November 6, 2017

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the Oak Park and River Forest High School was held on November 6, 2017, in the Board Room of the high school.

Call to Order

President Moore called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. A roll call indicated the following Board of Education members were present: Fred Arkin, Matt Baron, Jennifer Cassell, Thomas F. Cofsky, Craig Iseli, Dr. Jackie Moore, and Sara Dixon Spivy. In addition, Dr. Joylynn Pruitt-Adams, Superintendent, and Gail Kalmerton, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board of Education and FOIA Officer.

Also present were Tod Altenburg, Chief School Business Officer; Amy Hill, Director of Assessment and Research; Greg Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction.

Visitors

None

Public Comments

None

Approval of Special Teacher Endorsement

Mr. Baron moved to approve the application for Teacher Certification Endorsement; seconded by Ms. Dixon Spivy. This application is for a Career and Technical Educator endorsement for Oak Park and River Forest Teacher Regina Topf. In order for Health Careers and Medical Terminology to be offered for dual credit through Triton College, it needs to be taught by a teacher with a Career and Technical Education (CTE) endorsement. Ms. Topf’s current coursework qualifies her for this endorsement, and this application will ensure that she has it prior to next school year. Ms. Topf has already been approved to teach dual credit at Triton College, pending this certification. Additionally, offering this course for dual credit will open up funding through our Career and Technical Education Improvement (CTEI) and Perkins grants, as it provides us with an additional course sequence. Finally, Ms. Topf’s CTE certification will allow OPRFHS to explore an athletic training career pathway in future years.

The administration is exploring the answer to the question on whether more teachers can be identified and motivated to teach dual credit classes.

Closed Session

Dr. Moore moved to enter 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 probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the meeting minutes. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11); and 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 Mr. Baron. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes.

The BOARD OF EDUCATION resumed its open session at 9:41 p.m.

Adjournment

At 9:42 p.m., Mr. Baron moved to adjourn the Special Board Meeting; seconded by Mr. Iseli. A voice vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

Dr. Jackie Moore
President

Jennifer Cassell
Secretary