

March 12, 2013

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the Oak Park and River Forest High School was held on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 in the Board Room of the high school.

**Call to Order**

President Finnegan called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. A roll call indicated the following members were present: Terry Finnegan, Valerie J. Fisher, Dr. Ralph H. Lee, Amy McCormack, Dietra D. Millard, and Sharon Patchak-Layman. Also in attendance were Dr. Steven T. Isoye, Superintendent; Philip M. Prale, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Nathaniel L. Rouse, Principal; Michael C. Carioscio, Chief Information Officer; Amy Hill, Director of Assessment and Research; Karin Sullivan, Communications and Community Relations Coordinator; Dr. Tina Halliman, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Support Services; and Gail Kalmerton, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board.

**Visitors**

Dr. Barbara Langer and John B. Bokum Jr., community members.

**Visitor Comments**

Dr. Langer, resident of 415 Franklin, River Forest, requested information on the following check disbursements. Board of Education members or the administration responded to the inquiries.

- 1) Reimbursement to Mike Powell for hotel and gas expenditures. Coaches and team members traveled to two states for two wrestling tournaments. Mr. Phelan was thankful that Coach Powell advanced the high school the money for the expenditures and had such great success with at-risk students year after year.
- 2) Cab fare for student. When a parent of a special needs child with breathing problems cannot pick the child up, the school is mandated to provide the transportation.
- 3) Charges for childcare services at the River Forest Community Center for two 2012 workshops. Title I dollars paid for childcare services for parents of students in the six-week summer, wrap-around, and transition program. OPRFHS attempts to engage to families so that they are more actively involved with their student and thus enhance the chances that their students will be successful.
- 4) Climbing wall certification for Jose Sosa. This is for training that keeps students safe.
- 5) Per Diem for Christopher Thieme for Skyward in Orlando for conference registration fee. Mr. Thieme is the primary District administrator for the Skyward Informational System and he needs to be kept up to date.

Ms. McCormack suggested sending an email inquiring about expenditures would be more productive.

John B. Bokum, Jr., resident of 629 S. Home, in Oak Park, reported that he and his wife had advocated for his youngest child who went to a private school in Northfield. Tuition cost \$35,000 and transportation was \$5,000. Today, his child has a full time job at 27 years of age, and thus he did not become a statistic, as many of the students do. He thanked the high school for that opportunity.

**Check Distribution List** Mr. Finnegan moved to approve the Check Distribution List dated March 12, 2013, as presented; seconded by Dr. Lee. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

**Personnel Recommendations** Mr. Finnegan moved to approve the personnel recommendations, which included New Hires, as presented; seconded by Mr. Phelan. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

Ms. Patchak-Layman requested a report on the hiring of students last year and a report on how the District will promote these opportunities for next year, i.e., summer employment fair with park districts, etc.

**Closed Session** At 8:15 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 2013, Mr. Finnegan moved to enter closed session for the purpose of 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 9:52 p.m., on Tuesday, March 12, 2013, the Board of Education resumed the open session.

**Adjournment** At 9:53 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 2013, Dr. Lee moved to adjourn this Special Board Meeting; seconded by Ms. McCormack. A voice vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

Terry Finnegan  
President

Amy McCormack  
Secretary