

August 18, 2015

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the Oak Park and River Forest High School was held on Monday, August 18, 2015 in the Board Room of the high school.

Call to Order President Weissglass called the meeting to order at 9:12 p.m. A roll call indicated the following members were present: Fred Arkin, Jennifer Cassell, Thomas F. Cofsky, Dr. Steve Gevinson, Dr. Jackie Moore, Sara Dixon Spivy, and Jeff Weissglass. Also in attendance was Dr. Steve T. Isoye, Superintendent; Tod Altenburg, Chief School Business Official; and Gail Kalmerton, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board.

Visitors None

Resolution to Put Tentative Budget on Display Mr. Weissglass moved to approve the resolution to put the tentative budget on display; seconded by Ms. Spivy. The Finance Committee unanimously recommended moving this forward to the full Board of Education for approval at its meeting on August 18, 2015. Notice will appear in the August 19, 2015 *Wednesday Journal* and on display in the business office.

The variance in the Education Fund from PMA projections was due to the hiring of additional staff in April.

A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

Personnel Recommendations Mr. Weissglass moved to approve the personnel recommendations, including new staff and resignation, as presented; seconded by Dr. Moore. Discussion ensued.

A request was made to have a more in-depth report, such as including that the reason for the hiring of 4 new security guards was to replace those who had retired.

A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

Graduate Date The PEG Committee recommended moving the Sunday, May 31, 2016 graduation date to Thursday, May 26, 2016, so that the Memorial Day weekend would be unencumbered. Some students and the faculty supported the move, noting that it would be easier for parents and staff to attend following the school day. Discussion ensued about being consistent and whether moving graduation permanently to Thursday should be a Board of Education discussion. A suggestion was to begin graduation at 6:00 p.m. so that it would end before dark and families would still have time to go out for dinner. Consideration had been given to holding graduation on Sunday, June 5, 2016 but that conflicted with the A Day in Our Village. It was the consensus of the Board of Education members to add this as a discussion item to its regular August Board of Education meeting. Continued

discussion will occur about permanently moving graduation to Thursdays. A suggestion was also made to stream graduation live so that that extended family and friends could witness the event.

Adjournment

At 9:40 p.m., Mr. Weissglass moved to adjourn the Special Board Meeting; seconded by. A voice vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

John Weissglass
President

Sara Dixon Spivy
Secretary

Submitted by Gail Kalmerton
Clerk of the Board