

November 3, 2009

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the Oak Park and River Forest High School was held on Tuesday, November 3, 2009, in the Board Room of the high school.

**Call to Order**

Dr. Millard called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. A roll call indicated the following members were present: John C. Allen, IV (arrived at 7:59 p.m.), Jacques A. Conway, Terry Finnegan, Dr. Ralph H. Lee, Amy Leafe McCormack, Dr. Dietra D. Millard, and Sharon Patchak-Layman. Also present was Gail Kalmerton, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board of Education.

**Visitors**

Kay Foran, Communications and Community Relations Coordinator; James Paul Hunter, FSEC Chair; Karen Doty, parent; and Terry Dean of the *Wednesday Journal*.

**Visitor Comments** None.

**RFQ Superintendent Proposals**

Dr. Millard noted that the purpose of the meeting was to review the proposals received from perspective search firms for the 2010-11 superintendent search. RFQ's were sent to fifteen (15) organizations and the District received proposals from the following firms.

- Hazard Young & Associates
- BWP & Associates
- Illinois Association of School Boards
- McPherson Jacobs
- ProAct Search
- Ray & Associates
- School Exec Connect

After reviewing the characteristics and qualities in all of the proposals, it was the consensus of the majority of the Board of Education members to invite the following firms to make a presentation at the November 10, Finance Committee meeting.

- Hazard Young & Associates
- McPherson Jacobs
- ProAct Search
- School Exec Connect

Discussion ensued about whether it would be the Board of Education's preference for the District's superintendent to be required to live within these communities. It was the consensus of the majority of the Board of Education members that while it would be preferable for the superintendent to live in the District, it would not be a mandate.

Another question to decide is whether the search should be an open and transparent search or whether it should be a closed one in deference to potential candidates. This question will be considered again after meeting with the search firms.

Dr. Millard asked Board of Education members to forward any questions that might be asked of all search firms to Ms. Kalmerton so that she could make them available at the Finance Committee meeting. Mr. Conway asked that Dr. Weninger be asked to weigh in on these firms as well.

It was the consensus of the Board of Education members for Ms. Kalmerton to inform these search teams of the Board of Education's decision. A special board meeting will be called for Thursday, November 12, immediately following the Policy, Evaluation, and Goals Committee, in order to make a selection of the search firm.

### **Adjournment**

At 9:46 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3, 2009, Mr. Allen moved to adjourn the Special Board Meeting; seconded by Dr. Lee. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

Dr. Dietra D. Millard  
President

John C. Allen, IV  
Secretary