

April 23, 2009

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the Oak Park and River Forest High School was held on Thursday, April 23, 2009, in the Board Room of the high school.

- Call to Order** President Conway called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m. A roll call indicated the following members were present: John C. Allen, IV (attended telephonically and departed at 9:00 a.m.), Jacques A. Conway, Valerie J. Fisher, Dr. Ralph H. Lee, Dr. Dietra D. Millard, Sharon Patchak-Layman, and John Rigas (attended telephonically). Also, present were Dr. Attila J. Weninger, Superintendent; Jason Edgecombe, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Philip M. Prale, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Cheryl Witham, Chief Financial Officer, Jack Lanenga, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, and Gail Kalmerton, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board of Education.
- Visitors** Kay Foran, Community Relations and/or Communications Coordinator; James Paul Hunter, Faculty Senate Executive Committee Chair; Terry Finnegan and Amy Leafe McCormack, Board members-elect.
- Visitor Comments** Dr. Lee thanked the other two Board of Education members for being at the State of the District address given by Dr. Weninger on April 22, 2009.
- Approval of the B&G Contract** Ms. Fisher moved to approve the 2008-2012 Collective Bargaining Agreement with SEIU Local 73 Buildings and Grounds; seconded by Dr. Lee. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.
- It was noted that the contract was ratified by the B&G membership with a vote of 31 yeas and 4 nays on Wednesday, April 22, 2009.
- Mr. Conway and Dr. Millard thanked everyone for his or her diligence to this work.
- Closed Session** At 7:39 a.m., on Thursday, April 23, 2009, Ms. Fisher 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. Student disciplinary cases 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1); 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); 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 Dr. Millard. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

At 9:45 a.m. on Thursday, April 23, the Board of Education resumed its open session.

Consideration of Student Discipline

Mr. Conway called for a motion to reduce the expulsion of Student EXP 12/18/08-4, by one semester pending the student successfully completing Level 4 at the alternative placement for 30 days.

Dr. Millard moved to amend the motion as follows: reduce the expulsion of Student EXP 12/18/08-4, by one semester pending the student successfully completing Level 4 at the alternative placement for 30 days and the recommendation from the staff at Joseph Academy for the student return; seconded by Dr. Lee. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

There was confusion as to the voting and Dr. Millard and Dr. Lee withdrew the motion and the second.

Dr. Lee moved to reduce the expulsion of Student EXP 12/18/08-4, by one semester pending the student successfully completing Level 4 at the alternative placement for 30 days; seconded by Ms. Fisher.

Dr. Millard moved to amend the motion as follows: reduce the expulsion of Student EXP 12/18/08-4, by one semester pending the student successfully completing Level 4 at the alternative placement for 30 days and the recommendation from the staff at Joseph Academy that the student is ready to return to OPRFHS; seconded by Dr. Lee. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

Dr. Lee moved to adopt the motion as amended; seconded by Dr. Millard. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Conway moved to assess tuition charges for student RES 04/23/09-01 in the amount of \$11,232 for the 120 the student illegally attended during the 2008-09 school year; seconded by Dr. Millard. A roll call vote resulted in five ayes and one nay. Ms. Patchak-Layman voted nay. Motion carried.

Ms. Fisher moved to assess tuition charges for student RES 04/23/09-02 for the entire 2008-09 school year and to permit the

student to remain in the 2008-09 school year; seconded by Dr. Millard. A roll call vote resulted in 4 yeas and 2 nays. Ms. Patchak-Layman and Mr. Conway voted nay. Motion carried.

Agenda Items 4, 5, 6, and 7

Board of Education members were informed that they did not have to act on the following agenda items as they were now irrelevant because the District had entered into a contract agreement with the B&G staff. They were also informed that they could take them off the table and vote no to them. It was the consensus of the Board of Education members to take no action.

4). Consideration of motion to take from the table Items 5., 6., and 7. following

5. Consideration of Selection of Vendor to Provide Custodial Services (Tabled 3/26/09)

6. Consideration of Direction to Staff to Negotiate Agreement with Selected Vendor and Present Contract to Board of Education for Final Approval

7. Resolution of Reduction in Force of Custodial Employees (Tabled 3/26/09)

Adjournment

At 9:50 a.m. on Thursday, April 23, 2009, Dr. Millard moved to adjourn this meeting; seconded by Ms Fisher. A roll all vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

Jacques A. Conway
President

Dr. Ralph H. Lee
Secretary