

Oak Park River Forest High School Board

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Mary Haley, Observer

Present: Jeff Weissglass-President, Jackie Moore-Vice President, Tom Cofsky, Steve Gevinson, Sara Dixon Spivy, and Jennifer Cassell

Fred Arkin arrived at 8:30 p.m.

Mr. Weissglass called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Introductory Reports: Hattie Grimm, Student Council representative, reported that students were impressed by the speakers on the Tradition of Excellence day.

Consent Items: All were passed unanimously.

Action Items: Tod Altenburg, Chief School Business Official, requested that the board approve the Legat Architects Contract Amendment Number 8. This contract deals with the long-term planning process. A committee with representatives of all stakeholders would be formed to begin gathering data on the four goals suggested to the administration. These goals are: 1.) recapture space created by construction of the new swimming pool, 2.) provide for growing enrollment, 3.) upgrade the learning environment and 4.) keep the cost for all projects under \$20M. All projects developed will be on a one- to five-year time frame. Mr. Cofsky commented that developing such a plan is mandatory since \$80,000 was spent previously on projects without achieving long-term results. The item was passed unanimously.

Discussion: Dr. Gevinson reported on the October 29 IGOV meeting and requested that board members be available to attend the January 23, 2016 IGOV Assembly.

Mr. Weissglass proposed changes in the PTAC (Parent Teacher Advisory Committee) to help it operate more closely within the committee system created by the Strategic Plan. The changes would include convening the committee for 18 months and increasing the number of members to 11-15 voting members with the superintendent, principal, Faculty Senate Chair or designee and board members serving as non-voting members. Mr. Weissglass asked for board feedback on this proposal. He hopes to begin the process in December.

Informational Items: Information about the School Report Card and the CTIP update are available at https://intranet.oprfhs.org/board-of-education/board_meetings/Regular_Meetings/Agendas/2015-16/20151119%20REG%20Agenda.pdf

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

