

July 12, 2018

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the Oak Park and River Forest High School was held on Tuesday, July 12, 2018, in the Board Room of the high school.

- Call to Order** President Dr. Moore called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. A roll call indicated the following members were present: Fred Arkin, Matt Baron, Jennifer Cassell, Craig Iseli, Dr. Jackie Moore, and Sara Dixon Spivy (arrived at 6:38 p.m.). Also in attendance was Dr. Joylynn Pruitt-Adams, Superintendent; Greg Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Mike Carioscio, Chief Operating Officer; Roxana Sanders, Director of Human Resources; and Gail Kalmerton, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board.
- Visitors** None
- Public Comments** None
- Check Disbursements & Financial Resolutions** Dr. Moore moved to approve the Check Disbursements and Financial Resolutions dated July 12, 2018; seconded by Ms. Cassell. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.
- Monthly Treasurer's Report** Dr. Moore moved to approve the Monthly Treasurer's Report; seconded by Mr. Arkin. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.
- Monthly Financials** Dr. Moore moved to approve the Monthly Financials; seconded by Mr. Iseli. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.
- Contracts for MENTA** Dr. Moore moved to approve the Special Education Systems and Special Education Services Contracts affiliated with MENTA; seconded by Mr. Arkin.
- OPRFHS utilizes services from MENTA in three ways.
- 1) an alternative setting for some of our students with IEPs.
 - 2) Students who receive an out of school suspension are assigned to MENTA. SB 100 states students should be removed from situations that are unsafe. The definition of "not safe" will be defined in the Intervention Reports. For the few students who attend the Hillside location, their homework is delivered electronically to it for completion. Students attend the Hillside location because its personnel and the skills to work with students with more specialized needs.
 - 3) Students are assigned on a more permanent basis.
- The administration's focus in the coming year will be to monitor curriculum and instruction at MENTA to ensure that it complies with SB 1947. One member asked if the school had exhausted all of its resources before placing a student at MENTA, based on the student's needs, grades, and attendance on campus. Does MENTA provide the same OPRFHS standards?

The Oak Park MENTA location serves students from all around the Chicago land area.

More information was desired:

- 1) Are SEL interventions provided to students on the nonacademic side?
MENTA does provide social worker support.
- 2) If students are assigned to MENTA because of attendance issues, do their rates of attendance improve?
- 3) What is the criteria for providing students transportation from their home to MENTA?
- 4) How many courses are online courses?
- 5) How many courses are with instructors?
- 5) What is the structure like for long-term students referred by the PSS Teams?
Dr. Pruitt-Adams, Mr. Rouse, and Mr. Johnson will review delivery and interventions for those students repeatedly sent to MENTA.

The expectation is that fewer students will be sent to MENTA this year. The contract rate increased approximately 2% over last year's contract. The contract amounts reflect the administration's best estimate of the cost for the 2018-19 school year.

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

Closed Session

At 7:05 p.m., Dr. Moore 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 P.A.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); seconded by Ms. Dixon Spivy. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

At 7:38 p.m., the Board of Education resumed its open session.

**Personnel
Recommendations**

Dr. Moore moved to approve the Personnel Recommendations, including New Hires, Resignations and Rescindment of Employment offers, as presented; seconded by Ms. Cassell. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

Adjournment

At 7:40 p.m., Dr. Moore moved to adjourn the Special Board Meeting; seconded by Mr. Iseli. A voice vote resulted in motion carried.

Dr. Jackie Moore
President

Jennifer Cassell
Secretary