December 11, 2008

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the Oak Park and River Forest High School was held on Thursday, December 11, 2008, in the Board Room of the high school.

Call to Order

Vice President Millard called the meeting to order at 7:42 a.m. A roll call indicated the following members were present: John C. Allen, IV, Valerie J. Fisher, Dr. Dietra D. Millard, and John P. Rigas. Also present were Dr. Attila J. Weninger, Superintendent; Jason Edgecombe, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Gail Kalmerton, Executive Assistant/ Clerk of the Board of Education.

Visitors

Kay Foran, Coordinator of Communications and Community Relations, Linda Cada, Special Education Division Head; Therese Brennock, Special Education Department Head; Niall Collins, Devon Alexander, Jessica Stovall, OPRFHS faculty members, and Brian Bolger, PBIS.

Visitor Comments

None

Hearing on Calendar Application Waiver

At 7:43 a.m., Dr. Millard called for the hearing on the calendar application waiver. Mr. Edgecombe explained that under School Code of Illinois regulations, Veteran’s Day is only a non-attendance day for students when November 11 falls on a school day. Since Veteran’s Day is contractually a holiday for the non-certified collective bargaining groups of the District, this circumstance results in the inconvenience (administratively) of a floating holiday for the affected employees. In order to avoid this administrative inconvenience and to better serve the needs of students, the Administration is seeking authorization from the Board of Education to request a waiver of this holiday from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). The purpose of this waiver is to permit the commemoration of Veteran’s Day on a standard day of the District’s choosing.

Receiving no written or oral comments, the hearing was closed at 7:44 a.m.

Adjournment

At 7:45 a.m. on Thursday, December 11, 2008, Mr. Rigas moved to adjourn; seconded by Dr. Lee. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

Dr. Dietra D. Millard    Dr. Ralph H. Lee
President     Secretary