

April 29, 2019

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the Oak Park and River Forest High School was held on Monday, April 29, 2019, in the Board Room of the high school.

- Call to Order** Dr. Moore called the meeting to order at 8:21 p.m. Those present were: Matt Baron, Tom Cofsky; Gina G. Harris, Craig Iseli, Ralph Martire, Dr. Jackie Moore, and Sara Dixon Spivy. Also at the table were Dr. Joylynn Pruitt-Adams, Superintendent, and Gail Kalmerton, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board.
- Visitors** OPRFHS Faculty and Staff Greg Johnson, Roxana Sanders, Michael Carioscio, Cindy Sidor, Ms. Harris's family, Burcy Hines, and other community members; and Steve Schering of the Wednesday Journal.
- President Pro-Temp** Dr. Moore called for nominations for president protempore. Dr. Moore was nominated as president pro-tempore and a voice vote resulted in motion carried.
- Vote for President** Dr. Moore called for nominations for the office of president. Ms. Dixon Spivy moved to nominate Dr. Jackie Moore as president for a one-year term effective this meeting; seconded by Mr. Cofsky. Hearing no further nominations, Dr. Moore closed the nominations. Dr. Moore was declared elected to the office of president by acclamation.
- Vote for Vice President** Dr. Moore called for nominations for the office of vice president and Dr. Moore nominated Sara Dixon Spivy. Hearing no further nominations, Dr. Moore closed the nominations. Dr. Moore declared that Sara Dixon Spivy was elected to the office of vice president by acclamation for a one-year term.
- Secretary** Dr. Moore called for nominations for the office of secretary. Mr. Baron nominated Mr. Iseli. Hearing no further nominations, Dr. Moore closed the nominations. Dr. Moore declared that that Mr. Iseli was elected to the office of secretary by acclamation for a one-year term.
- Reflections** Mr. Martire was honored to be part of the Board of Education at this time, as it is a real opportunity to make for lasting change that people were looking forward. When he was on the District 97 Board of Education, he had announced that he was not going to run for another office and he was not thinking of running for another office. But the opportunity to make changes on equity that are sustainable and to work with this Board of Education board, so was too important.
- Ms. Harris was happy to be here. She could see all of the possibilities and looked forward to working with the Board of Education and getting to know each of them from this side of the table. Now is the time to do great work and the Board of Education can move in a way that she feels will allow it to be unapologetic about what needs to get done. She is excited to be part of this and was thankful.

Public Comments

Burcy Hines welcomed the new school board members. She commended them for the hard work and concern and collaboration and she looked forward to helping them the same way. She offered any help she could give.

Harris's daughter spoke of how proud she was of her mother who, when she went to the high school, had seen the injustices that she suffered. She could not wait to see what will happen with her mother now. She professed her love for her mother.

Jan Thomas, mother of Gina Harris, was very proud to come to this high school and having her daughter elected was beautiful and the school was making headway on what needs to be done.

Adjournment

At 8:34 p.m. Dr. Moore moved to adjourn the Special Board of Education Meeting Sine Dine; seconded by Ms. Cassell. A voice vote resulted in motion carried.

Dr. Jackie Moore
President

Craig Iseli
Secretary