

## SPECIAL MEETING

**January 6, 2012**

**7:00 P.M.**

A Special Meeting of the Trustees of Schools, Township 36 North, Range 13 East, Cook County, Illinois was held at 7:00 p.m. on January 6, 2012 at the Office of the Trustees of Schools, 6109 West 175th Street, Tinley Park, Illinois.

At 7:00 p.m., Mr. Ray Hauser, attorney from Hauser Sraga, LLC and attorney for Bremen Community High School District #228, stated that, on December 8, 2011, Governor Quinn signed into law, legislation that expands the membership of the Board of Trustees. The new law has added seven members to the Board of Trustees, one appointed from each school district under the jurisdiction of the Bremen Township Trustees of Schools.

Mr. Hauser stated that the newly appointed Trustee members, that are present at this meeting, are as follows: Mr. Jason Hedke from School District #142, Ms. Joanne Keilman from School District #143, Ms. Kathy Novak from School District #143 ½, Ms. Dionne Freeman-Cooper from School District #144, Mr. Robert Oostema from School District #145, and Ms. Deborah Stearns from School District #228. Mr. Hauser noted that Ms. J. Kay Giles from School District #160 is currently absent, but she is planning to attend this meeting and will be late. Mr. Hauser stated that the elected Trustee members are as follows: Mr. Joseph G. Bertrand, Jr., Ms. Julienne Mallory, and Mr. Michael Duggan.

Mr. Hauser noted that the elected Trustee members are not present at this meeting, but there is a quorum present and the meeting can proceed.

Mr. Hauser mentioned that Mr. McDonnell, Ex-Officio Clerk, has been presented with certifications from each school district's Secretary of the Board of Education, indicating that each Trustee present has been duly appointed by their respective Board of Education. Mr. McDonnell stated that was correct. Mr. Hauser mentioned that Mr. McDonnell has also received a signed oath of office from each duly appointed Trustee present at the meeting. Mr. McDonnell stated that was correct.

Mr. Hauser stated that, according to an Attorney General opinion issued in 1994, "it is generally recognized that when the law does not fix a time for the commencement, if a term of office is to be filled by appointment, the term will begin to run from the date of the appointment." Mr. Hauser mentioned, as a result of that opinion issued by the Attorney General, the term of office for the appointed Trustees seated here at this meeting, began to run from the time they were appointed by their respective Board of Education.

Mr. Hauser noted that Ms. J. Kay Giles has arrived at the meeting at 7:03 p.m. Mr. Hauser asked Ms. Giles if she had a certification from her school district's Secretary of the Board of Education and her signed oath of office. Ms. Giles presented Mr. McDonnell with the certification and signed oath of office. Mr. Hauser mentioned that all seven newly appointed

Trustees are present at this meeting and that there remains a quorum present.

Mr. Hauser stated that this Special meeting was called by Mr. Joseph G. Bertrand, Jr., President, and that this meeting can go forward with the seven appointed Trustee members, and at this point, would like to call the meeting to order and begin with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Hauser asked Mr. McDonnell to perform a roll call.

On roll call the following Officers and Members responded present:

Jason Hedke	Member
Joanne Keilman	Member
Kathy Novak	Member
Dionne Freeman-Cooper	Member
Robert Oostema	Member
J. Kay Giles	Member
Debi Stearns	Member
Joseph J. McDonnell	Clerk

Mr. Hauser stated that Mr. Joseph G. Bertrand, Jr. is the current President of the Board of Trustees, however, Mr. Bertrand is not present at this meeting. Mr. Hauser suggested that the Board make a motion to appoint a President Pro Tem. Ms. Keilman made a motion to appoint Ms. Stearns as President Pro Tem, seconded by Ms. Novak. Motion carried all "Ayes".

Ms. Stearns welcomed everyone for attending tonight's meeting and proceeded with the agenda.

The first item on the agenda was to read Public Act 097-0631, signed into law by Governor Quinn on December 8, 2011, which has been noted in these minutes with a copy attached.

Ms. Stearns asked if there is a motion to go into Executive Session for discussion and/or consideration of pending litigation and/or actions that is probable or imminent, exempt under Section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11). After receiving no response, Ms. Stearns proceeded to the next agenda item.

Ms. Stearns asked if there was a motion to appoint a law firm to challenge legislation targeted at Board of Trustees. Mr. Oostema made a motion to not appoint a law firm to challenge legislation targeted at Board of Trustees, seconded by Ms. Giles. Mr. McDonnell asked for clarification on the motion, which was NOT to appoint a law firm. Mr. Oostema confirmed that his motion was to NOT appoint a law firm. Motion carried all "Ayes".

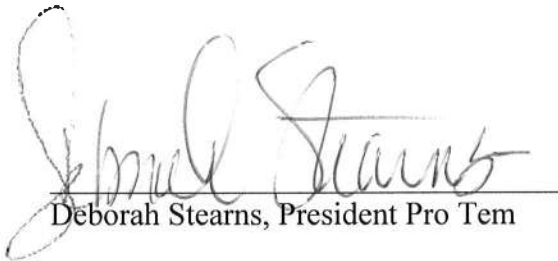
Ms. Stearns asked if there was anyone in the public who would like to address the Board. There being no response from the public, Ms. Stearns asked for a motion to adjourn.

Ms. Hauser suggested that the Board consider approving an agenda for the Regular Quarterly meeting scheduled for January 9, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Stearns presented the Board

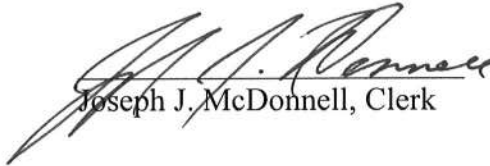
with an agenda for the Regular Quarterly meeting scheduled for January 9, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Novak made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Oostema. Motion carried all "Ayes".

There being no further business before the board, a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Freeman-Cooper, seconded by Ms. Novak. Motion carried all "Ayes".

Ms. Stearns declared the meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.



Deborah Stearns, President Pro Tem



Joseph J. McDonnell, Clerk

AN ACT concerning education.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section 5-2.2 as follows:

(105 ILCS 5/5-2.2 new)

Sec. 5-2.2. Designation of trustees; Township 36 North, Range 13 East. After the April 5, 2011 consolidated election, the trustees of schools in Township 36 North, Range 13 East shall no longer be elected pursuant to the provisions of Sections 5-2, 5-2.1, 5-3, 5-4, 5-12, and 5-13 of this Code. Any such trustees elected before such date may complete the term to which that trustee was elected, but shall not be succeeded by election. Instead, the board of education or board of school directors of each of the elementary and high school districts that are subject to the jurisdiction of Township 36 North, Range 13 East shall appoint one of the members to serve as trustee of schools. The trustees of schools shall be appointed by each board of education or board of school directors within 60 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly and shall reorganize within 30 days after all the trustees of schools have been appointed or within 30 days after all the trustees of schools were due to have been appointed, whichever is sooner. Trustees of schools so appointed shall serve at the pleasure of the board of education or board of school directors appointing them, but in no event longer than 2 years unless reappointed.

A majority of members of the trustees of schools shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The trustees shall organize by appointing one of their number president, who shall hold the office for 2 years. If the president is absent from any meeting, or refuses to perform any of the duties of the office, a president pro-tempore may be appointed. Trustees who serve on the board as a result of appointment or election at the time of the reorganization shall continue to serve as a member of the trustees of schools, with no greater or lessor authority than any other trustee, until such time as their elected term expires.

Each trustee of schools appointed by a board of education or board of school directors shall be entitled to indemnification and protection against claims and suits by the board that appointed that trustee of schools for acts or omissions as a trustee of schools in the same manner and to the same extent as the trustee of schools is entitled to indemnification and protection for acts or omissions as a member of the board of education or board of school directors under Section 10-20.20 of this Code.

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.

Effective Date: 12/8/2011



# Forest Ridge

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 142

January 6th, 2012

Mr. Joseph McDonnell  
Township School Treasurer and  
Ex-officio Clerk of the Trustees of  
Schools in Township No. 36 North,  
Range No. 13 East  
6109 W. 175<sup>th</sup> Street  
Tinley Park, IL 60477

**Re: Appointment of Trustee of Schools**

Dear Mr. McDonnell:

As Secretary of the Board of Education of Forest Ridge School District Number 142, Cook County, Illinois, I hereby certify that Jason Hedke has been duly appointed as trustee of schools in Township No. 36 North, Range No. 13 East, Cook County, Illinois, by proper action of the Board of Education on or before this date, pursuant to Section 5-2.2 of the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/5-2.2) as enacted by P.A. 97-0631.

Secretary, Board of Education



# Forest Ridge

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 142

**TRUSTEE OF SCHOOLS  
OATH OF OFFICE**

I, Jason Hedke, do solemnly swear/affirm that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of trustee of schools in Township No. 36 North, Range No. 13 East, Cook County, Illinois, in accordance with the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and the laws of the State of Illinois, to the best of my ability.

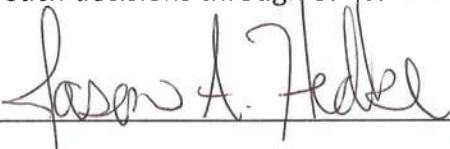
I further affirm that:

I shall respect taxpayer interests by serving as a faithful protector of the assets of the school districts in this township;

I shall encourage and respect the free expression of opinion by my fellow trustees and others who seek a hearing before the board, while respecting the privacy of students and employees;

I shall recognize that a trustee has no legal authority as an individual and that decisions can be made only by a majority vote at a public board meeting; and

I shall abide by majority decisions of the board, while retaining the right to seek changes in such decisions through ethical and constructive channels.

  
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[Name]



Subscribed to and sworn or affirmed before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012.

  
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# School District No. 143

of Cook County, Illinois

Administrative Offices:

14959 South Pulaski Road Midlothian, IL 60445 (708) 388-6450 FAX: (708) 388-4793

**MICHAEL A. HOLLINGSWORTH**  
Superintendent of Schools

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Joanne W. Keilman**  
President

**Sharlene Innocenti**  
Vice President

**Roxanne R. Huegel**  
Secretary

### MEMBERS

Alison Dolbeer  
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**Dr. Carrie Cahill**  
Assistant Superintendent for  
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388-6450

**Angela Crotty**  
Business Manager  
388-6444

**Nora Hooker**  
Director of Student Services  
388-6446

**Central Park School**  
3621 West 151st Street  
Marsha K. Amraen, Principal  
Colandra Hamilton, Assistant Principal  
385-0045

**Kolmar School**  
4500 West 143rd Street  
Cathy M. Thompson, Principal  
Adam Thorns, Assistant Principal  
385-6747

**Spaulding School**  
14811 Turner Avenue  
Mary Grahovec, Principal and  
Preschool Program Coordinator  
385-4546

**Springfield School**  
14620 Springfield Avenue  
Colleen Langdon Sjostrom, Principal  
388-4121

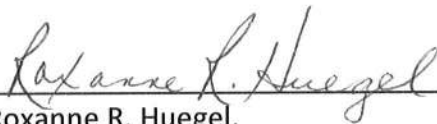
December 13, 2011

Mr. Joseph McDonnell  
Township School Treasurer and  
Ex-officio Clerk of the Trustees of  
Schools in Township No. 36 North,  
Range No. 13 East  
6109 W. 175<sup>th</sup> Street  
Tinley Park, IL 60477

**Re: Appointment of Trustee of Schools**

Dear Mr. McDonnell:

As Secretary of the Board of Education of Midlothian School District Number 143, Cook County, Illinois, I hereby certify that Joanne W. Keilman has been duly appointed as trustee of schools in Township No. 36 North, Range No. 13 East, Cook County, Illinois, by proper action of the Board of Education on or before this date, pursuant to Section 5-2.2 of the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/5-2.2) as enacted by P.A. 97-0631.

  
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Roxanne R. Huegel,  
Secretary, Board of Education

**TRUSTEE OF SCHOOLS**  
**OATH OF OFFICE**

I, Joanne W. Keilman, do solemnly swear/affirm that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of trustee of schools in Township No. 36 North, Range No. 13 East, Cook County, Illinois, in accordance with the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and the laws of the State of Illinois, to the best of my ability.

I further affirm that:

I shall respect taxpayer interests by serving as a faithful protector of the assets of the school districts in this township;

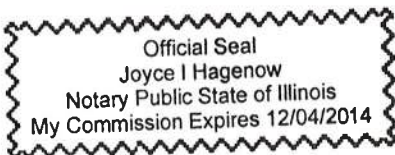
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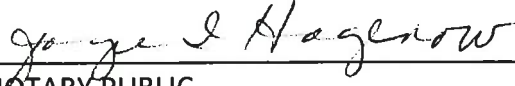
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[Signature]

Subscribed to and sworn or affirmed  
before me this 6 day of January, 2012.



  
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# Posen-Robbins School District 143 ½

ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER

14025 Harrison Avenue

Posen, Illinois 60469

Phone: 708.388.7200 – Fax: 708.388.3868

## SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

*Denise Vulgamott*  
**President**

*Fran Bryant*  
**Vice-President**

*Kathy Novak*  
**Secretary**

*Denise Allen*  
**Member**

*Norlene Bolton*  
**Member**

*Liz Ortiz*  
**Member**

*Darlene Washington*  
**Member**

## ADMINISTRATORS

*Gregory Wright*  
**Superintendent**

*Vernita Branton*  
**Asst. Supt. for  
Curriculum and  
Instruction**

*Tarra Batts*  
**Business Manager**

January 6, 2012

Mr. Joseph McDonnell  
Township School Treasurer and  
Ex-officio Clerk of the Trustees of  
Schools in Township No. 36 North,  
Range No. 13 East  
6109 W. 175<sup>th</sup> Street  
Tinley Park, IL 60477

### **RE: Appointment of Trustee of Schools**

Dear Mr. McDonnell:

As Secretary of the Board of Education of Posen-Robbins School District Number 143½, Cook County, Illinois, I hereby certify that Kathy Novak has been duly appointed as trustee of schools in Township No. 36 North, Range No. 13 East, Cook County, Illinois, by proper action of the Board of Education on or before this date, pursuant to Section 5-2.2 of the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/5-2.2) as enacted by P.A. 97-0631.

Gregory Wright, Superintendent  
Agent of the Board of Education

CHILDS SCHOOL  
14123 Lydia Ave  
Robbins, IL 60472

GORDON SCHOOL  
14100 Harrison Ave.  
Posen, IL 60469

KELLAR SCHOOL  
14123 Lydia Ave  
Robbins, IL 60472

POSEN SCHOOL  
14545 California Ave.  
Posen, IL 60469

TURNER SCHOOL  
3847 W. 135<sup>th</sup> Street  
Robbins, IL 60472



# Prairie-Hills Elementary School District



3015 W. 163rd Street  
Markham, Illinois 60428

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DR. KIMAKO PATTERSON, SUPERINTENDENT

January 5, 2012

Mr. Joseph McDonnell  
Township School Treasurer and  
Ex-officio Clerk of the Trustees of  
Schools in Township No. 36 North,  
Range No. 13 East  
6109 W. 175<sup>th</sup> Street  
Tinley Park, IL 60477

**Re: Appointment of Trustee of Schools**

Dear Mr. McDonnell:

As Secretary of the Board of Education of Prairie Hills 144 School District Number 144, Cook County, Illinois, I hereby certify that Dionne Freeman-Cooper has been duly appointed as trustee of schools in Township No. 36 North, Range No. 13 East, Cook County, Illinois, by proper action of the Board of Education on or before this date, pursuant to Section 5-2.2 of the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/5-2.2) as enacted by P.A. 97-0631.

  
Secretary, Board of Education

**TRUSTEE OF SCHOOLS**  
**OATH OF OFFICE**

I, Dionne Freeman Cooper  
(name)

do solemnly swear/affirm that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of trustee of schools in Township No. 36 North, Range No. 13 East, Cook County, Illinois, in accordance with the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and the laws of the State of Illinois, to the best of my ability.

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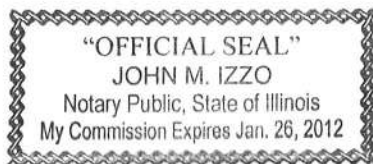
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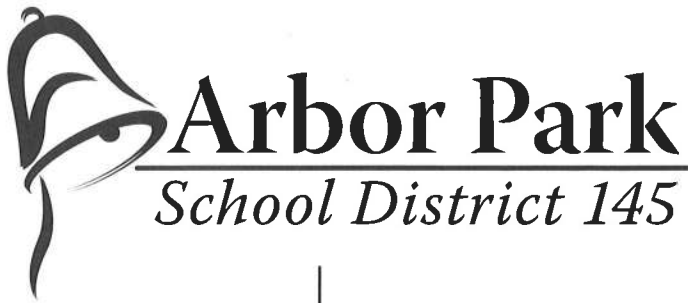
I shall abide by majority decisions of the board, while retaining the right to seek changes in such decisions through ethical and constructive channels.

Dionne Freeman Cooper  
[Name]

Subscribed to and sworn or affirmed  
before me this 5th day of January, 2012.



John M. Izzo  
NOTARY PUBLIC



**Allen J. Jebens, Jr.**  
Superintendent of Schools

**Patricia A. Fournier**  
Director of Business  
Operations

**Gina DioGuardi**  
Director of  
Special Education

**Arbor Park Middle School**  
*Mary Beth Sexton, Principal*  
17303 Central Avenue  
Oak Forest, IL 60452  
Phone (708) 687-5330  
Fax (708) 535-4527

**Scarlet Oak School**  
*Andrea Sala, Principal*  
5731 Albert Drive  
Oak Forest, IL 60452  
Phone (708) 687-5822  
Fax (708) 687-4292

**Morton Gingerwood School**  
*Camille Hogan, Principal*  
16936 Forest Avenue  
Oak Forest, IL 60452  
Phone (708) 560-0092  
Fax (708) 535-5071

**Kimberly Heights School**  
*Gina DioGuardi, Principal*  
6141 Kimberly Drive  
Tinley Park, IL 60477  
Phone (708) 532-6434  
Fax (708) 532-4495

**District  
Administrative Office**  
17301 Central Avenue  
Oak Forest, IL  
60452-4920  
(708) 687-8040  
FAX (708) 687-9498  
www.arbor145.org

January 6, 2012

Mr. Joseph McDonnell  
Township School Treasurer and  
Ex-officio Clerk of the Trustees of  
Schools in Township No. 36 North,  
Range No. 13 East  
6109 W. 175<sup>th</sup> Street  
Tinley Park, IL 60477

**Re: Appointment of Trustee of Schools**

Dear Mr. McDonnell:

As Secretary of the Board of Education of Arbor Park School District Number 145 Cook County, Illinois, I hereby certify that Robert Oostema has been duly appointed as trustee of schools in Township No. 36 North, Range No. 13 East, Cook County, Illinois, by proper action of the Board of Education on or before this date, pursuant to Section 5-2.2 of the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/5-2.2) as enacted by P.A. 97-0631.

Secretary, Board of Education

**TRUSTEE OF SCHOOLS  
OATH OF OFFICE**

I, Robert Oostema, do solemnly swear/affirm that I will faithfully  
(name)

discharge the duties of the office of trustee of schools in Township No. 36 North, Range No. 13 East, Cook County, Illinois, in accordance with the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and the laws of the State of Illinois, to the best of my ability.

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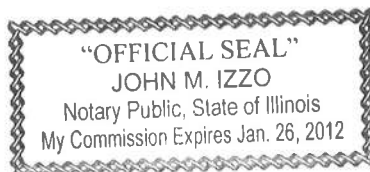
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Robert E Oostema

[Name]

Subscribed to and sworn or affirmed  
before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012.



John M. Izzo  
NOTARY PUBLIC

**Country Club Hills School District 160**  
**4411 West 185<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Country Club Hills, IL 60478-5219**

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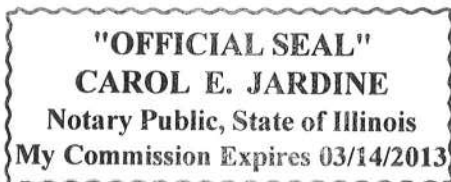
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Range No. 13 East  
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Tinley Park, IL 60477

**Re: Appointment of Trustee of Schools**

Dear Mr. McDonnell:


As Secretary of the Board of Education of Country Club Hills School District Number 160, Cook County, Illinois, I hereby certify that J. Kay Giles has been duly appointed as trustee of schools in Township No. 36 North, Range No. 13 East, Cook County, Illinois, by proper action of the Board of Education on or before this date, pursuant to Section 5-2.2 of the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/5-2.2) as enacted by P.A. 97-0631.



*Jamara M. Young*  
Secretary, Board of Education

*Carol E. Jardine*  
*January 6, 2012*

**TRUSTEE OF SCHOOLS**  
**OATH OF OFFICE**

I, J. Kay Giles , do solemnly swear/affirm that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of trustee of schools in Township No. 36 North, Range No. 13 East, Cook County, Illinois, in accordance with the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and the laws of the State of Illinois, to the best of my ability.

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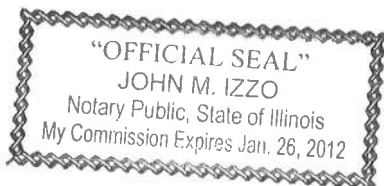
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[Name]

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