

August 24, 2009

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the Oak Park and River Forest High School was held on Monday, August 24, 2009, in the Board Room of the high school.

**Call to Order**

Dr. Millard called the meeting to order at 7:42 a.m. A roll call indicated the following members were present: John C. Allen, IV, Jacques A. Conway, Terry Finnegan, Dr. Ralph H. Lee, Amy McCormack, Dr. Dietra D. Millard, and Sharon Patchak-Layman (departed at 8:05 a.m. and returned at 12:05 p.m.). Also, present were Dr. Attila J. Weninger, Superintendent; and Gail Kalmerton, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board of Education.

**Visitors**

Barbara Toney, IASB Field Representative.

**Closed Session**

Dr. Lee moved to enter closed session for the purpose of holding a self-evaluation, practices and procedures, or professional ethics, when meeting with a representative of a statewide association of which the District is a member. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(16); seconded by Ms. McCormack.

Ms. Patchak-Layman objected to discussing governance in closed session, as the format of how the Board of Education should operate should be generated and should be voted on in public. She was not interested in having this meeting in closed session even though the law allowed it.

Ms. Toney agreed that a purely governance discussion should be in open session, but the closed session was for discussing how the Board of Education would work together. Her goal, as the facilitator, will be to talk about how they operate both individually and collectively as a goal. After the closed session, the Board of Education, in open session, would have an “ends” exercise relative to what the Board of Education would commit to, e.g., committee meetings, etc.

While some members encouraged Ms. Patchak-Layman to stay for the entire meeting in order to gain a better perspective into each other’s thinking, others respected her opinion.

A roll call vote resulted in five ayes and two nays. Mr. Allen and Ms. Patchak-Layman voted nay. Motion carried.

The Board of Education reconvened its open session at 11:40 a.m.

**Ends Exercise**

The Board of Education then used the board agreements that had been discussed in its self-evaluation to further refine the document that Dr. Lee had presented to the Instruction Committee for agreement as to procedures that would be used to run the committee and which would be adopted by the entire Board of Education for all Board of Education meetings at the regular August 27 meeting. The Board of Education refined the original document.

**Closed Session**

At 1:25 p.m. on Monday, August 24, 2009, Dr. Lee moved to enter into 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. Allen. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

At 4:45 p.m. on Monday, August 24, 2009, the president adjourned the meeting.

Dr. Dietra D. Millard  
President

John C. Allen IV  
Secretary