

December 11, 2007

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the Oak Park and River Forest High School was held on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, in the Board Room of the high school.

**Call to Order**

President Conway called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. A roll call indicated the following members were present: John C. Allen, 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; Jack Lanenga, Assistant Superintendent for Operations; and Gail Kalmerton, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board of Education.

**Visitors**

Kay Foran, Coordinator of Communications and Community Relations; and James Paul Hunter, Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) Chair.

**Approval of  
Check  
Distributions  
Dated December  
11, 2007**

Mr. Rigas moved to approve the check distributions dated December 11, 2007 (attached to and made a part of the minutes of this meeting); seconded by Mr. Allen. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

**Security Contract**

Mr. Rigas moved to approve the security contract with Securalex Experts, as presented (attached to and made a part of the minutes of this meeting); seconded by Dr. Lee. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

Securalex bought Continental Security, the company to whom the security bid was awarded at the June 28, 2007 Board of Education meeting. Securalex requested a signature on its named contract with the same terms and conditions as in the contract with Continental Security.

**Closed Session  
Minutes & Audio  
Tapes**

Dr. Millard moved to approve the destruction of the closed session audio tapes of April 2006 and declare that the confidentiality for all closed session minutes and accompanying verbatim recordings, if any prepared from January 1, 1989 through November 1, 2007, and that such minutes and verbatim recordings shall remain closed; seconded by Mr. Allen.

Discussion ensued about a current Board of Education member ability to review closed session minutes from previous boards of

education. This discussion arose as current Board of Education members were being asked to destroy tapes of meetings that occurred prior to their tenure without knowing if the minutes reflected the conversation.

Because there is no specific Board of Education policy that delineates procedures for closed session minutes, it was the consensus of the Board of Education to postpone this vote until the Policy Committee discussed this issue further. Thus, Mr. Rigas moved to table the motion until more discussion be held; seconded by Dr. Lee. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

Thus, due to the fact that the Board of Education took no action declaring that confidentiality for all closed session minutes and accompanying verbatim records, if any, prepared from January 1, 1989 through November 1, 2007, remain closed, by default the closed session minutes for this time period shall remain closed.

### **Closed Session**

At 9:33 a.m. on Tuesday, December 11, 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 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); 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 purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5); seconded by Mr. Allen.

Ms. Patchak-Layman objected to going into closed session to talk about the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the School District and the setting of a price for the lease property, because she felt the garage issue relative to the Intergovernmental Agreement did not qualify as a closed session item. Dr. Weninger assured her that legal counsel had reviewed the issue and found that it was a discussion that could be held in closed session as the District leases its land to the Village, the Village leases the garage to the District and the discussion was about potential change to the terms of the leases.

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 10:36 a.m.

**Student Discipline** Dr. Lee moved to drop residency student RES 12/11/07-02 from the rolls of Oak Park and River Forest High School as of December 12, 2007, due to non-residency, and charge for tuition accrued; seconded by Mr. Rigas. A roll call vote resulted in three ayes and two nays. Ms. Patchak-Layman and Mr. Allen voted nay. Motion carried.

**Adjournment** At 10:37 a.m. on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, Mr. Allen moved to adjourn the Special Board Meeting; seconded by Ms. Fisher. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

Dr. Dietra D. Millard  
Vice President

John P. Rigas  
Secretary