

August 30, 2006

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the Oak Park and River Forest High School was held on Wednesday, August 30, 2006, in the Board Room of the high school.

Call to Order

President Greenwald called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m. The following members were present: Jacques A. Conway (departed at 11:45 a.m.), Barbara P. Fernandez, Valerie J. Fisher, Dr. Barry S. Greenwald, Dr. Dietra D. Millard, Yasmin A. Ranney and John P. Rigas. Also present were: Dr. Susan J. Bridge, Superintendent/Principal; Jason Edgecombe, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Cheryl L. Witham, Chief Financial Officer; Jack Lanenga, Assistant Superintendent for Operations; Amy Hill, Director of Instruction; and Gail Kalmerton, Executive Assistant and Clerk of the Board of Education.

Visitors

Kay Foran, O.P.R.F.H.S. Director of Community Relations and Communications; Mary McCabe, P.T.O. (arrived at 8:00 a.m. and departed at 8:45 a.m.) Gary Ray, of Ray & Associates; Dr. Ronald Barnes of BWP & Associates; Tom Madden and Sandra Doebert of School Exec Connect; and Bill Attea and Max McGee of Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates.

Approval of Disbursement List

Ms. Fernandez moved to approve the Disbursement List dated August 30, 2006 (attached to and made a part of the minutes of this meeting); seconded by Mr. Conway. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

Debriefing on Township Forum On Taxation

Ms. Witham and Ms. Foran provided the Board of Education with a written summary of the meeting that was moderated by Township Assessor Ali ElSaffar, the Oak Park Township Treasurer, State Senator Don Harmon, Oak Park Village President David Pope. Ms. Witham and Ms. Foran noted that all three of the moderators were very informative. The broad concerns were:

- 1) Continued unchecked increases in property tax, which threatens the affordability in housing for moderate- to-low income families and has potential long-term negative impact on Village diversity;
- 2) Institutional spending is growing at a rate faster than inflation; and
- 3) Lack of coordinated community planning to ensure priority needs are addressed.

It was decided that no further public statement would be made to the media at this time regarding this subject.

Closed Session

Ms. Ranney moved to enter closed session at 10:35 a.m. on Wednesday, August 30, 2006, for the purpose of discussing Student disciplinary cases 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10); and, 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)(1), as amended by PA.93—57; seconded by Ms. Fernandez. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

The Board of Education resumed its open session at 11:35 a.m.

Approval of Superintendent Search Firm

Ms. Ranney moved to approve the hiring of Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates for the O.P.R.F.H.S. superintendent search; seconded by Ms. Fernandez. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Nays: Dr. Millard, Mr. Conway, and Ms. Fisher
Yeas: Ms. Ranney, Ms. Fernandez, and Dr. Greenwald
Abstaining: Mr. Rigas

Motion denied.

Mr. Conway moved to approve the hiring of BWP & Associates for the O.P.R.F.H.S. superintendency search; seconded by Dr. Millard. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

Yeas: Mr. Conway, Dr. Millard, Mr. Rigas, Ms. Fisher and Dr. Greenwald.
Nays: Ms. Fernandez and Ms. Ranney

Motion carried.

Closed Session

Ms. Fernandez moved to enter closed session at 11:50 a.m. on Wednesday, August 30, 2006, for the purpose of discussing Student disciplinary cases 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10); seconded by Ms. Fisher. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

Student Discipline

No action was taken.

Adjournment

Ms. Fernandez moved to adjourn the Special Board Meeting at 11:55 a.m. on Wednesday, August 30, 2006; seconded by Ms. Ranney. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

Dr. Barry Greenwald
President

Barbara P. Fernandez
Secretary