A special meeting of the Board of Education of the Oak Park and River Forest High School was held on Thursday, January 21, 2010, in the Board Room of the high school.

Call to Order
Dr. Lee called the meeting to order at 12:07 a.m. A roll call indicated the following members were present: Jacques A. Conway, Terry Finnegan, Dr. Ralph H. Lee, Amy Leafe McCormack (departed at 12:30 p.m.), Dr. Dietra D. Millard, and Sharon Patchak-Layman. Also present was Dr. Attila J. Weninger, Superintendent; Nathaniel L. Rouse, Principal; and Gail Kalmerton, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board of Education.

Appointment of Secretary Protempore
In Board Secretary Allen’s absence, Ms. Patchak-Layman was nominated as Secretary Protempore.

Visitors
Kay Foran, Communications and Community Relations Coordinator; James Paul Hunter, FSEC Chair.

Visitor Comments
None.

Closed Session
At 12:09 a.m. on Thursday, January 21, 2010, Mr. Finnegan moved to go closed session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), as amended by PA 93—57 and 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 Mr. Conway. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

The Board of Education reconvened its open session at 12:47 p.m.

Student Discipline
Mr. Conway moved to expel student 01-21-10-08 for the duration of the 2009-2010 school term and for the entire 2010-2011 school term but to hold the expulsion in abeyance if following conditions are met:

1. placement in an alternative educational program to be determined through a careful analysis of the student’s needs;
2. successful completion of currently enrolled courses with credit earned, and successful completion of courses with credit earned at the alternative educational placement;
3. enrollment in and completion of an anger management program through a local agency (e.g., Thrive Counseling, Township Youth Services, etc.) and/or the alternative educational placement and verification of same; and
4. social probation for the duration of the 2009-2010 school term and entire 2010-2011 school term including but not limited to all co-curricular activities/events (athletic and activity), prom, post prom, and commencement.

Ms. Patchak-Layman preferred to see flexibility in the length of time this student is expelled with periodic monitoring. She was informed that this is something commonly done at the school.

seconded by Mr. Finnegan. A roll call vote resulted in all five ayes. Ms. McCormack had departed and Ms. Patchak-Layman voted nay. Motion carried.

Adjournment
At 12:49 p.m. on Thursday, January 21, 2010, Mr. Conway moved to adjourn the Special Board Meeting; seconded by Mr. Finnegan. A roll call vote resulted in five ayes.