

Official Minutes of the Oak Park Board of Education
Elementary District 97, Cook County, Oak Park, Illinois

CLOSED MEETING MINUTES – January 13, 2015 TIME: 6:30 p.m.

The Board convened in closed session at 6:30 p.m. Answering present and attending in person were President Spatz and Board Members Gates, Brisben, Felton. (Board Member Sacks arrived at 6:32 p.m., Member O’Connor arrived at 6:31 p.m. and Member Traczyk arrived at 6:32 p.m.)

Also present: Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations Therese O’Neill, Senior Director of HR Steve Cummins, and Board Secretary Sheryl Marinier

Summary discussion of the Board on all matters:

1. This section will remain closed

2. This section will remain closed

3. Collective Negotiations

a. It was reported that the last OPTA negotiations meeting went well and a final draft of the contract may be ready soon. Additionally, the OPTA negotiations team will be meeting tomorrow. The OPTA will hold a general meeting on January 26, 2015 and vote on January 27, 2015. It was noted that the Board will also be able to vote on the contract on January 27, 2015. It was suggested that the agenda item should read “Pending OPTA ratification”.

It was noted that the special meeting scheduled for January 29, 2015 will no longer be necessary. A press conference will be scheduled for 6 p.m. on January 27, 2015.

A post-mortem (executive session) on the negotiation process will be scheduled sometime in February. Additionally, the notes taken during negotiations by the attorneys will be archived.

b. Steve Cummins reported that he met with the SEIU representative and is looking at beginning the process with the SEIU sometime in February, 2015. The prior SEIU negotiation process was discussed.

Members Gates and Felton offered to represent the Board during these negotiations.

Dr. Roberts suggested a discussion be held in executive session prior to meeting with the SEIU.

OPEN SESSION

Gates moved, seconded by Sacks, that the Board of Education move into Open Session at 6:59 p.m. All members of the Board were in agreement.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board convened in closed session at 8:31 p.m. Answering present and attending in person were President Spatz and Board Members Gates, Brisben, Felton, Sacks, O’Connor, and Traczyk.

Also present: Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts, Board Secretary Sheryl Marinier

Summary discussion of the Board on all matters:

1. Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees

a. It was reported that Harla Hutchinson (Student Data Administrator) is likely to retire at the end of the school year. This announcement will impact how the district looks at the Data Analyst positions.

b. This section will remain closed

c. This section will remain closed

d. This section will remain closed

Dr. Roberts and Sheryl Marinier were excused at 10:00 p.m.

e. The Board discussed the Superintendent’s evaluation.

OPEN SESSION

Traczyk moved, seconded by Sacks, that the Board of Education move into Open Session at 10:25 p.m. All members of the Board were in agreement.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, President Spatz declared the meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Board President