

**Official Minutes of the
Oak Park Board of Education District 97,
970 Madison Street, Oak Park, Cook County, Illinois
Meeting July 22, 2014**

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

Present: Spatz, Felton, Sacks and O'Connor
Absent: Gates, Traczyk, and Brisben
Also Present: Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations Therese O'Neill, Senior Director of Policy, Planning and Communications Chris Jasculca, Senior Director of Special Services Mike Padavic, Senior Director of Administrative Services Felicia Starks Turner, and Board Secretary Sheryl Marinier

ROLL CALL

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Sacks moved, seconded by Felton, that the Board of Education move into executive session at 6:31 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.

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

OPEN SESSION

Sacks moved, seconded by Felton, that the Board of Education move into open session at 6:59 p.m. All members of the Board in attendance were in agreement. The meeting was reconvened at 7:02 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Peterson, an Oak Park resident, expressed concern about privacy issues related to the iPad initiative. He explained that Apple sent information telling parents that they will need to create an Apple ID in order to move forward with the initiative. He expressed concern about waiving their privacy rights. He asked the district to consider other ways to allow access without tracking his child's data. He reported that he and his wife met with Michael Arensdorff and the technology coordinator at Irving, but wished to express their concern to the Board as well.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Personnel

O'Connor, moved, seconded by Felton, that the Board of Education, District 97, approve the personnel action as presented.

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

ACTION ITEMS

The new staff members in attendance were introduced.

2.1.1 Approval of Minutes from the June 10, 2014 Board Meeting

Sacks, moved, seconded by Felton, that the Board of Education, District 97, approve the minutes from the June 10, 2014 Board Meeting.

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

2.1.2 Approval of Minutes from the June 24, 2014 Board Meeting

Sacks, moved, seconded by O’Connor, that the Board of Education, District 97, approve the revised minutes from the June 24, 2014 Board Meeting.

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

2.2 Approval of Consent Agenda

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

- 2.2.1 Bill List
- 2.2.3 Recertification of Hazardous Crossings

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

2.3.1 Adoption of Tentative Budget

Sacks, moved, seconded by Felton, that the Board of Education, District 97, adopt its tentative 2014-15 budget in the total amount of \$93,068,511 (inclusive of \$79,111,165 of operating fund expenditures and \$13,957,346 of non-operating expenditures), thus placing such tentative budget on display for a minimum of 30 days and calling for a public hearing of said budget on September 9, 2014.

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

COMMITTEE / WORK GROUP REPORTS

POLICY

Chris Jasculca came to the table. Policies 4:100 Insurance Management, 4:160 Environmental quality of buildings and grounds, 4:170 - Safety, 4:175 – Convicted Child Sex Offender; Criminal Background check and/or Screen; Notification, 5:280 – Educational Support Personnel – Duties and Qualifications Policy, 6:150 - Home and Hospital Instruction, and 7:250 – Student Support Services were reviewed and changes were identified.

Jasculca reported that the district specific policies have been sent to the Board. He requested feedback by August 1, 2014. These items will return to the Board for action on August 19, 2014.

COMMITTEE /
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FACILITIES UPDATE (FAC)

Therese O'Neill shared that the district is progressing nicely with all of the summer projects. The temperature gauges have been installed; all four schools getting new furniture have had the old furniture removed, and the new furniture will arrive the first week in August, 2014.

President Spatz noted that a few residents who live near Brooks Middle School have expressed concern about the landscaping changes being made around the school. They are concerned that the changes might encourage students to want to spend more time there. The principal will meet with the neighbors to resolve their concerns. It was noted that the project is scheduled for completion by August 15, 2014.

The next FAC meeting is scheduled for August 26, 2014.

FINANCIAL UPDATE (FORC)

The recent meeting was cancelled due to the weather concerns that evening. It has been rescheduled for August 11, 2014. Two new members will attend that meeting.

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

Member Felton reported that this committee also has two new members. The committee is working on preparations for the legislative forum. It was noted that the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) will be holding a meeting on August 1, 2014, and the district has been invited to present testimony regarding the two resolutions submitted for consideration.

SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION UPDATE

It was noted that the Board is waiting for a report from ECRA that is needed before the superintendent evaluation process can move forward.

MADISON STREET PROPERTIES UPDATE

This item was discussed in executive session.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PLAN UPDATE

No report was given.

AD HOC DASHBOARD/BENCHMARK COMMITTEE UPDATE

This committee met last week. It was reported that they are making progress, and would like to share a presentation during the September 9, 2014 Board meeting. Their next meeting is scheduled for August 6, 2014.

BOARD SELF-EVALUATION UPDATE / GOALS TIMELINE

It was noted that a special meeting has been scheduled on August 12, 2014 for this purpose.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Update on food Service Staff Salaries

Therese O'Neill came to the table. She recommended a 2 percent increase for the 47 food services staff members. She noted that the total cost will be \$6,700. This item will return for action on August 19, 2014.

ADMINISTRATIVE
ITEMS

CONCLUDING ITEMS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Roberts expressed his gratitude to his team, and to President Spatz for handling the issues that arose during his absence.

CONCLUDING
ITEMS

He reported that two very strong candidates were identified for the Director of Curriculum and Instruction positions. He plans on bringing a recommendation to the Board on August 19, 2014.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT (Continued)

He reported that he is currently screening for the Deputy Superintendent position. Interviewing will begin next week, and he hopes to have a recommendation to bring forward by August 19, 2014 as well.

Dr. Roberts reminded the Board that the August 19, 2014 agenda will include an update on Rosetta Stone. He will be meeting with Dawn Deaton in early August to compare the available options.

He reminded the Board that Chicago will be hosting the IB Workshop in November.

BOARD CONCERNS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members Sacks and Gates attended the recent IGOV meeting. Time was requested on the August 19, 2014 agenda to share an update on this committee.

Member O’Connor shared a report on NCTQ Teacher Prep Review.

Dr. Roberts noted that all eight elementary principals continue to work on some of the challenging schedules.

Member Felton attended the Backpack4class fundraiser. She noted that District 97 children will be the recipients of this effort.

President Spatz and member Felton visited Hephzibah yesterday. It was noted that the annual contract with this group will need to be revised and come to the Board for approval. Hephzibah representatives expressed the need for additional space, and expressed a concern about miscommunication about the beginning and ending of the school years. A two year school calendar was recommended.

It was reported that the Collaboration for Early Childhood has been contacted by the president of the Ericson Institute about the collaboration participating in a pilot program. President Spatz will attend a meeting tomorrow about this opportunity.

BOARD RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Roberts will respond to this concern.

PREVIEW DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE AUGUST 19, 2014 BOARD MEETING

The draft agenda for August 19, 2014 was reviewed and changes were identified.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Sacks moved, seconded by Felton, that the Board of Education move into executive session at 7:57 p.m. to discuss (Collective Negotiations 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)). Roll call vote.

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

OPEN SESSION

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Sacks moved, seconded by Felton, that the Board of Education move into open session at 9:05 p.m. All members of the Board in attendance were in agreement.

ADJOURNMENT

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There being no further business to conduct, President Spatz declared the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday, August 19, 2014 beginning at 7 p.m. at the Administration building located at 970 Madison Street, Oak Park, Illinois.

Board President

Board Secretary