

# LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS™ OAK PARK / RIVER FOREST



## **Oak Park District 97 Board of Education April 26, 2011**

*Peggy Kell, Observer*

All school Board members were in attendance: Peter Traczyk, Michelle Harton, Bob Spatz, Jim Gates, Rance Clouser, Peter Barber and Jennifer Reddy

The board reconvened after an Executive Session.

### **Special Reports**

Students whose artwork was selected to be included in the Fun Run advertising were presented to the Board. The May Fun Run is sponsored by the Physical Education teachers in the district.

An update on the May 7 Ethnic Festival was given by Lynn Allen, Multi-Cultural Director. PTOs are pitching in the help fund the event this year.

Kevin Anderson, Director of Curriculum and Cao Mac, Technology Director, gave an update on Year 2 of the Tech Plan. The ratio of computers to students is about 5 to 1 now. The goal is to get that down to 3 to 1. The discussion centered around leasing about 1500 more machines for students. Some existing machines have aged and they need to be replaced. Hopefully these additional machines will equalize devices in all the schools.

Professional Development for Year 2 will have teachers reaching computer proficiency levels. Self-assessments will be used to move from level to level. Board members asked questions about purchasing timelines, insuring we are up to date with ideas, and incentives for staff to pursue higher levels of competency. Cao made a presentation on the Year 2 plan to PTO Council, where the ideas were well received.

### **Public Comment**

Public comment included the following: Multiple FOIA(Freedom of Information Act) requests from a citizen concerning info on teacher evaluations and technology levels, comments about the World Language program and it's expansion, and multiple people thanking outgoing Board members.

### **Action Items**

The board passed the minutes from the April 12 meeting.

Personnel action was approved as presented. There was rehiring of 4<sup>th</sup> year Probationary Teachers, Probationary Teachers, Partial Assignment Teachers, Educational Support Personnel and Administrator Reassignment/Renewal.

Bill list was approved as presented.

The Board approved a custodial supply bid and an asbestos abatement bid. The Board also adopted ten policies that were previously discussed (from public participation, to open meetings, to FMLA).

The Board was supposed to reorganize at this meeting but the county did not certify the election results today (employee that does this was sick). So they could not seat the new Board members nor elect new officers. Everyone would consult their calendars so once the results were certified, another meeting would be held so the new Board members could be seated. Resolutions for the outgoing board members Michelle Harton and Rance Clouser were read and the Board members made a few parting comments. The Board then took a break for a short reception for these outgoing board members. I left after this though the agenda still had a few items on it.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be May 10, 2011.

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