

**Official Minutes of the
Oak Park Board of Education District 97,
970 Madison Street, Oak Park, Cook County, Illinois
Meeting May 26, 2015**

President Gates called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Spatz, Brisben, Datta, Gates, O'Connor, Spurlock, and Felton
Absent: None
Also Present: Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations
Therese O'Neill, Senior Director of HR Steve Cummins, Senior Director of Special
Services Mike Padavic, Director of Technology Michael Arensdorff, Director of
Curriculum and Instruction Carrie Kamm and Helen Wei, and Board Secretary Sheryl
Marinier

ROLL CALL

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Felton moved, seconded by Brisben, that the Board of Education move into Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss (Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees 5 ILCS 120/2/(c)(1), Collective Negotiations 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)). Roll call vote.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Ayes: Felton, Brisben, O'Connor, Datta (6:32 p.m.), Spurlock (6:32 p.m.), Gates, and
Spatz
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion passed.

OPEN SESSION

Brisben moved, seconded by Felton, that the Board of Education move into Open Session at 6:57 p.m. All members of the Board were in agreement. The meeting reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

SPECIAL REPORTS

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING UPDATE

Jennifer Costanzo from STR and Therese O'Neill came to the table. They reported that a landscape architect has been engaged; landscape designs were shared, along with the current interior and exterior building designs. Costanzo reported that the infrastructure for future technology will be included in the building design, and reported that the project is currently on budget. She noted that the Construction Manager is working on calculations and she will be meeting with him next week. O'Neill reported that the 50 percent update will be shared with the Board on June 23, 2015 and the 90 percent update will be shared on July 28, 2015.

SPECIAL
REPORTS

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ACTION ITEMS

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2.1.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MAY 5, 2015 BOARD MEETING

Spatz moved, seconded by Datta, that the Board of Education of Oak Park District 97, approve the minutes from the May 5, 2015 Board meeting. Roll call vote.

PUBLIC
COMMENT

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

2.1.2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MAY 12, 2015 BOARD MEETING

Spatz moved, seconded by Brisben, that the Board of Education of Oak Park District 97, approve the minutes from the May 12, 2015 Board meeting. Roll call vote.

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

2.1 APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

O’Connor moved, seconded by Brisben, that the Board of Education, District 97, approve the consent agenda as presented.

- 2.2.1 Approval of Bill List
- 2.2.2 Personnel Action as amended during executive session.

It was noted that the Special Education expense is for transportation of students, not tuition as indicated in the report.

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

2.3.1 APPROVAL OF THE CUSTODIAL SUPPLY BID

Brisben moved, seconded by Datta, that the Board of Education of Oak Park District 97, award its 2015-16 Custodial Supplies contract, in the total amount of \$124,557.26 to the following companies, as delineated in the memorandum to the Superintendent dated May 12, 2015. Roll call vote.

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

COMMITTEE / WORK GROUP REPORTS
2014 – 2015 PRIORITIES

COMMITTEE /
WORK GROUP
REPORTS

It was reported that the financial stability documents have been sent to member Spurlock. Members Spatz will meet with member Spurlock to assist member Spurlock with her transition to this committee.

The comparative districts document will be updated by July 9, 2015. It will be sent to the Board in advance.

The maintenance document has been sent to Member Datta, Therese O’Neill and the Board Secretary. Datta and O’Neill will meet before June 9, 2015 and share an update with the Board. They will identify what contracts will be outstanding at the beginning of the next school year.

It was reported that the Board will be holding a special meeting on June 3, 2015 to officially hire a new Superintendent of Schools.

STANDING BOARD COMMITTEES

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FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND REVIEW COMMITTEE (FORC)

The next FORC meeting will be held in August, 2015. The committee is looking for new members. It was noted that new members are needed on the other committees as well, and it was suggested that the information be sent to Joanna Klonsky (interim public relations) for dissemination.

COMMITTEE FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION, INTERVENTION, AND MONITORING (CLAIM)

It was reported that the last CLAIM meeting was cancelled due to a Website glitch. The next meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2015. This committee is in need of a new chairperson.

FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FAC)

It was reported that the FAC reviewed the current plans for the administration building.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

STAFFING RECOMMENDATION FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR

Dr. Roberts reported that LeeAndra Khan will be joining the district as the new principal of Brooks Middle School. He noted that Khan is a systems person, data minded and a former math teacher. She has experience with middle school and high school students. Additionally, she has a high expectation for herself and others. She is focused, collaborative and supports the teachers.

It was reported that the Staffing Report will be included in the next weekly report to the Board, and discussed at the next meeting.

CONCLUDING ITEMS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Roberts reported on the SEIU negotiations. He shared that the process depends on the leadership of the group. He expressed the need to set parameters, and identify priorities. He recommended that the Board have a representative participate in this process. Additionally, he suggested that a preferred timeline be established. He indicated that these negotiations can be concluded quickly, and suggested that the Board include this topic in their next executive session on June 9, 2015.

Dr. Roberts reported that June 7, 2015 has been identified as the day that teachers need to vacate their classrooms for the summer. He explained that due to the summer construction schedule beginning early (ADA), and some summer programs beginning on Monday, June 8, 2015, four of the schools must be available following the weekend. For those who need to pack up their rooms quickly, assistance will be provided as needed.

Administration is working with the OPTA to clean up some of the contract language regarding stipends. Dr. Roberts reported that O'Neill spent most of the day today verifying the staff members and numbers to ensure accuracy. He noted that there are a couple positions that are not identified clearly in the contract language and needs to be clarified.

BOARD CONCERNS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Spatz attended the I-ECO meeting on May 13, 2015. He explained that this was a meeting of the jurisdictions to consider joint funding for sustainability staffing. He reported that everyone in attendance seemed to be in favor of the plan and will meet again in late June.

The State legislature session is unlikely to end on Sunday as scheduled, as there are numerous items in play (taxes, Senate Bill 1, pensions, etc.). ED-RED and IASB are paying attention, and the Board will continue to monitor these items as they move forward.

It was noted that the Village Memorial Day services was very nice.

The Board was reminded that the Day in Our Village will be held on June 7, 2015. The District will host a booth at this event and Board members were asked to sign up to man the booth. Dr. Roberts and Sheryl Marinier were acknowledged for their efforts in planning the Board's participation in this event and purchasing the needed items (tent, pencils, erasers, etc.). Denise Sacks was acknowledged for supplying the tent in the past.

Member Datta will be attending the Collaboration meeting next week. She noted that she will need to attend the next Board meeting via telephone.

Member Datta will send her questions about the World Language report presented during the May 12, 2015 meeting to the Board Secretary for follow up.

Member Felton attended the PTO Council meeting last week, where Dr. Roberts was honored. During that meeting, the Council discussed the role they would like to play with the new superintendent, and determined that they would like to play an active role moving forward.

ADMINISTRATIVE
ITEMS

CONCLUDING
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BOARD CONCERNS / ANNOUNCEMENTS (Continued)

The Oak Park Education foundation met last week. It was reported that they have one opening for an Assistant Base Camp Coordinator. It was noted that the Staszak dinner was a success. Their next meeting will be held in June.

It was reported that Cabinet will discuss PARCC and the state’s new opinions.

The Board was reminded that the district retirement dinner is this coming Thursday.

BOARD RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Roberts will respond to the public comment request.

PREVIEW AGENDAS

The draft agenda for June 9, 2015 was reviewed and modifications were recommended.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Felton moved, seconded by O’Connor, that the Board of Education move into Executive Session at 7:56 p.m. to discuss (Collective Negotiations 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees 5 ILCS 120/2/(c)(1)). Roll call vote.

Ayes: Felton, O’Connor, Brisben, Datta, Gates, Spurlock, and Spatz

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

OPEN SESSION

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Felton moved, seconded by Datta, that the Board of Education move into Open Session at 9:33 p.m. All members of the Board were in agreement.

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