

**Official Minutes of the
Oak Park Board of Education District 97,
970 Madison Street, Oak Park, Cook County, Illinois
Special Meeting December 16, 2014**

Vice President Gates called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Present: Gates, Felton, Sacks, Traczyk, and Brisben
Absent: Spatz and O'Connor
Also Present: Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts, Senior Director of Administrative Services
Felicia Starks Turner, and Board Secretary Sheryl Marinier

ROLL CALL

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Felton moved, seconded by Sacks, that the Board of Education move into executive session at 2:00 p.m. to discuss (Student Discipline 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9)). Roll call vote.

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

OPEN SESSION

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Traczyk moved, seconded by Sacks, that the Board of Education move into open session at 2:30 p.m. All members of the Board were in agreement.

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

ACTION ITEMS

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Resolution Authorizing Student Disciplinary Action

Felton moved, seconded by Sacks, that the Board of Education, District 97, approve the following resolution regarding student 20141612.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of OAK PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 97, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS (“BOARD” or “DISTRICT”) conducted a hearing in closed session on December 16, 2014, in the matter of the discipline of Student 20141612 (“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 20141612 is guilty of gross misconduct and/or disobedience; 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 interests of the student;

WHEREAS, the BOARD has determined that the 10-day out of school suspension of STUDENT 20141612 should be upheld; and

WHEREAS, the BOARD has determined that STUDENT 20141612 should be expelled from the DISTRICT for the 2014-2015 school year, and that said expulsion shall be held in abeyance for the 2014-2015 school year so long as STUDENT 20141612 complies with all of the conditions set forth in the Student Behavior Contract attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

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

Section 1: That the 10-day out of school suspension of STUDENT 20141612 is hereby upheld.

Section 2: That STUDENT 20141612 is expelled from the DISTRICT effective immediately and for the 2014-2015 school year and that the expulsion is held in abeyance for the 2014-2015 school year so long as STUDENT 20141612 successfully complies with the conditions listed in the Student Behavior Contract attached hereto as Exhibit 1. Failure to comply with the conditions in the Student Behavior contract shall result in STUDENT 20141612 immediate expulsion and will go into effect without any further action by the BOARD.

Section 3: That the Superintendent or his designee shall send written notice to the parents of STUDENT informing them of the BOARD'S decision.

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

ADOPTED THIS 16TH DAY OF December, 2014, by the following vote:

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

ADJOURNMENT

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There being no further business to conduct, Vice President Gates declared the meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 beginning at 7 p.m. at the district Administration building located at 970 Madison Street, Oak Park, Illinois.

Board President

Board Secretary