

February 22, 2010

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the Oak Park and River Forest High School was held on Monday, February 22, 2010, in the Board Room of the high school.

Call to Order

Dr. Lee called the meeting to order at 7:45 a.m. A roll call indicated the following members were present: John C. Allen, IV, (departed at 8:50 a.m.), Terry Finnegan, Dr. Ralph H. Lee, Amy Leafe McCormack, Dr. Dietra D. Millard, and Sharon Patchak-Layman. Also present was Dr. Attila J. Weninger, Superintendent; Cheryl Witham, Chief Financial Officer; Nathaniel L. Rouse, Principal; Philip M. Prale, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Amy Hill, Director of Assessment and Research; Michael Carioscio, Chief Information Officer; Kay Foran, Coordinator of Community Relations and Communications; and Gail Kalmerton, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board of Education.

Closed Session

At 7:49 a.m. on Monday, February 22, 2010, Dr. Lee 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); Collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; seconded by Ms. McCormack. A roll call vote resulted in five ayes and one nay. Mr. Allen voted nay. Motion carried.

The Board of Education reconvened its open session at 10:32 a.m.

**Administrative
Search Team
Updates**

Dr. Weninger gave an update on the administrative search teams, noting that the Administration was not recommending candidates for both the Math Division Head and the Fine and Applied Arts Division Head at this time.

At the Board of Education's direction, Dr. Weninger provide the results of his survey of search firms as to whether they would do a search for a Math Division Head and the scope of such a search: 1) one said no; 2) one would do a partial search; and 3) two said they would do a full search.

It was the consensus of the majority of the Board of Education members to exhaust any efforts in regard to new candidates relative to the position of Math Division Head, not hire a search firm and continue with Mr. Cherry as the interim Division Head.

It was the consensus of the Board of Education to support the administration's recommendation for the Fine and Applied Arts Division to reopen the search immediately, retry to find candidates in the profession; and explore the option of hiring an Interim Division Head for 2010-2011. Ms. Patchak-Layman asked if the combination of these two divisions was viable based on the search and the candidates that came forward. Mr. Rouse noted that 14 to 16 candidates applied, but none were brought forward. Ms. Patchak-Layman felt that if the District wanted to continue with this hybrid, a search firm would widen the scope. When asked if an interim could be hired for each of the divisions, Mr. Prale responded that her suggested needed more DLT discussion.

Adjournment

At 10:45 a.m. on Monday, February 22, 2010, Ms. McCormack moved to adjourn the Special Board Meeting; seconded by Dr. Millard. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

Dr. Ralph H. Lee
President Protempore & Vice President

John C. Allen, IV
Secretary