

August 14, 2012

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the Oak Park and River Forest High School was held on Tuesday, August 14, 2012 in the Board Room of the high school.

Call to Order

President Finnegan called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. A roll call indicated the following members were present: Terry Finnegan, Valerie J. Fisher; Dr. Ralph H. Lee, Amy Leafe McCormack, Sharon Patchak-Layman, and John Phelan. were Dr. Steven T. Isoye, Superintendent; Michael Carioscio, Chief Information Officer; Dr. Tina Halliman, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services; Amy Hill, Director of Assessment and Research; Philip M. Prale, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Nathaniel L. Rouse, Principal; Lauren M. Smith, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Karin Sullivan, Director of Community Relations and Communications; Cheryl L. Witham, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; and Gail Kalmerton, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board.

Visitors

Mary Jo Haley of the League of Women Voters.

Check Distribution List

Mr. Finnegan moved to approve the Check Distribution List dated August 14, 2012, as presented; seconded by Dr. Lee. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

Responding to a question, it was noted that administrators receive an annual reimbursement for a portion of their personal cellphones usage, as they are used for internal communications. The only people who have school-provided cellphones are those with identified needs, i.e., teacher assistants in the off campus program and Dr. Isoye.

Strategic Plan Update

This report was given during the Finance Committee meeting which occurred just prior to this meeting.

Personnel Recommendations

Dr. Lee moved to approve the personnel recommendations as presented which included new hires and a leave of absence; seconded by Ms. McCormack. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

Ms. Smith noted that a History Division position was now open due to the resignation of Yeni Hart who had been on leave. Ms. Hart does not plan to seek employment at another school. The position has been posted and applications are being received. The intent is to bring a recommendation for a new hire to the August 23, 2012 Board of Education meeting.

Intergovernmental Agreement

Mr. Finnegan moved to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Alternative with Learning Opportunities Program with West 40, as presented; seconded by Mr. Phelan. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

OPRFHS was able to apply for this grant because it had added the social/emotional piece to the ALOP program.

**Strategic Plan
Facilitator Contract**

Mr. Finnegan moved to approve the contract with Alson Consulting for Strategic Plan Facilitation Services; seconded by Ms. McCormack. A roll call vote resulted in all five ayes and one nay. Ms. Patchak-Layman voted nay, as she desired more information. Motion carried.

The contract was not vetted by the District's attorney, because of its simplicity.

**Conference
Registration**

Mr. Finnegan moved to approve the Conference Registration Fee for Ms. Patchak-Layman to attend the Pacific Education Group's Annual Symposium October 2012.

Closed Session

At 10:45 p.m., on Tuesday, August 14, 2012, Mr. Finnegan 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, and 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); seconded by Ms. Fisher. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

At 11:14 p.m., the Board of Education reconvened its open session.

Adjournment

At 11:15 p.m. on Tuesday, August 14, 2012, Dr. Lee moved to adjourn this special board meeting; seconded by Mr. Finnegan. A voice vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

Amy McCormack
Secretary

By Gail Kalmerton
Clerk of the Board