

May 13, 2008

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the Oak Park and River Forest High School was held on Tuesday, May 13, 2008, in the Board Room of the high school.

Call to Order

President Conway called the meeting to order at 10:36 a.m. A roll call indicated the following members were present: John C. Allen, Jacques A. Conway, Valerie J. Fisher, Dr. Ralph H. Lee, Sharon Patchak-Layman and John P. Rigas. Also present were Dr. Attila J. Weninger, Superintendent; Jason Edgecombe, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Cheryl Witham, Chief Financial Officer; Jack Lanenga, Assistant Superintendent for Operations; and Gail Kalmerton, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board of Education.

Approval of Vendor Distribution List

Mr. Rigas moved to approve the Vendor Distribution List dated May 13, 2008, as presented; seconded by Mr. Allen. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

Ms. Witham provided some clarifying answers to questions posed by Ms. Patchak-Layman.

Approval of the Contract for Agile Mind

Mr. Rigas moved to approve the contract with Agile Mind for the 2008-09 School Year; seconded by Mr. Allen. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

The details of this contract were discussed at the April Finance Committee meeting.

Approval of Turf Replacement

Mr. Rigas moved to approve enter a contract with Field Turf as presented at the Finance Committee meeting earlier that day morning with encouragement of negotiating the demolition cost down; seconded by Mr. Allen. Discussion ensued.

Dr. Lee asked if this included the log. Mr. Lanenga inferred that it would if the one presented would work.

Ms. Patchak-Layman would not support this recommendation because she felt the District should go with the lower bid. The monies saved could be used for the Education Fund.

Mr. Allen commended the bidding process and the use of a point system with various values. The District is able to show the reason for not choosing the lower contract as, Field Turf has more to offer the District with the point system.

A roll call vote resulted in five ayes and one nay. Ms. Patchak-Layman voted nay. Motion carried.

Closed Session

Mr. Allen moved to go into closed session at 10:50 a.m. on Tuesday, May 13, 2008, 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. 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); and 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 Mr. Rigas. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

When Ms. Patchak-Layman questioned the discussion of a contract in closed session, Ms. Witham stated that the administration wanted to talk about a contract in the context of negotiating and that was the reason for listing it under closed session. When negotiations have concluded, it would be placed on an open session agenda.

Adjournment

At 11:15 a.m. on Tuesday, May 13, 2008, Mr. Allen moved to adjourn the Special Board Meeting; seconded by Ms. Fisher. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

Jacques A. Conway
President

John P. Rigas
Secretary