

May 31, 2011

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the Oak Park and River Forest High School was held on Tuesday, May 31, 2011, in the Board Room of the high school.

Call to Order

President Millard called the meeting to order at 7:05 a.m. A roll call indicated the following members were present: Terry Finnegan, Dr. Ralph H. Lee, Amy Leafé McCormack, Dr. Dietra D. Millard, John Phelan, and Sharon Patchak-Layman. Also present was Dr. Steven T. Isoye, Superintendent; Cheryl L. Witham, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; and Gail Kalmerton, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board of Education and FOIA Officer.

Visitors

Lauren M. Smith, Director of Human Resources (arrived at 7:30 and departed at 7:40 a.m.)

Board Vacancy

Discussion ensued about the how the Board of Education would proceed in filling the vacancy due to the retirement of Jacques A. Conway, who submitted his resignation letter on May 26, 2011. The Board of Education has 45 days in which to fill a vacancy per *The School Code of Illinois*. It was the consensus of the majority of the Board of Education members to make a public announcement of this vacancy so that it is a fair and transparent process. Anyone interested in filling this vacancy should submit a letter of interest to the Clerk of the Board, Gail Kalmerton, by 5:00 p.m. on June 15, 2011. A Special Board meeting will be held on June 18, 2011, in closed session, to consider those who had submitted a letter. The vote on the appointment will take place at the regular June 23, 2011 Board of Education meeting.

Anyone interested may want to attend the Special meeting on June 16, 2011, at 5:00 p.m. to hear the Board of Education's discussion on goals and time management.

Closed Session

At 7:40 a.m., Dr. Millard 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 the selection of a person to fill a public office, including a vacancy in a public office, when the District is given power to appoint under law or ordinance, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office, when the District is given power to remove the occupant under law or ordinance. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2); seconded by Mr. Finnegan.

Ms. Patchak-Layman objected to going into closed session to talk about the selection of a person to fill a public office.

A roll call vote resulted in five ayes and one nay. Ms. Patchak-Layman voted nay. Motion carried.

At 8:26 a.m., the Board of Education resumed its open session.

Adjournment

At 8:27 a.m. on Tuesday, May 31, 2011, Dr. Millard moved to adjourn the Special Board Meeting; seconded by Mr. Finnegan. A voice vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

Dr. Dietra D. Millard
President

Amy McCormack
Secretary