

January 14, 2020

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the Oak Park and River Forest High School was held on Tuesday, January 14, 2020, in the Board Room of the high school.

- Call to Order** President Moore called the meeting to order at 8:21 p.m. A roll call indicated the following members were present: Matt Baron, Tom Cofsky, Gina G. Harris, Ralph Martire, 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; Cyndi Sidor; Gail Kalmerton, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board.
- Secretary Protempore** Dr. Moore nominated Matt Baron as Secretary Protempore as Secretary Iseli was absent from this meeting.
- Visitors** None
- Public Comments** None
- Closed Session** At 8:23 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); Individual Student Placement; amended by P.A. 101-0459; and seconded by Mr. Martire. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.
- At 8:24 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.
- Approval of Settlement Agreements for Specialized Instruction Facility Identification** No action was taken on this agenda item.
- Board of Education Dates For 2020** Dr. Moore moved to approve the dates of the regular meetings of the Board of Education for the 2020 calendar year; seconded by Mr. Cofsky. A voice vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.
- Settlement Proposal Tax Rate Objections** Dr. Moore moved to approve the Settlement Proposal – Tax Rate Objections in the amount of \$4,600, plus statutory interest; seconded by Mr. Martire A roll call Vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

Legal counsel recommended settling for the 2007 tax rate objections that were filed against

the District. These objections have been delayed for several years due to litigation over working cash fund bonds, as well as independent litigation concerning the Cook County. To facilitate a resolution, the Court has allowed a single test case on working cash fund bonds to move forward to the appellate court and is separating the County's litigation altogether. As a result, it is anticipated that settlements of the remaining 2007 tax rate objections will be paid from the 2019 tax year collections during calendar year 2020.

The objections against the District are summarized below:

- The Liability Insurance (Tort) levy was used for unauthorized purposes.
- Addition of a loss and cost of collection factor to the Building (O&M) levy was unnecessary based on existing surpluses and the history of collections.
- Addition of a loss and cost of collection factor to the Building Bonds levy was unnecessary based on existing surpluses and the history of collections.
- Addition of a loss and cost of collection factor to the Life Safety levy was unnecessary based on existing surpluses and the history of collections.
- Addition of a loss and cost of collection factor to the Limited Bonds levy was unnecessary based on existing surpluses and the history of collections.
- The Limited Bonds levy is unauthorized, the tax extension base was improperly calculated, or the extension violates Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL).

The total amount at issue of the objections is \$140,507. The objectors' last settlement demand was \$138,000. The objectors have now offered to settle for \$4,600. This represents 3% of the amount at issue. Our attorney believes this is a reasonable compromise considering the expense of further litigation and the potential adverse outcome from such litigation. The settlement will preserve 97% of the District's property taxes at risk in these objections. Once the Court enters the settlement order, the amount of the refund plus statutory interest will be withheld from the District's next distribution from the Treasurer's Office.

Adjournment

At 8:29 p.m., Dr. Moore moved to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Dixon Spivy. A voice vote resulted in motion carried.

Jackie Moore
President

Matt Baron
Secretary Protempore