

August 17, 2016

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the Oak Park and River Forest High School was held on Wednesday, August 17, 2016, in the Board Room of the high school.

**Call to Order** President Weissglass called the meeting to order at 9:50 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. Joylynn Pruitt, Interim Superintendent and Gail Kalmerton, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board.

**Visitors** Ron Johnson, Director of Purchasing and Transportation, Michael Carioscio, Chief Information Officer; and Brenda Horton, Director of Human Resources; and Bruce and Maureen Kleinman, community members.

**Public Comments** Ms. Kleinman felt that the Board of Education had chosen its final pool and facilities plan because of athletics, and not because of academics and learning, which it had stated was the reason for its choice. If the reason had been academics, the pool would have been built years ago. Losing a lane would not have affected the teaching ability in PE classes, but it would have meant it would be more difficult for athletic programs to participate. Option 1 was the far less costly plan, and PE would have preferred two pools. She felt that because Option 1 was not acceptable to athletics, it was rejected.

Bruce Kleinman stated that the Sutter contract that was on the agenda was borderline illegal and unethical. Ms. Sutter summarized the ethics policy depicted in the District 200 Handbook which was approved in 2013 relating to political activity. After the referendum question is approved, the role of the Board of Education and District 200 is to provide factual information only, and not take a stance pro or con on the ballot initiative. The contract states that materials will be provided for the "Vote Yes Team". Taxpayer money used for private advocacy groups for the pool, Huskie email, and other District resources is unacceptable. He stated that he would take this to the court of public opinion on November 8 if approved

**Education Clerk Job Technology Description** Mr. Weissglass moved to approve the Education Technology Clerk Job Description, as presented; seconded by Ms. Spivy. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

This position is charged with recording and indexing the audio recordings. It seems that they are only 1 or 2 hits per meeting.

It was the consensus of the Board of Education to re-evaluate the recordings in a year.

**Personnel** Mr. Weissglass moved to approve the personnel recommendations, as presented;

**Recommendations**           seconded by Dr. Moore. A roll call vote resulted in motion carried.

The Board of Education was informed that a former teacher could be hired by the District to work in a non-faculty position.

**Contract with Marcia Sutter**           No action was taken.

**Resolution Authorizing Preparation, Placement for Inspection and Publication of the FY 17 Tentative Budget**           Mr. Weissglass moved to approve the Resolution Authorizing Preparation, Placement for Inspection and Publication of the FY17 Tentative Budget as presented; seconded by Mr. Cofsky. A roll call vote resulted in motion carried.

**Closed Session**           At 10:03 p.m. on August 17, 2016, Mr. Weissglass 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; seconded by Ms. Cassell. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

At 10:25 p.m., the Board of Education resumed its open session.

**Adjournment**           At 10:26 p.m., Mr. Weissglass moved to adjourn the Special Board Meeting; seconded by Ms. Cassell. A voice vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

Jeff Weissglass  
President

Sara Dixon Spivy  
Secretary

Submitted by Gail Kalmerton  
Clerk of the Board