



**River Forest District 90 Board of Education
November 19, 2007**

Judy Das Gupta, Observer

(Observer's Note: Unfortunately I was not informed of the change of venue for the meeting, so I arrived late at the Administration Building and thus my report does not cover the entire meeting.)

Board member Juli Geldner was not present. Interim Superintendent Bonnette and Curriculum Director Joanne Trahanas were in attendance as was Recording Secretary Anthony Cozzi, who is the Board's Business Manager.

Board member Ron Atkins gave a report of the OPRFHS Citizen's Council meeting held on November 8th. The schedule of upcoming meetings to discuss closure of the student achievement gap was presented. The results of the student opinion survey covering civility were discussed. Among student concerns were staff civility, comfort with profanity and unequal discipline.

Board member Kelly Welindt reported on the Youth Network Council meeting on November 8th. There was discussion about the Youth and Drug Awareness Parent Support Group and the activities of the "Teen Night" held at the Oak Park Public Library each Thursday evening.

The Superintendent's report included two action items: Resolution of the Estimated Tax Levy and the Proposed Revision of Holiday Policy.

Dr. Welindt explained the requirement of the estimated tax levy. According to state statute a public notice must be published stating the request for the estimated tax levy. Mr. Cozzi highlighted the amount involved and explained this is the 3rd year of a four year phase-in passed in the last school referendum. The Board unanimously adopted the Resolution Regarding the Estimated Amount of Taxes Necessary to be Levied for the Year 2007.

The Proposed Revision of Holiday Policy was presented by Board member Lori Owens. School holidays have not been uniformly observed and it was proposed that the Board should have a set policy for observance of holidays rather than relying on previous various practices.

The Personnel Report was presented and a maternity leave request approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.