

**Official Minutes of the
Oak Park Board of Education District 97,
970 Madison Street, Oak Park, Cook County, Illinois
Meeting May 27, 2014**

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

Present: Spatz, Gates, Sacks, Felton, O'Connor, Brisben and Traczyk (6:38 p.m.)
Absent: None
Also Present: Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations Therese O'Neill, Director of Policy, Planning and Communications Chris Jасulca, Director of Special Education Mike Padavic, Director of HR Steve Cummins, and Board Secretary Sheryl Marinier

ROLL CALL

EXECUTIVE SESSION

O'Connor moved, seconded by Sacks, that the Board of Education move into executive session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss (Student Discipline, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9), Purchase or Lease of Real Property 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5), 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: O'Connor, Sacks, Felton, Gates, Brisben, and Spatz
Nays: None
Absent: Traczyk
Motion passed.

OPEN SESSION

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Gates moved, seconded by O'Connor, that the Board of Education move into open session at 6:59 p.m. All members of the Board were in agreement.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:03 p.m.

SPECIAL REPORTS

INTRODUCTION OF NEW PRINCIPALS

Steve Cummins came to the table and introduced Faith Cole and Keshia Werner as the new principals of Mann School and Whittier School respectively. He read a statement from Dr. Roberts that celebrated the success of the process and expressed his appreciation to the community and staff who participated.

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Cole expressed her gratitude and shared that she actually attended school at Mann. Werner shared that she was honored to be selected, and impressed with the hiring process.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Desiree Lintz and Liying Kadlec, both Oak Park residence, requested support of a Mandarin language class, and asked the Board to consider an option similar to the Spanish Immersion program at Lincoln School. Kadlee noted that her husband is a teacher at Julian, and her children are bilingual; but shared that very few Chinese children who grow up in the United States learn to speak their native language. The ladies noted that 35 percent of the world population speaks Chinese, and Oak Park is one of the most popular places for the Chinese population in the Chicago area.

PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued)

President Spatz reported that the June 10, 2014 Board meeting agenda will include a presentation from the World Language Department.

2.3.1 Appointment of Principal to Mann School

Traczyk moved, seconded by Sacks, that the Board of Education, District 97, appoint Faith Cole as principal of Mann School.

Ayes: Traczyk, Sacks, Gates, Felton, O'Connor, Spatz, and Brisben
Nays: None
Motion passed.

APPOINTMENT
OF
PRINCIPALS

2.3.2 Appointment of Principal to Whittier School

Gates, moved, seconded by Felton, that the Board of Education, District 97, appoint Keshia Werner as principal of Whittier School.

Ayes: Gates, Felton, Traczyk, Sacks, O'Connor, Spatz, and Brisben
Nays: None
Motion passed.

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ILEARN UPDATE

Michael Arensdorff came to the table with Data Coaches Ann Labak and Jen Dietmeyer.

They reported that the philosophy of the iLearn 97 initiative is to enable the district to provide innovative tools and professional development that transforms and redefines the way teachers teach and students learn with innovative strategies to prepare the students of District 97 not only for today, but more importantly for tomorrow.

They explained that part of the process is to help the teachers become digital immigrants by moving their technical abilities from substitution and augmentation, to modification and redefinition; with a focus on creativity, collaboration, critical thinking and communication. This is being accomplished by professional development sessions and workshops. In an effort to get the students up to speed, bootcamps are being offered that focus on setup, acceptable use, device basics, care and handling, etc. The middle schools are prepping for the transition by offering professional development to the staff. Arensdorff explained that teachers are learning something new and sometimes from the students.

Board interest was expressed in understanding how the district will support the teachers in identifying source validity and honest research. It was suggested that the job descriptions of the Data Coaches may need to change. Interest was expressed in knowing how many staff members have moved from the substitution level to augmentation level. Concern was expressed about the need for a procedure that will support students transferring into the district.

Arensdorff explained that an additional meeting with the Board will need to cover fees for next year, and policies/procedures.

ACTION ITEMS

2.4.2 Approval of Minutes from the May 13, 2014 meeting

Traczyk, moved, seconded by Sacks, that the Board of Education, District 97, approve the minutes from the May 13, 2014 Board meeting.

Ayes: Traczyk, Sacks, Gates, Felton, Spatz, and Brisben
Nays: None
Absent: O'Connor
Motion passed

2.2.1 Approval of Amended Bill List

Sacks moved, seconded by Felton, that the Board of Education, District 97, approve the amended Bill List.

Ayes: Sacks, Felton, Traczyk, Gates, Spatz, and Brisben
Nays: None
Absent: O'Connor
Motion passed

2.2 Approval of Consent Agenda

Traczyk moved, seconded by Felton, that the Board of Education, District 97, approve the consent agenda as presented to the Board.

- 2.2.2 Personnel Action
- 2.2.3 Approval of Minutes from the May 19, 2014 Special Board Meeting
- 2.2.4 Adoption of Policies
- 2.2.5 Approval of TRS/IMRF Administrative Contracts
- 2.2.6 Approval of Administrative and Administrative Support Staff Salaries/Benefit Plan

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

2.4.1 Approval of Custodial Supply Bid

Sacks, moved, seconded by Felton, that the Board of Education, District 97, approve award of contracts to the firms listed in the Board packet for the 2014-15 custodial supply bid in the aggregate amount of \$124,858.58 as outlined in the memorandum to the superintendent dated May 13, 2014.

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

2.4.2 Approval of the Staffing Recommendation for the 2014-15 School Year

Traczyk, moved, seconded by Sacks, that the Board of Education, District 97, approve the staffing report as presented to the Board during the May 13, 2014 Board meeting.

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

2.4.3 Approval of the Youth Interventionist Contract

Traczyk, moved, seconded by Felton, that the Board of Education, District 97, approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Youth Interventionist Program and to participate in the funding of the Program for FY 2014-15 and FY 2015-16 school years at a maximum estimated amount as follows:

FY 2014-15	\$29,905.00
FY 2015-16	\$30,951.00

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

2.4.4 Adoption of Sixth Grade Humanities – E-Text Books

Felton, moved, seconded by Sacks, that the Board of Education, District 97, approve the adoption of a seven year license of My World History E-Text books for sixth grade humanities at a cost of \$37,543.84.

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

2.4.5 Approval of Asbestos Abatement

Gates, moved, seconded by Sacks, that the Board of Education, District 97, approve award of a contract to Kinsale Contracting Group, in the total amount of \$154,740, for the related asbestos work associated with the summer capital projects as outlined in the memorandum to the superintendent dated May 13, 2014.

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

2.4.6 Approval of HR/Financial Conversion

Traczyk, moved, seconded by Felton, that the Board of Education, District 97, approve award of a contract to Weidenhammer Systems Corporation and Kirtly Technology in the total amount of \$202,749 and Alliance Technology Group, Inc. in the total amount of \$14,066 for the overall HR/Financial Alio software/conversion upgrade as outlined in the memorandum to the superintendent dated May 13, 2014.

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

2.4.7 Action on Student Discipline – 20140527

Sacks, moved, seconded by Felton, that the Board of Education, District 97, uphold the suspension of student 20140527.

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

COMMITTEE / WORK GROUP REPORTS

POLICY REVIEW UPDATE

It was reported that the updated PRESS policies were received today, along with the redlined versions of some of the Oak Park specific policies. It was noted that the Policy Committee will also need to review policies that deal with iPads.

FACILITIES UPDATE (FAC)

O'Neill reported that the committee expressed interest in the Cap-Ex model. They recommended that the approval process included a notation that identifies when an item moves from one step to another. Additionally, they suggested a narrative as to why an item is needed, and additional comments that document the history of a request. Member Brisben will attend the next FAC meeting to participate in further discussion.

It was reported that the temperature/humidity control units should be delivered, and installed this week.

FINANCIAL UPDATE (FORC)

None

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE (C.L.A.I.M.)

The updated resolutions for data sharing and data equity were shared. It was reported that after approval by the Board, the two resolutions will be submitted to the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) Resolution committee, and added to the list of resolutions presented during the Joint School Board Conference in November. It was suggested that the Data Sharing Protection resolution be renamed to Local Longitudinal Data Systems. This item will return to the Board for action during the June 10, 2014 Board meeting.

It was reported that a member of the committee resigned, and an announcement for applicants has been posted.

SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION UPDATE

It was reported that the Board will be receiving a protocol detailing how to enter data into the evaluation tool. The Board was reminded that they will have from June 2, 2014 through June 4, 2014 to complete this process.

MADISON STREET PROPERTIES UPDATE

None

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PLAN UPDATE

It was reported that the Cap-Ex model is being well received, and that those who have heard about it are pleased that the district is making it a focus. Concern was expressed about the nomenclature, and a glossary or renaming of some categories was recommended.

AD HOC DASHBOARD/BENCHMARK COMMITTEE UPDATE

It was reported that this committee met last week, and has one meeting scheduled during the summer. The committee was asked to have a product prepared to share with the Board by the beginning of the school year.

BOARD SELF-EVALUATION UPDATE / GOALS TIMELINE

It was reported that the Board will be meeting at the Holley Court Terrace this coming Saturday morning for the purpose of self-evaluation. The agenda for this meeting was reviewed.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Resolution to Adopt Prevailing Wage Rates

O'Neill reported that this is an annual item that requires the Board's approval. This item will return to the Board for action on June 10, 2014.

Appointment of District Treasurer

President Spatz noted that the Board is required to annually appoint a district treasurer. In the recent past, Therese O'Neill has received this appointment, however, it is not required that the head of the business office be the district treasurer. This item will return to the Board for action during the June 10, 2014 meeting.

Vehicle bid

O'Neill reported that the district's box truck is 10 years old, and is now requiring numerous repairs. The bid process for a new truck has been followed. She noted that the low bidder also offered the highest trade-in for the existing truck. This item will return for action on June 10, 2014.

Director of Technology Recommendation

Cummins came to the table. He explained the interview process and reported that Michael Arensdorff emerged from the group with strong knowledge, vision for student impact, and student learning; therefore, Arensdorff is being recommended for the position of Director of Technology. This item will return to the Board for action on June 10, 2014.

Cummins noted that during the June 10, 2014 meeting, the Board will be asked to approve a stipend for Arensdorff for his efforts as interim Director of Technology.

CONCLUDING ITEMS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

None

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BOARD CONCERNS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Brisben reported that he attended two PTO meetings, and sent an update to the Board members on each.

Vice President Gates reminded the Board that the Day in Our Village event is Sunday, June 1, 2014.

Member Felton attended the Beye PTO meeting last week. She reported that the parents are excited about the iPad roll-out. She acknowledged Principal Ellwanger for sharing a wonderful summary of PTO and school events throughout the year.

President Spatz reported that the IASB West Cook dinner will be held at Julian Middle School on June 23, 2014. He noted that he met the district's new IASB field representative.

PREVIEW DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE MAY 27, 2014 BOARD MEETING

The May 27, 2014 draft agenda was reviewed and revised.

BOARD 2013-14 TIMELINE

The Board timeline was reviewed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Sacks moved, seconded by Felton, that the Board of Education move into executive session at 8:37 p.m. to discuss (Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employees, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), Purchase or Lease of Real Property, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5), Collective Negotiations, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2))

Ayes: Sacks, Felton, Traczyk, Gate, Brisben, and Spatz

Nays: None

Absent: O'Connor

Motion passed.

OPEN SESSION

Sacks moved, seconded by Felton, that the Board of Education move into open session at 10:11 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 10:11 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2014 beginning at 7 p.m. at the Administration building located at 970 Madison Street, Oak Park, Illinois.

Board President

Board Secretary