

November 22, 2016

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the Oak Park and River Forest High School was held on Monday, November 22, 2016, in the Board Room of the high school.

Call to Order President Weissglass called the meeting to order at 6:37 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 and Gail Kalmerton, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board.

Visitors Burcy Hines, Wyanetta Johnson, and John Duffy, community members

Public Comments Mr. Duffy stated that APPLE and CEEE had presented guidelines for choosing the new Superintendent which had included someone who was strong in racial equity and proven leadership. Once that decision is made, the Board of Education will be prepared for the next steps. A village-wide, equity summit was scheduled for December 4. People were ready to commit. He hoped for a response to his letter that was submitted in September.

Ms. Hines stated that they had met with search committee and had voiced their opinion and she hoped that APPLE could be involved in the selection process of the Superintendent. She looked forward to hearing from the Board of Education.

Ms. Johnson had been active in Oak Park for 40 years and she asked for representation on the superintendent selection committee. The District needed someone who could work with everyone and appreciated everyone.

Closed Session At 6:44 p.m. 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. 99-646; seconded by Ms. Cassell. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

At 9:57 p.m., the Board of Education resumed the open session.

Adjournment At 9:58 p.m., Mr. Cofsky moved to adjourn the Special Board Meeting; seconded by Mr. Arkin. A voice vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

Jeff Weissglass
President

Sara Dixon Spivy
Secretary