

May 02, 2013

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the Oak Park and River Forest High School was held on Thursday, May 02, 2013 in the Board Room of the high school.

**Call to Order**

President Protempore Phelan called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. In attendance were Thomas F. Cofsky, Dr. Steve Gevinson, Dr. Ralph Lee, Dr. Jackie Moore, Sharon Patchak-Layman, John Phelan, and Jeff Weissglass. Also in attendance were Steven T. Isoye, Superintendent; Michael Carioscio, Chief Information Officer; Philip M. Prale, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Nathaniel L. Rouse, Principal; Karin Sullivan, Community Relations and Communications; Cheryl Witham Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations; James Paul Hunter, Chair of the Faculty Senate Executive committee; and Gail Kalmerton, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board.

**Visitors**

Mary Jo Haley, League of Women Voters; Therese Brennock, Nikki Paplaczyk, Vanessa Hughes, OPRFHS Faculty, David Pope, Village of Oak Park President and family; Robert Spatz of District 97; David Boulanger of the Oak Park Youth Township; and Melanie McQueen; Mr. Moore and family, and Mrs. Cofsky and family.

**President Protempore**

Dr. Gevinson moved to nominate Mr. Phelan for President Protempore; A roll vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

**Oaths of Office**

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Phelan administered the Oaths of Office to the newly elected Board of Education members—Dr. Jackie Moore, Jeff Weissglass, Tom Cofsky, and Dr. Steven Gevinson.

**Election of Officers**

Mr. Phelan called for the election of president. Dr. Lee moved to nominate Mr. Phelan for a one-year term as president of the Board of Education; seconded by Dr. Moore. Hearing no further nominations, Mr. Phelan declared the nominations closed.

Being the only candidate nominated for the office of president, Mr. Phelan hereby declared himself elected by acclamation and directed the secretary to so record in the minutes.

Mr. Phelan then declared that the nominations for Vice President of the Board of Education were in order. Dr. Lee nominated Mr. Weissglass. Ms. Patchak-Layman nominated Dr. Gevinson. Hearing no further nominations, Mr. Phelan declared nominations closed.

The vote was six in favor of Mr. Weissglass. By receiving a majority of the votes cast, Mr. Weissglass is elected vice president of the Board of Education for a one-year term.

Mr. Phelan declared that nominations for Secretary of the Board of Education were in order. Dr. Gevinson nominated Dr. Moore. Hearing no further nominations, Mr. Phelan declared the nominations closed. Mr. Phelan then declared that Dr. Moore was elected by acclamation and directed the secretary to so record in the minutes.

Ms. Patchak-Layman welcomed the new board members noting that she looked forward to the good work on behalf of the students.

Mr. Weissglass acknowledged how grateful he was to be here with this group of six people. Dr. Moore concurred. Dr. Gevinson realized while listening to Board of Education members at the last meeting. He will have to improve upon saying nice things about people. While campaigning in the beginning was not a good experience, he became more energized because of whom he was campaigning with or against. He was very happy to serve with those elected and those continuing. He hoped those continuing would share their experiences with the new members. Mr. Cofsky was humbled to be able to serve and represent this great institution.

Mr. Phelan reflected that this meeting illustrated that the Board of Education may choose its procedures. He agreed that campaigning for office was frightening and dreadful, but that it actually prepares people for Board service; it brings talent and skill to the board. He looked forward to working with the new members.

**2013-14 Board of Dates**

Dr. Lee moved to approve the 2013-14 school year regular Board of Education Meeting Education dates as follows:

- Thursday, August 22, 2013
- Thursday, September 26, 2013
- Thursday, October 24, 2013
- Thursday, November 21, 2013
- Thursday, December 19, 2013
- Thursday, January 23, 2014
- Thursday, February 27, 2014
- Thursday, March 20, 2014
- Thursday, April 24, 2014
- Thursday, May 22, 2014
- Thursday, June 26, 2014

seconded by Mr. Cofsky. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

**Closed Session**

At 7:58 p.m., Mr. Phelan moved to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing 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); seconded by Dr. Lee. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

At 9:20 p.m., the Board of Education resumed its open session.

**Adjournment**

At 9:21 p.m., Dr. Lee moved to adjourn the Special Board Meeting; seconded by Mr. Cofsky. A voice vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

Dr. Jackie Moore  
Secretary

By Gail Kalmerton  
Clerk of the Board