President Gates called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Present: Brisben, Gates, Felton, and Datta
Absent: Spurlock, O’Connor and Spatz
Also Present: Superintendent Dr. Carol Kelley, Senior Director of Administrative Services Felicia Starks Turner, and Board Secretary Sheryl Marinier

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Felton moved, seconded by Datta, that the Board of Education move into Executive Session at 2:03 p.m. to discuss (Student Discipline 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9)). Roll call vote.

Ayes: Felton, Datta, Brisben, and Gates
Nays: None
Absent: Spurlock, O’Connor and Spatz
Motion passed.

OPEN SESSION
Brisben moved, seconded by Felton, that the Board of Education move into Open Session at 3:09 p.m. All members of the Board in attendance were in agreement.

ACTION ITEMS
Resolution Authorizing Student Disciplinary Action
Datta moved, seconded by Felton, that the Board of Education, District 97, approve the following resolution regarding student 20160205.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Oak Park Elementary School District 97, Cook County, Illinois (“Board” or “District”) conducted a hearing in closed session on February 5, 2016, in the matter of the discipline of Student 20160205 (“Student”), pursuant to Section 10-22.6 of the School Code; and,

WHEREAS, on the basis of all testimony and evidence presented at said hearing, the Board has determined that Student 20160205 is guilty of gross misconduct and/or disobedience in violation of Board Policy 7:190; and,

WHEREAS, the Board has considered: (1) the egregiousness of the student’s conduct; (2) the history or record of the student’s past conduct; (3) the likelihood that the conduct will affect the delivery of educational services to other students; (4) the severity of the punishment; and (5) the best interests of the student;

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the 10-day out of school suspension of Student 20160205 should be upheld;

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that Student 20160205 should be expelled from the District for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year and the 2016-2017 school year; and,
WHEREAS, based on the IEP team’s discussions and determinations, the Board has determined that the gross misconduct in which the student engaged was not related to the student’s disability,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board as follows:

Section 1: The 10-day out of school suspension of Student 20160205 for engaging in gross misconduct in violation of Board Policy 7:190 is hereby upheld.

Section 2: In light of the gross misconduct in which the student engaged in violation of Board Policy 7:190, Student 20160205 is expelled from the District effective immediately for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year and the 2016-2017 school year.

Section 3: The Superintendent or her designee shall send written notice to the parents of the Student informing them of the Board’s decision.

Section 4: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted this 5th day of February, 2016, by the following vote:

Ayes: Datta, Felton, Gates, and Brisben
Nays: None
Absent: Spurlock, O’Connor and Spatz
Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, President Gates declared the meeting adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

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Board President                  Board Secretary