND PREPARATION OF AN AMENDMENT**

R. Reyes-Prosen moved and B. Krywko seconded the motion to approve Board of Education action authorizing Robbins Schwartz Nicholas Lifton & Taylor to review the Owner/Architect agreement with Gilfillan Callahan Architects and to prepare appropriate amendments to the standard form AIA agreement. Howard Metz will prepare and submit requested changes to Gilfillan Callahan. On roll call, members voted as follows: Yes – B. Krywko, R. Traxler, R. Reyes-Prosen, and E. Kula. No - None. Motion carried.

**13.c. APPROVE RLAS BOARD RESOLUTION FOR INCREASE IN LUNCH FEES**

R. Traxler moved and B. Krywko seconded to approve Board of Education action increasing lunch fees from \$1.95 to \$2.00. A lunch cost survey of surrounding districts presented an average lunch cost of \$1.98. The \$0.05 increase will offset the increase of fuel/delivery expenses. On roll call, members voted as follows: Yes – B. Krywko, R. Traxler, R. Reyes-Prosen, and E. Kula. No - None. Motion carried.

**13.d. APPROVE RLAS BOARD RESOLUTION FOR INCREASE IN STUDENT PARKING FEES**

R. Traxler moved and R. Reyes-Prosen seconded to approve Board of Education action increasing student parking fees from \$75.00 to \$90.00. The parking fees have not been increased in the last four years. The parking lot is in need of repair. The \$15.00 parking permit increase for the 2006-07 school year will keep RLAS in line with surrounding

districts. School fees will be collected before parking permits are issued. On roll call, members voted as follows: Yes – B. Krywko, R. Traxler, R. Reyes-Prosen, and E. Kula. No - None. Motion carried. Motion carried.

**13.e. APPROVE RLAS BOARD RESOLUTION FOR NEW CELLULAR PHONE SERVICE PROVIDER**

R. Reyes-Prosen moved and R. Traxler seconded to approve Verizon Wireless as the new cellular phone service provider. This solution will enable the District to consolidate multiple contracts including pagers, walkie-talkies and cellular service into one solution. The service has been tested in all District buildings. On roll call, members voted as follows: Yes – B. Krywko, R. Traxler, R. Reyes-Prosen, and E. Kula. No - None. Motion carried.

**13.f. APPROVE RLAS BOARD RESOLUTION FOR ORGANIZATIONAL CHART**

R. Traxler moved and R. Reyes-Prosen seconded to approve the District organizational chart as proposed by Administration and approved by the Board of Education. On roll call, members voted as follows: Yes – B. Krywko, R. Traxler, R. Reyes-Prosen, and E. Kula. No - None. Motion carried.

**13.g. APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR 4<sup>TH</sup>, 5<sup>TH</sup>, 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE LOP TAKE BACK**

R. Traxler moved and B. Krywko seconded to approve the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> LOP Take Backs subject to the approval of the Board of Education, as previously discussed. On roll call, members voted as follows: Yes – B. Krywko, R. Traxler, R. Reyes-Prosen, and E. Kula. No - None. Motion carried.

**14. CONVENING OF CLOSED SESSION**

R. Traxler moved and B. Krywko seconded the motion to convene in closed session under sections 2(c)(2), 2(c)(1) and 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss collective bargaining matters; appointment, employment, or dismissal of District employees; and pending litigation. On roll call vote, all members voted yes. Motion carried.

The SFA convened in closed session at 8:05 p.m.

**15. RESUMPTION OF OPEN SESSION**

The SFA reconvened in open session at 9:15 p.m.

**16. APPROVAL OF CExO EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT AND RELATED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH BOARD OF EDUCATION**

B. Krywko moved and R. Traxler seconded to approve the Chief Executive Officer Employment Agreement and related Intergovernmental Agreement with the Board of Education. B. Krywko read the following motion:

*I move, based on the recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Educational Officer, Chief Fiscal Officer that it is in the best financial and educational interests of the District to maintain the SFA's current administrative structure for at least one additional school year, that the SFA so find and that, consistent with the recommendation, the SFA approve the Employment Agreement dated January 26, 2006 continuing the employment of Dennis Stonewall as Chief Executive Officer through June 30, 2007 on the terms and conditions set forth in said Agreement.*

*Further, that the SFA approve the January 26, 2006 Amendment to the May 2003 Intergovernmental Agreement for Employment by Round Lake Community Unit District No. 116 of the Chief Executive Officer for the District's School Finance Authority.*

*Further, that the SFA find and deem it necessary to take, and that it does take, this action approving the said January 26, 2006 Employment Agreement and January 26, 2006 Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement for and on behalf of the District Board of Education, pursuant to the SFA's authority under § 1E-25(8.5) of the School Code.*

On roll call, members voted as follows: Yes – B. Krywko, R. Traxler, R. Reyes-Prosen, and E. Kula. No - None. Motion carried.

**17. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**18. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by R. Traxler, seconded by B. Krywko and adopted unanimously by voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Traxler, Secretary  
School Finance Authority