

December 10, 2019

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the Oak Park and River Forest High School was held on Tuesday, December 10, 2019, in the Board Room of the high school.

- Call to Order** President Moore called the meeting to order at 9:53 p.m. A roll call indicated the following members were present: Matt Baron, Tom Cofsky, Gina Harris, Craig Iseli (attended telephonically at 6:40 p.m.), Dr. Jackie Moore, and Sara Dixon Spivy. Also at the table were Dr. Joylynn Pruitt-Adams, Superintendent; Roxana Sanders, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; and Michael Carioscio, Chief Operations Officer; Gail Kalmerton, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board.
- Visitors** None
- Public Comments** None
- Closed Session** At 9:55 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 and independent contractors and specific volunteers, 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. 101-0459; and seconded by Ms. Harris; A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.
- At 9:59 p.m., the Board of Education resumed open session.
- Personnel Recommendations** Dr. Moore moved to approve the Personnel Recommendations, including New Hires, Transfers, Stipend Position, and Resignations; seconded by Ms. Harris. A roll vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.
- Commitment Letter** Dr. Moore moved to approve the letter of commitment to join the PlanItGreen Initiative in pursuing 100% renewal Energy; seconded by Ms. Harris. A voice vote resulted in motion carried.
- Mr. Cofsky having attended the PlanItGreen Institutional Leaders Breakfast on Tuesday, December 10, 2019, gave a brief update. He complimented the students on the wonderful job they did in presenting the sustainability measures and being the leaders of the forum. One student, Roz Beili, had received a grant and was one of four who traveled to Madrid to speak at the UN Climate Summit, representing the United States. The consensus of the group was that the students were really the leaders of it, it is their planet, and they are stepping up. At the breakfast, OPRFHS was recognized for the energy bid it did as one of the three major OPRFHS accomplishments. In addition, a panel discussion was had about the financing of energy projects, solar, etc., as funds are available. As a public entity, tax incentives may not be available, but other private resources may be. OPRFHS is meeting with Gary Cuneen of PlanItGreen tomorrow to talk further about funding. The basic theme was the earliest one gets involved, the more incentives there are and that there is value in not working in silos and tapping into other entities.

Another discussion was about communication. The students at the breakfast were unaware of the District's green energy purchase and, thus, there is the opportunity to better market what the District is doing, engage the students, and let them take some lead in the process.

Adjournment

At 10:04 p.m., Dr. Moore moved to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Dixon Spivy. A voice vote resulted in motion carried.

Jackie Moore
President

Craig Iseli
Secretary