

Thursday, December 11, 2018

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the Oak Park and River Forest High School was held on Thursday, December 11, 2018, in the Board Room of the high school.

**Call to Order** President Dr. Moore called the meeting to order at 10:20 p.m. A roll call indicated the following members were present: Fred Arkin, Matt Baron, Tom Cofsky (attended telephonically); Jennifer Cassell, Craig Iseli, 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** Greg Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Roxana Sanders, Senior Director of Human Resources; Karin Sullivan, Senior Director of Communications; Michael Carioscio, Chief Operations Officer; Marty Bernstein and Monica Sheehan, community members.

**Public Comments** Mr. Bernstein acknowledged this Board of Education's effort, admitting that he could not do it. He stated that the IMAGINE plan was only one plan brought forward and there is an infinite number that could have been produced and accepted. Accepting this plan does not mean accepting it as written. One can initiate changes in various parts of the plan and should do so. The Board of Education needs to explore. He spoke about his athletic days and noted that he played softball until about five years ago. All of those things went into a well-rounded education but asked what would be cut first if necessary. Would it be English or would it be extracurriculars? Curriculum gets students out of school to pursue either a job or college. Extracurriculars are not as important as curricula.

Ms. Sheehan asked the Board to consider not moving \$20 million into the Capital Improvement funds at this time as had been recommended by the 2013 Facilities Finance Committee because of so many outstanding issues, i.e., the teacher contract, the possible pension shift from the state, whether the district can sustain a balanced budget, etc. There is no immediacy to moving the funds at this time.

**Closed Session** At 10:25 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), amended by P.A. 99-646; seconded by Ms. Cassell. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

At 10:26 p.m., the Board of Education resumed the open session.

**Personnel  
Recommendations**

Dr. Moore moved to approve the personnel recommendations, including New Hires Stipend Positions, Resignations, Retirement, and Releases; seconded by Ms. Dixon Spivy. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

At 10:28 p.m., Dr. Moore moved to adjourn the Special Board Meeting; seconded by Mr. Cofsky. A voice vote resulted in the motion carried.

Dr. Jackie Moore  
President

Jennifer Cassell  
Secretary