

Oak Park River Forest High School Board  
May 26, 2016  
Mary Haley, Observer

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

Mr. Weissglass called the meeting to order at 7:39.

**Faculty Recognition:** Linda Carlson, a physical education teacher, was recognized for the RAD program that is a self-defense program required for all female students. The program is unique in Illinois and is a model for other districts that are implementing similar programs.

**Consent Items:** All items were passed unanimously.

**Action Items:** Dr. Gevinson again questioned the quality of the IHSA video that is part of the educational materials referenced in Policy 7:305. He feels that it does not adequately explain the dangers of concussions. Sara Spivy suggested that the policy be adopted in order to meet state requirements, then research other materials as needed. The item passed unanimously.

Two firms made presentations on conducting a search for the new superintendent. The methods and costs were quite similar. The need to move quickly in order to have an interim superintendent in place this summer was emphasized. Following the presentations, Dr. Moore expressed a desire to consider other firms with more national contacts. The possibility of choosing an interim superintendent with help from IASB (Illinois Association of School Boards) was discussed. A decision was made to postpone the decision until a special board meeting on June 2. (At this meeting the board voted 4-2 to hire BWP and Associates to conduct the search for both an interim and a permanent superintendent.)

The board voted unanimously to keep registration fees at the current level. The IMF (Instructional Material Fee) will be reduced as the district assumes the cost of fees for students who have waivers. The initial vote on a technology fee of \$50.00 failed to pass. Mr. Cofsky reiterated his belief that since the district will require that every student have a Chromebook the cost of the device should be borne by the district. Alternatives such as a deposit fee were discussed. Mike Carioscio, Chief Information Officer, stated that changing the fee structure at this point would cause an administrative nightmare. The item was brought back for a vote and passed by a vote of 5-2. The issue will be revisited next year.

**Discussion:** Steve James asked that he be allowed to do more filming this summer and early in the 2016-2017 school year as part of the documentary film he has been shooting at the school. The board would like more perspective from all parties concerned, but felt that the extended filming would produce minimal interruption.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:23.

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