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Chicago Board of Education

Henry S. Bienen

Vice Chairman, Rasmussen College, 2009-present
President, Northwestern University, 1995-2009 (now President Emeritus)
Former Director, Bear Stearns, 2004-2008
Director, Council on Foreign Relations, 2001-2011
Director, Gleacher and Company Inc. (GLCH), May 2010-Present (publicly traded investment banking firm)
Director, Grosvner Registered Multi-Strategy Fund
Director, Ithaka Harbors Inc. (digital research, merged with JSTOR)
Director, Onconova Therapeutics (privately-held cancer pharmaceuticals development company)
Director, Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics
Director, Steppenwolfe Theater
Honorary Trustee, Shedd Aquarium
Former Director, SPSS Inc., 2007-2009

Wife Leigh Buchanan Bienen is a senior lecturer at Northwestern University School of Law and is a widely-published criminal defense attorney.

Rodrigo A. Sierra

Prior to embarking on a career in media and public affairs, Sierra studied theater. He remains a patron and booster of the arts in Chicago.

Founder/Principal, Sierra Strategies, 2010-present (PR/Marketing consultants)
Chief Marketing Officer, Johnson Publishing Co., August 2010-July 2011 (produces *Jet*, *Ebony*, and owns Fashion Fair cosmetics)
Member, Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund board, June 2011-present (BOE representative)
Founder, Nuestro Futuro (a partnership with the Chicago Community Trust)
Public Relations (various positions), People's Energy (became Integrys Energy), 1998-2010
Deputy Press Secretary, Office of Mayor Richard M. Daley, 1999-2002
Vice President, Board of Trustees, Goodman Theater
Director, Puerto Rican Arts Alliance

Political: Sierra has contributed to the campaigns of Dick Durbin, Gery Chico (senate), Edwin Eisendrath and John A. Fritchey.

Dr. Mahalia Ann Hines

President, Common Ground Foundation Inc. (provides mentoring, life skills training and youth leadership program through the Lighthouse Youth Center in Chicago)
President, Hip Hop Schoolhouse, 2005-present (publishes educational materials)
Business Manager, Think Common Music, formerly Senseless Music (Common’s music company, now dissolved)
Former principal, Hendricks Elementary School and Hope College Prep High School, retired 2005
Former teacher, Chicago Public Schools, 14 years
Former marketing manager at Gillette/Liquid Paper, 1976-1984

Political: Hines has contributed to Barack Obama in 2008, Paul Vallas’s gubernatorial bid, and Emil Jones’s senate bid.

Penny Pritzker

President/CEO, Pritzker Realty Group
Chairman, Vi (formerly Classic Residence by Hyatt, communities for older adults)
Chairman, The Parking Spot
Chairman, Artemis Real Estate Partners (private equity)
Chairman, TransUnion
Pritzker Traubert Family Foundation (with husband Dr. Bryan Traubert; focused on education)
Member, President’s Economic Recovery Advisory Board
National Finance Chair, Barack Obama for President
Boards: Hyatt Hotels Corporation, Council on Foreign Relations, Brookings Institution's Hamilton Project (advisory board)
Past Boards: Chicago Public Education Fund (resigned as chairman when she was appointed to the BOE), William Wrigley Jr. Company, Marmon Group and LaSalle Bank Corporation

Jesse Ruiz

Partner, Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP
Former Chair, Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) 2004-2011
Director, Commonwealth Edison, 2006-present
Director, Chicago Community Trust (Appointed in 2009 by the executive committee)
General Counsel, Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus and Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus Foundation
Former President, Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois
Former Chair, Hispanic Lawyers Scholarship Fund of Illinois
Former Commissioner, CPS’s Desegregation Monitoring Commission (appointed)
Former Commissioner, Character and Fitness Committee for the First Judicial District of Illinois

Former Director, MALDEF (Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund)

Political: Ruiz has contributed heavily to democratic candidates over the years, including Barack Obama, Jan Schakowsky, Luis Gutierrez and David Hoffman.

His wife, Michele Ilene Ruiz, is a Partner with Sidley Austin LLP. She serves on the board of the Alliance of Latinos and Jews, and is an active participant in Sidley's 25 year-old corporate partnership with Kanoon Magnet Elementary School.

David Vitale

64 year old banker David Vitale has longstanding ties to the Chicago Public Schools, having served as Chief Administrative Officer from 2003 through 2007 under the Daley administration, and then as senior advisor to the CEO from 2007 through 2008. As CAO he had oversight of the budget, business diversity, finance, human resources, information technology, operations, procurement & contracts, and safety & security departments. Shortly after taking over as CAO, Vitale's 2004 budget called for slashing \$100 million and cutting 1,000 classroom jobs. He is believed to have had a large hand in Renaissance 2010.

Director, United Continental Holdings (UAL), 2006-present

Director, DNP Select Income Fund Inc., 2009 – present

Director, DTF Tax-Free Income Inc. and Duff & Phelps Utility and Corporate Bond Trust, 2005-present

Executive Chairman, Urban Partnership Bank, August 2010-present

Private investor, January 2009-August 2010

President and Chief Executive Officer, Board of Trade of the City of Chicago, Inc., March 2001-November 2002

Political: In recent years, Vitale's political contributions have been exclusively to Democrats.

Andrea Zopp

A former federal prosecutor and the former first assistant state's attorney of Cook County. Her highest-profile case was the prosecution and conviction of former Rep. Mel Reynolds for sexual misconduct, for which she was criticized by some in the African American community. Zopp is a CPS parent and a former local school council member of Clissold Elementary School on the Far South Side.

President/CEO, Chicago Urban League, September 2010-present

Member, Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund board, June 2011-present (BOE representative)

Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Exelon Corporation, 2006-2010

Senior Vice President/General Counsel/Corporate Secretary, Sears Holdings Corporation, 2003-2005

Named chair of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Magnet and Selective Enrollment School Admissions for the Chicago Public Schools in 2004

Chair, Chicago Area Project

Former Vice President/Deputy General Counsel, Sara Lee Corporation

Former Partner, Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal

Former Director, Andrew Corporation, 2005-2007 (Publicly traded manufacturer and supplier of telecommunication systems)

Former Board Member, Cook County Health and Hospital Systems

Political: Zopp has given extensively to area politicians, all Democrats save for one anomalous contribution to Illinois House Minority leader Tom Cross in 2008.

Jean-Claude Brizard

CEO, Chicago Public Schools

He was appointed by then Mayor-elect Rahm Emanuel in February 2011. His base salary for 2011 is \$250,000 (\$20,000 more than his predecessor's salary and the second highest city employee salary).

Previous Experience

Superintendent, Rochester City School District, 2008 -2011

- His Rochester cabinet consisted of fifty employees who earned a collective \$5.05 million, an increase of 13 employees and \$1.5 million in payroll from before his tenure.
- He received a vote of no confidence from the Rochester teachers' union when he renewed his contract in February 2011.
- In 2010, a Rochester Employee filed a suit against him alleging sex, race, and age discrimination.

Regional Superintendent and senior executive for policy and sustainability, New York City Department of Education (he spent 21 years total in NY, moving from a teacher up to the central office)

Principal, George Westinghouse High School in Brooklyn, 1999

Political: No contributions and no declared party affiliation.

Spouse: Katherine Brooke (Stafford) Brizard aka Brooke Stafford-Brizard

- Co-Founder of Young Women's College Prep Charter School of Rochester
- Former Director of Strategy and Evaluation and former Director of Research in the Division of Teaching and Learning, New York City Department of Education
- Former middle school teacher, Teach for America, 12 years

Tim Cawley

CPS Chief Administrative Officer

Hired by new CEO Jean-Claude Brizard in Spring 2011. Cawley will run twice as many departments as his predecessor (8 total) and will be paid about \$39,000 more. His 2011 salary will be \$215,000.

Previous Experience

Managing Director, Finance & Administration, The Academy for Urban School Leadership (AUSL), January 2008 – May 2011

Senior VP, Motorola, February 2001 – October 2007

President, International, Ameritech, March 1998 – February 2001

President, Small Business Services, Ameritech, December 1993 – February 1998

CEO, Revell/Monogram, Inc, April 1990 – December 1993

VP Sales and Marketing, Tekna, September 1988 – December 1989

VP Marketing, Kransco, April 1984 – September 1988

Brand Manager, Procter & Gamble, September 1977 – March 1984

Former board member: Cellular Telecommunications and Internet Association

Political: Some small donations to state candidates.

Education: University of Notre Dame

Spouse: Carol Cawley, an “independent restaurants professional”

They were granted an extension by the board to abide by the residency rule, given two years to move from Winnetka into Chicago.

Rahm Emanuel

- Began his political career with the [public interest](#) and [consumer rights](#) organization Illinois Public Action.
- Specialized in fundraising for Illinois campaigns and then nationally.
- was senior advisor and chief fundraiser for [Richard M. Daley](#)'s victorious campaign for [Mayor of Chicago](#) in 1989.
- At the start of then-[Arkansas](#) Governor Bill Clinton's presidential primary campaign, Emanuel was appointed to direct the campaign's finance committee.
- In 1998 Emanuel joined the [investment banking](#) firm of [Wasserstein Perella](#), where he worked until 2002. Although he did not have an [MBA](#) degree or prior banking experience, he became a managing director at the firm's Chicago office in 1999 and, according to Congressional disclosures, made \$16.2 million in his two-and-a-half-years as a banker.
- Emanuel was named to the Board of Directors of the [Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation](#) (Freddie Mac) by President Clinton in 2000. His position earned him at least \$320,000, including later stock sales.
- During his time on the board, Freddie Mac was plagued with scandals involving campaign contributions and accounting irregularities. The Obama Administration rejected a request under the [Freedom of Information Act](#) to review Freddie Mac board minutes and correspondence during Emanuel's time as a director.
- Appoints the Chicago Board of Education According to the **Chicago Sun-Times** , Penny Pritzker gave Emanuel \$50,000 for his campaign for Mayor, as did her brother Jay Pritzker.
- Johnson Publishing Executive and former White House Social Secretary Desiree Rogers chipped in \$30,000 to Rahm's campaign.

Bank of America, Goldman Sachs, JP Morgan

Wall Street's Toxic Deals Are Ripping Off Taxpayers:

Big banks like Goldman Sachs, JPMorgan Chase and Bank of America continue to bilk taxpayers for millions every year on risky derivatives called "interest rate swaps". Across the state, taxpayers are losing nearly \$200 million a year on these toxic swap deals.

Chicago Public School District's Annual Loss on Interest Rate Swaps: \$35 million

State of Illinois' Annual Loss on Interest Rate Swaps: \$88 million

Costs of Wall Street Foreclosures Hit Everyone:

The foreclosure crisis has uprooted communities, destroyed neighborhoods and devastated the state economy. Unless the banks step up to fix the foreclosure crisis, the damage to our communities and state economy will be staggering and long-lasting. Experts estimate foreclosures can cost local governments an average of \$19,227 per home.

Homes in Foreclosure in Cook

County: \$64,256

Cost of Foreclosures to Cook County Taxpayers: \$1.2 billion

Wall Street Hits Communities of Color Especially Hard:

During the housing boom, big banks and their mortgage lending operations were much more likely to put Black and Latino borrowers into higher-cost, subprime loans with a higher risk of default and foreclosure. A recent study finds that the bursting of the housing bubble and the ensuing economic crisis has led to a 66% loss of wealth for Latino households and a 53% loss for Black households, compared to a 16% loss for White households. And now, as absentee owners, the banks are much less likely to maintain foreclosed properties in the neighborhoods with high concentrations of people of color.

In the City of Chicago from 2005 through 2010:

Black borrowers were nearly 4 times more likely than white borrowers to get subprime loans. Latino borrowers were nearly 3 times more likely than white borrowers to get subprime loans.

Academy for Urban School Leadership (AUSL)

<http://www.ausl-chicago.org/index.html>

AUSL is a nonprofit that runs the Urban Teacher Residency program and manages 19 schools. Founded in 2001 by venture capitalist Martin J. Koldyke, they train teachers through a one year residency program. The residency program partners with National Louis University to provide a masters degree and, to date, they have graduated 438 teachers (it costs around \$60,000 per trainee).

In 2006, they took over their first turnaround school, Sherman Elementary. They have expanded to managing teacher training academies and turnaround schools, some of which are contract schools. All teachers at the turnaround schools are still union teachers through the CPS/CTU contract and all school staff remain CPS employees.

AUSL has wide spread support from Mayor Rahm Emanuel, President Obama, and the US DOE and are often cited as an exemplary program. Their current model is to eventually return the turnaround schools back to district management; however they plan to grow their network to 38 schools in 2013-14 and, according to a US DOE article, they are “currently formulating a plan to keep [their] turnaround schools for the long haul, turning into a district within a district.” They also plan to double the number of teacher training academies to 14 within the next two years. In 2011, they became an Illinois Partnership Zone Lead Partner, which will allow them to apply to run turnaround schools in other districts in Illinois in addition to Chicago (Partnership Zone is a six-state program supported by MassInsight).

Emanuel announced on November 30, 2011 that AUSL will be awarded another six turnaround schools for school year 2012-13.

Campuses

School	Opened	Grades	2011-12 Enrollment	Percent Low-income
Bethune School of Excellence 3030 W. Arthington St.; East Garfield Park	2009	Pre K-8	364	99%
Bradwell School of Excellence 7736 S. Burnham Ave; South Shore	2010	Pre K-8	771	91%
The Chicago Academy 3400 N. Austin Ave; Portage Park	2001	Pre-8	600	65%
Chicago Academy High School 3400 N. Austin Ave; Portage Park	2004	9-12	502	81%
Collins Academy High School 1313 S. Sacramento Dr; North Lawndale	2007	9-12	409	98%
Curtis School of Excellence 32 E. 115th St; Pullman	2010	Pre K-8	501	92%

Deneen School of Excellence 7240 S. Wabash Ave; Greater Grand Crossing	2010	Pre K-8	531	94%
Dodge Renaissance Academy 2651 W. Washington Blvd; East Garfield Park	2003	Pre-8	440	86%
Dulles School of Excellence 6311 S. Calumet Ave; Greater Grand Crossing	2009	Pre K-8	545	95%
Harvard School of Excellence 7525 S. Harvard Ave; Auburn-Gresham	2007	Pre K-8	484	97%
Howe School of Excellence 720 N. Lorel Ave; Austin	2008	Pre K-8	571	97%
Johnson School of Excellence 1420 S. Albany Ave; North Lawndale	2009	Pre K-8	337	90%
Morton School of Excellence 431 N. Troy Ave; East Garfield Park	2008	Pre K-8	342	92%
National Teachers Academy 55 W. Cermak Rd.; South Loop	2007	Pre K-8	443	98%
Orr Academy High School 730 N. Pulaski Ave; Humboldt Park	2008	9-12	823	95%
Phillips Academy High School 244 E. Pershing Rd; Bronzeville	2010	9-12	593	98%
Sherman School of Excellence 1000 W. 52nd St; Englewood	2006	Pre K-8	465	94%
Solorio Academy High School 5400 S. St. Louis; Gage Park	2010	9,10	582	
Tarkington School of Excellence 3330 W. 71st St; Marquette Park	2005	Pre K-8	1065	94%

Students

Percent of Students Meeting/Exceeding State Test Standard

Note: CPS ISAT Average: 75.6%; CPS PSAE Average: 28.8%

	Test	2009	2010	2011
Bethune	ISAT	34.4	42.4	52.7
Bradwell	ISAT	41.2	50.3	46.5
The Chicago Academy	ISAT	90	89.9	92.1
Chicago Acad HS	PSAE	27.2	38.2	40.1
Collins	PSAE	No data	12.1	10.3
Curtis	ISAT	39.9	46.2	60.6
Deneen	ISAT	46.5	49.7	61.2
Dodge	ISAT	77.2	82.4	83.9
Dulles	ISAT	48.5	42.6	59.6
Harvard	ISAT	56.4	57.9	65.5
Howe	ISAT	50.6	66.7	72

Johnson	ISAT	42.1	51.7	60.4
Morton	ISAT	33.2	49.1	74
National Teachers Acad	ISAT	59.7	60	73.4
Orr	PSAE	7.1	7.6	11.6
Phillips	PSAE	2.7	4.7	11.8
Sherman	ISAT	51	56.4	59.5
Solorio	No data	No data	No data	No data
Tarkington	ISAT	72.3	72.4	76.8

Financial

	Total Revenues	Total Expenses	Net Assets
2008	\$18,117,178	\$8,598,198	\$12,176,654
2009	\$11,906,927	\$14,626,536	\$9,457,045
2010	\$10,640,654	\$12,172,407	\$7,925,592

Their funding sources include individual and foundation donors, government grants, and management fees from the Chicago Public Schools.

Select Foundation Grants

Grantmaker Name	State	Year	Amount
Prince Charitable Trusts	Illinois	2010	\$25,000
The Bank of America Charitable Foundation, Inc.	NC	2009	\$10,000
Circle of Service Foundation	Illinois	2009	\$192,000
Arie and Ida Crown Memorial	Illinois	2009	\$180,000
Beatrice P. Delany Charitable Trust	Delaware	2009	\$100,000
The Michael and Susan Dell Foundation	Texas	2009	\$180,000
Foley Family Foundation	Illinois	2009	\$100,000
Lloyd A. Fry Foundation	Illinois	2009	\$60,000
Motorola Solutions Foundation	Illinois	2009	\$250,000
John and Kathleen Schreiber Foundation	Illinois	2009	\$1,000
The Vitale Family Foundation, Inc.	Delaware	2009	\$15,000

The principal and assistant principal at AUSL's first school were trained by Chicago Public Education Fund programs. They received a \$10.3 million grant from the Gates Foundation and \$2.5 million from NewSchools Venture Fund in 2008.

In May 2011, CPS renewed AUSL's contract for the teacher residency program, management consulting services, and professional development for July 2011-June 2012 for \$1.5 million.

Key People

Their highest-paid executives were paid \$140-152,000 in 2009 (all network staff).

Martin J. Koldyke- Founder and Chair Emeritus AUSL (venture capitalist; founder, the Green Apple Foundation) He was on the board for the precursor to the Illinois Network of Charter Schools.

John Cook (Chairman AUSL) - McKinsey & Company

Mike Zafirovski (Vice Chairman AUSL) - Former CEO, Nortel

Dr. Donald Feinstein – Executive Director AUSL

Merrick Axel - Principal, Thoma Cressy Bravo

Dominic Belmonte – President/CEO, Golden Apple Foundation

Susan M. Benton - Partner, Winston & Strawn

Marshall B. Bouton - President, Chicago Council on Global Affairs

Mary Ellen Caron - President and CEO, The Hope Institute for Children and Families

William Hobert - Managing Member, WH Trading

Craig K. Huffman - Managing Director, Ascendance Partners, LLC

Michael Keiser - President, Bandon Dunes Golf Resort

Robert E. King - Chairman, Salt Creek Ventures

Rev. Dr. W. W. Matthews, Sr., BS, THD - Pastor, Pleasant Green Missionary Baptist Church

Dr. Nivine Megahed - President National Louis University

Jordan Meranus - Partner, NewSchools Venture Fund

Cordelia C. “Dea” Meyer - VP, Civic Committee of The Commercial Club

Kenneth W. Miller - Partner, Katten Muchin Rosenman

Julian Posada - President, Chicago Fire Soccer Club

Ralph Rydholm - President, R2 Consulting

Ben Shapiro - Manager of Mason Avenue Investments

Greg Simoncini - Owner Simoncini Strategies

Professor Louis W. Stern - Professor Emeritus, Northwestern University

Eric Strobel - Business Management Consultant

Kay Torshen - Torshen Capital Management

Carmita Vaughn - CEO, CURE

Gail Ward - Founder/Principal, Walter Payton College Prep High School, Retired 2008

Todd Warnock -Founding Partner & Senior Advisor, Roundtable Healthcare Partners

Bethune’s principal was co-chair for Rahm Emanuel mayoral campaign. Former managing director for finance and administration Tim Cawley left in 2011 to become CPS’s third highest ranking official (Chief Administrative Officer). David Vitale was chairman of the board until he joined the CPS Board of Education and resigned his post at AUSL in August 2011.