

September 10, 2010

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the Oak Park and River Forest High School was held on Friday, September 10, 2010, in the Board Room of the high school.

**Call to Order**

President Millard called the meeting to order at 8:16 a.m. A roll call indicated the following members were present: John C. Allen, IV, Terry Finnegan, Dr. Ralph H. Lee, Amy Leafe McCormack, Dr. Dietra D. Millard, and Sharon Patchak-Layman. Also present was Steven T. Isoye, Superintendent and Gail Kalmerton, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board of Education.

**Visitors**

Dr. Linda Hanson and Dr. Allan Alson of SchoolExec Connect and a *Trapeze* Reporter.

**Board  
Governance**

Dr. Hanson and Dr. Alson led the Board of Education in a discussion about board governance. Norms were set for the meeting and the Board of Education members participated in exercises including naming positive and negative things that have occurred in the past 15 years, and reviewing a scenario that might come to the Board of Education and the best practice for resolving it and supporting the superintendent.

Dr. Hanson shared a story about how she and her family created a shared vision for her two-year old granddaughter as to whom she could be in 20 years and the mission and action plans that were needed to maintain that vision or the hope, similar to a strategic plan.

Board of Education members shared their personal and professional concerns and challenges about being Board of Education members. Discussion ensued about current Board of Education practices and how to be more efficient, e.g., committee meetings (the number and their length), administrative reports, etc. using best practices discussed. It was suggested that the Board of Education self-monitor itself over the next couple of months regarding the things discussed at this meeting.

Board of Education members were asked to complete an evaluation form and submit it to Ms. Kalmerton.

**Adjournment**

At 12:01 p.m. on Friday, September 10, 2010, the Board of Education adjourned.

Dr. Dietra D. Millard  
President

Terry Finnegan  
Secretary