

February 8, 2011

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the Oak Park and River Forest High School was held on February 8, 2011, in the Board Room of the high school.

Call to Order

Vice President Allen called the meeting to order at 7:38 a.m. A roll call indicated the following members were present: John C. Allen IV, Jacques A. Conway, Terry Finnegan, Dr. Ralph H. Lee, Amy Leafé McCormack, and Sharon Patchak-Layman. Also present was Dr. Steven T. Isoye, Superintendent; Nathaniel L. Rouse (arrived at 8:40 a.m.); Cheryl L. Witham, Chief Financial Officer, (attended telephonically and departed at 8:33 a.m.); and Gail Kalmerton, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board of Education and FOIA Officer.

Visitors

Paul Keller of Ancel Glink, Valerie G. Fisher, consultant, and Lee Brown of Teska & Associates (departed at 8:33 a.m.).

Closed Session

At 7:40 a.m., Dr. Lee moved to enter to closed session for the purpose of discussing Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular District has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the District finds that an action is probably or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the closed meeting minutes 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) and Student disciplinary cases 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10); seconded by Mr. Finnegan. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

At 9:13 a.m., the Board of Education resumed its open session.

Student Discipline

Mr. Allen moved to expel Student EXP 02/08/11-07 through August 2012 but to hold the expulsion in abeyance pending successful completion of an alternative educational setting with appropriate social and emotional counseling, and social probation, which includes being banned from all activities. A review of this expulsion will be held in June 2012; seconded by Mr. Finnegan. A roll call vote resulted in two ayes and four nays. Mr. Allen and Mr. Finnegan voted aye. Motion failed.

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Mr. Allen felt the Board of Education should have supported the administration's original recommendation and while he disagreed with giving a lighter consequence, he supported it by voting yea.

Ms. Patchak-Layman did not want to use discipline as a way of finding the right academic environment for students.

Adjournment

At 9:20 a.m. on Tuesday, February 08, 2011, Dr. Lee moved to adjourn the Special Board Meeting; seconded by Mr. Allen. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

John C. Allen
Vice President

Terry Finnegan
Secretary