A special meeting of the Board of Education of the Oak Park and River Forest High School was held on Tuesday, June 15, 2010, in the Board Room of the high school.

Call to Order

Vice President Allen called the meeting to order at 9:55 a.m. A roll call indicated the following members were present: John C. Allen, Terry Finnegan, Amy Leafe McCormack, and Sharon Patchak-Layman. Also present was Dr. Attila J. Weninger, Superintendent; Jason Edgecombe, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Cheryl L. Witham, Chief Financial Officer; and Gail Kalmerton, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board of Education.

Visitors

Kay Foran, Communications and Community Relations Coordinator; James Paul Hunter of the Faculty Senate; and Paul Keller of Ancel Glink.

Approval of Check Distribution List

Mr. Finnegan moved to approve the check distribution list dated Tuesday, June 15, 2010, as presented (attached to and made a part of the minutes of this meeting); seconded by Ms. McCormack. A roll vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of Café Tables Contract

Ms. McCormack moved to award the bid to Lowery McDonnell for the powder-coated version of the Parker-Hamilton 61T table, the lowest responsible bid, as presented; seconded by Mr. Finnegan. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

Personnel Recommendations

Mr. Finnegan moved to approve the personnel recommendations as presented (attached to and made a part of the minutes of this meeting); seconded by Ms. McCormack. A roll call vote resulted in three ayes and one nay. Ms. Patchak-Layman voted Nay. Motion carried.

Mr. Edgecombe reported that the math tutoring position was posted both internally and externally. No internal candidates applied; thus, an outside candidate was hired.

Ms. Patchak-Layman expressed her belief that all part-time positions should be posted, including those for which the District retirees had been called back. She also disagreed with the compensation package offered to the Fine & Applied Arts Division Head.

Mr. Edgecombe reported that of the 21 new employees, four were African-American, three were Hispanics, and two were Asian.

Stadium Usage by OPRF Youth Football

Mr. Finnegan moved to approve the OPRF Youth Football’s request to use of the stadium and field again for its home games during the 2010 fall season; seconded by Ms. McCormack. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.
Ms. Patchak-Layman asked if this group was in the Class IV and eligible for a 50 percent discount and if this represented a 50 percent discount.

Ms. Patchak-Layman asked if the Stadium Neighborhood Activity Council (SNAC) had discussed this group’s usage in its discussions about lights. Dr. Weninger reported that SNAC’s discussions are limited to the use of the stadium with lights. In the final report to the Village of Oak Park Board, it was stated that discussions were occurring with youth football about starting later on Sunday mornings and there would be no Friday light usage.

Mr. Allen asked that the Youth Football organization be reminded that smoking on school premises is not allowed.

Closed Session

At 10:12 a.m. on Tuesday, June 15, 2010, Mr. Allen moved to enter closed session for the purpose of 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); 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 Ms. McCormack. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

The Board of Education resumed its open session at 11:29 a.m.

At 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 15, 2010, Ms. McCormack moved to enter 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 Mr. Finnegan. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

Ratification of The Safety & Security Contract

This item was tabled until the June 24 regular Board of Education meeting.
Adjournment

At 12:05 p.m. on Tuesday, June 15, 2010, Ms. McCormack moved to adjourn the Special Board Meeting; seconded by Mr. Finnegan. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

John C. Allen IV  
Vice President

Terry Finnegan  
Secretary