November 09, 2010

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the Oak Park and River Forest High School was held on Tuesday, November 09, 2010, in the Board Room of the high school.

Call to Order

President Millard called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. A roll call indicated the following members were present: John C. Allen, Terry Finnegar, Dr. Ralph H. Lee, Amy Leafe McCormack, Dr. Dietra D. Millard, and Sharon Patchak-Layman. Also present was Steven T. Isoye, Superintendent; Lauren M. Smith, Director of Human Resources; Cheryl Witham, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; and Gail Kalmerton, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board of Education and FOIA Officer.

Visitors

Kay Foran, Communications and Community Relations Director and James Paul Hunter, FSEC Chair.

Approval of Check Distribution List

Mr. Allen moved to approve the check distribution list dated Tuesday, November 9, 2010, (attached to and made a part of the minutes of this meeting); seconded by Mr. Allen. A roll vote resulted in five ayes and one nay. Ms. Patchak-Layman voted nay. Motion carried.

The majority of the Board of Education members agreed with sending funds to Blueprint Educational Group at this time, as it was doing the work. An update on the plan would be given to the Board of Education at a December meeting.

Ms. Patchak-Layman asked that both she and Dr. Millard, as co-chairs of the Policy Evaluation and Goals Committee, receive copies of PRESS when available.

Personnel Recommendations

Mr. Allen moved to approve the personnel recommendations, as presented (attached to and made a part of the minutes of this meeting; seconded by Dr. Lee. A roll call vote resulted in five ayes and one nay. Ms. Patchak-Layman voted nay. Motion carried.

The administration explained that it approved a stipend for Devon Alexander for being a coordinator of the Courage Conversations About Race initiative at its regular October Board of Education meeting, but upon research it was discovered that DLT had agreed that it should be paid an hourly wage of $27.50 not to exceed $5,000, for the work prescribed for this year.

Ms. Patchak-Layman noted that the person hired for the position of cashier in the Food Service Department had a Bachelor’s degree and would receive $8.25 per hour.
Closed Session

At 10:17 a.m., Dr. Millard moved to enter to closed session for the purpose of discussing 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) seconded by Ms. Patchak-Layman. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

At 10:28 p.m., the Board of Education resumed its open session.

Adjournment

At 10:29 a.m. on Tuesday, November 09, 2010, Dr. Millard moved to adjourn the Special Board Meeting; seconded by Dr. Lee. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

Dr. Dietra D. Millard Terry Finnegan
President Secretary