

February 19, 2008

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the Oak Park and River Forest High School was held on Tuesday, February 19, 2008, in the Board Room of the high school.

Call to Order

President Conway called the meeting to order at 10:44 a.m. A roll call indicated the following members were present: Jacques A. Conway, Valerie J. Fisher, Dr. Ralph H. Lee, Dr. Dietra D. Millard, Sharon Patchak-Layman, and John Rigas. Also present were Dr. Attila J. Weninger, Superintendent; Jason Edgecombe, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Cheryl Witham, Chief Financial Officer; and Gail Kalmerton, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board of Education.

**Approval of
Distributions
Dated February
19, 2008**

Mr. Rigas moved to approve the check distributions dated February 19, 2008 (attached to and made a part of the minutes of this meeting); seconded by Dr. Millard. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

Closed Session

At 9:33 a.m. on Tuesday, February 19, 2007, Dr. Lee moved to enter closed session for the purpose of discussing Student disciplinary cases 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10); 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 probable 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); Collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2); 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. Fisher.

Ms. Patchak-Layman felt that the bidding and letting of contracts are public business. This would include all discussions of contracts, including the preliminary question of "should we consider going to contract," must be held in public. Ms. Patchak-Layman handed out a copy of HB 1347 to highlight the role of the Board in this process of bidding contracts. The other Board of Education members did not agree with her interpretation of the subject to be discussed. Replying affirmatively to the question of

whether Ms. Patchak-Layman thought the Board of Education would violate the Open Meetings Act with this discussion, Mr. Rigas suggested that Ms. Patchak-Layman recuse herself from the Closed Session discussion. Ms. Patchak-Layman did not recuse herself.

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

The Board of Education resumed its open session at 12:25 p.m.

Student Discipline Dr. Lee moved to drop residency student RES 02/19/08-04 from the rolls of Oak Park and River Forest High School as of February 19, 2008, due to non-residency and charge for tuition accrued (\$10,219.38); seconded by Ms. Fisher. A roll call vote resulted in five ayes and one nay. Ms. Patchak-Layman voted nay. Motion carried.

Adjournment At 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 19, 2008, Dr. Lee moved to adjourn the Special Board Meeting; seconded by Dr. Millard. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

Jacques A. Conway
President

John P. Rigas
Secretary