

Wednesday, March 7, 2007

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the Oak Park and River Forest High School was held on Wednesday, March 7, 2007, in the Board Room of the high school.

Call to Order

President Greenwald called the meeting to order at 9:05 p.m. A roll call vote indicated the following members were present: Barbara P. Fernandez (arrived at 9:35 a.m.), Valerie J. Fisher, Dr. Barry S. Greenwald, Dr. Dietra D. Millard, Yasmin A. Ranney, and John P. Rigas. Also present was Gail Kalmerton, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board of Education.

Visitors

Rebecca Bloch, student at O.P.R.F.H.S.

Visitor Comments

Ms. Bloch asked the Board of Education to be diligent in its search for a new superintendent, as this was one of the most important decisions the Board of Education members would make. She attended all of the community forums and she, as well as other students, was asked to meet with the last round of candidates. She asked the same questions of each of them. She appreciated the time the Board of Education had spent in this search. She understood the importance of this decision. She had found Dr. Bridge to be an incredible superintendent during her high school career at O.P.R.F.H.S. She hoped that the Board of Education would not choose a superintendent who would not mesh with the school. She even suggested that the Board of Education go back and do the search a third time if necessary.

Dr. Greenwald assured her that the Board of Education would not make any hasty decision and that the Board of Education assumed this responsibility with incredible seriousness. The Board of Education wants to find the best leader for the school.

Discussion ensued about her impressions of the candidates based on the community forums and the student meetings with the candidates.

The Board of Education members thanked her for her comments.

Closed Session

Ms. Fisher moved to enter closed session at 9:29 p.m. on Wednesday, March 07, 2007, for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to

determine its validity 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2); seconded by Ms. Fernandez. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

The Board of Education resumed its open session at 11:58 p.m.

Adjournment

Mr. Rigas moved to adjourn the Special Board Meeting at 11:59 a.m. on Wednesday, March 7, 2007, seconded by Ms. Fisher. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

Dr. Barry S. Greenwald
President

Barbara P. Fernandez
Secretary