

March 4, 2010

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the Oak Park and River Forest High School was held on Thursday, March 4, 2010, in the Board Room of the high school.

**Call to Order**

Dr. Lee called the meeting to order at 7:38 a.m. A roll call indicated the following members were present: John C. Allen, IV, Terry Finnegan, Dr. Ralph H. Lee, Amy Leafe McCormack, and Sharon Patchak-Layman. Also present was Gail Kalmerton, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board of Education.

**Visitors**

Cheryl Witham, Chief Financial Officer and Nathaniel L. Rouse, Principal (both arrived at 8:16 a.m.).

**Closed Session**

At 7:39 a.m. on March 4, 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; seconded by Ms. McCormack. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

At 8:15 a.m., the Board of Education reconvened its open session.

**Chief Financial Officer Contract**

Mr. Allen moved to approve the Chief Financial Officer's Contract, as presented; seconded by Mr. Finnegan. A roll call vote resulted in four ayes and one nay. Ms. Patchak-Layman voted nay. Motion carried.

Ms. Patchak-Layman voted nay, not because of the work, but because of two issues: 1) the amount of IMRF contribution to be paid should the amount of TRS for administrators change; and 2) no definition of non-duty days. Ms. Patchak-Layman stated that the contract specifies 224 days as consisting of professional days, bereavement days, sick days, vacation, bereavement leave, etc. She would not agree to this contract because there was no definition of non-duty days, which varied across employee groups within the school. Dr. Lee agreed that these were serious concerns for every school in the United States. The culture of all levels of education with respect to non-duty days versus vacation days is unique to the education industry.

**Adjournment**

At 8:22 a.m. on Tuesday, March 4, 2010, Mr. Finnegan moved to adjourn the Special Board Meeting; seconded by Mr. Allen. A roll call vote resulted in five ayes.

Dr. Ralph H. Lee  
President Protempore & Vice President

John C. Allen, VI  
Secretary