

**Official Minutes of the
Oak Park Board of Education District 97,
970 Madison Street, Oak Park, Cook County, Illinois
Special Meeting March 31, 2014**

President Spatz called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Spatz, Sacks, Felton, O'Connor (4:03 p.m.), Brisben, and Traczyk
Absent: Gates
Also Present: Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts, Director of HR Steve Cummins, Principal John Hodge, Attorneys Vanessa Clohessy and Pam Simaga, and Board Secretary Sheryl Marinier

PUBLIC COMMENT

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Nara Shoenberg, an Oak Park resident, parent of two students at Mann School and active volunteer, spoke highly of Mr. LeDeaux. She noted that he has a genuine passion for the job and for the children. She feels that the voices of the community were not heard and suggested that the principal evaluation process be more open, transparent, and include parent input.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Sacks moved, seconded by Felton, that the Board of Education move into executive session at 4:08 p.m. to discuss (Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)). Roll call vote.

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

OPEN SESSION

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Sacks moved, seconded by Felton, that the Board of Education move into open session at 9:25 p.m. All members of the Board were in agreement.

ACTION ITEMS

4.1 Suspension with/without Pay for a Fourth Year Probationary Teacher

This item was tabled.

4.2 Suspension with/without Pay for a Tenure Teacher

Traczyk moved, seconded by Sacks, that the Board of Education, District 97, suspend without pay, tenured teacher Joseph Gray for 7 employment days and send Joseph Gray notice thereof.

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

9.1 Approval of a Settlement Agreement and General Release

Traczyk moved, seconded by Sacks, that the Board of Education, District 97, approve the Settlement Agreement and General Release with Sam LeDeaux.

Ayes: Traczyk, Sacks, Felton, Brisben, O'Connor, and Spatz

Nays: None

Absent: Gates

Motion passed.

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O'Connor moved, seconded by Felton, that the Board of Education move into executive session at 9:30 p.m. to discuss (Collective Negotiations, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)). Roll call vote.

Ayes: O'Connor, Felton, Traczyk, Brisben, Sacks, and Spatz

Nays: None

Absent: Gates

Motion passed.

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Brisben moved, seconded by Traczyk, that the Board of Education move into open session at 9:36 p.m. All members of the Board were in agreement.

ADJOURNMENT

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There being no further business to conduct, President Spatz declared the meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 beginning at 7 p.m. at the Administration building located at 970 Madison Street, Oak Park, Illinois.

Board President

Board Secretary