

**Official Minutes of the
Oak Park Board of Education District 97,
970 Madison Street, Oak Park, Cook County, Illinois
February 22, 2011**

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

Present: Barber, Clouser (6:46 p.m.), Reddy, Gates, Harton (6:41 p.m.), Spatz and Traczyk
Absent: Dr. Roberts
Also Present: Human Resources Director Trish Carlson, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations Therese O'Neill, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Kevin Anderson, Director of Special Education Mike Padavic, Communications Coordinator Chris Jasculca, and Board Secretary Sheryl Marinier

ROLL CALL

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Gates moved, seconded by Reddy, that the Board of Education move into executive session at 6:30 p.m. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Gates, Reddy, Spatz, Barber, and Traczyk
Nays: None
Absent: Harton, Clouser
Motion passed.

OPEN SESSION

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Reddy moved, seconded by Gates, that the Board of Education move into open session at 7:08 p.m. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Reddy, Gates, Spatz, Harton, Barber, Clouser, and Traczyk
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion passed.

SPECIAL REPORTS

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FACE-IT PROGRAM

Bert Patania of the Oak Park Township Youth Services shared information about FACE-IT, a substance abuse program the Township is interested in implementing. He explained that the program would be offered at no cost to the school district. One method of referring families into the program would be through the district's discipline policy/procedures. Students and parents would be given the opportunity to participate in the FACE-IT program in lieu of suspension. The 12 to 15 week program would require attendance by both the parent and the student. Patania reported that the Township is currently looking for facilitators. Lynn Allen, a District 97 administrator, is currently listed as a facilitator. Patania expressed interest in piloting the program through District 97 and tracking the students for a full year to measure the program's success. Once the pilot has proven to be successful, the Township would expand into districts 200 and 90.

Patania asked the Board to consider a formal agreement with the Township and a willingness to share data throughout the programs lifetime.

FACE-IT PROGRAM (Continued)

The policy committee was asked to review the discipline policy. It was recommended that the administration prepare a list of other publications, such as, the student handbook, that might be affected by this program. The Board will ask Dr. Roberts to think through what the pilot looks like and how to encourage students to participate.

Interest was expressed in hearing the high school’s opinion of the program. Board members were encouraged to contact Patania directly with additional questions.

TECH PLANNING UPDATE

Kevin Anderson and Cao Mac updated the Board on the status of the technology plan. They reported that for year one of the plan, every identified task has been completed. With the introduction of new technology, Mac reported that professional development is essential. More than 400 teachers have received training this year, and 25-30 additional classes will still be offered. Anderson and Mac shared the items identified in year two of the tech plan and also for the future vision.

Interest was expressed in seeing a report that detailed the actual cost/savings for year one of the plan. Interest was also expressed in having a teacher leader present a short program to the PTO Council. Information regarding a researcher for the NSF grant was requested. Additionally, it was requested that the technology labs be monitored to ensure all classrooms have an equal opportunity to utilize them.

Lorrie Applebey, Lynne Zillman, Elise Jury and Laura Swartzbaugh demonstrated some technology skills and techniques that teachers are currently using in classrooms.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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None

ACTION ITEMS

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3.1.1 Approval of Minutes of February 8, 2011

Clouser moved, seconded by Barber, that the Board of Education, District 97, approve the minutes from the February 8, 2011 meeting. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Clouser, Barber, Harton, Spatz, Reddy, Gates, and Traczyk

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

3.2.1 Consent Agenda

Harton moved, seconded by Reddy, that the Board of Education, District 97, approve the consent agenda as presented in the Board packet. Roll call vote.

2.2.1 Bill Lists and Related Reports

2.3.1 Personnel Action as presented

Ayes: Harton, Reddy, Gates, Clouser, Spatz, Barber, and Traczyk

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

3.3.1 Approval of Settlement Agreement

Barber moved, seconded by Gates, that the Board of Education, District 97, approve the settlement agreement as presented.

Ayes: Barber, Gates, Reddy, Clouser, Harton, Spatz, and Traczyk

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

TOPIC REPORTS

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CAPITAL PROJECT BID REVIEW

Therese O'Neill and Norm Lane explained the process regarding the capital project bid review. This year's capital projects are focused on construction at Lincoln School. The Board was asked to consider a one-story or two-story addition at that location. O'Neill reported that everything presented to the Board this evening has been reviewed by the Facilities Advisory Committee, and it is the committee's recommendation to consider the two-story addition at this time. O'Neill explained that this option is a financially wise consideration, and she believes the funds can come from the district's O&M fund.

O'Neill explained the timeline of the proposed project, which includes adding secure entrances to both Lincoln and Longfellow by August 18, 2011.

Member Harton left at 10 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION PROCESS

This item was tabled.

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The Superintendent's report was not given during this meeting as Dr. Roberts was not in attendance.

BOARD CONCERNS

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The Board was reminded that the IASB Spring Dinner meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 22. It was noted that the Board will not be able to attend as this event falls on a Board meeting night, however, the two Board candidates were encouraged to attend this event.

It was noted that the Board received hard copy of the school classroom visits policy and administrative procedures for review. They were asked to email comments on these policies to the committee members by February 28.

Chris Jасulca was asked to review/address the issues between the state of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin public schools and if necessary assure the Oak Park community that the Wisconsin issue does not compare to the financial problems in our community.

Member Gates will substitute for Member Spatz at the ED-RED meeting on Thursday at 1 p.m.

The Early Childhood Collaboration Symposium will be held at Julian on Saturday. 375 people preregistered.

Data regarding the LAC discussion on March 1 will be in the next board packet. It was suggested that the incoming Board members receive the data as well.

BOARD CONCERNS (Continued)

A concern was shared about posting the technology plan on the Web site as it appears in the Board packet. Kevin Anderson was asked to reword the document so that it conveys the vision clearly. The revised document will be posted on the Web site following the approved minutes from this meeting.

A brief discussion took place regarding the technology inventory in the schools. It was noted that a complete list is being created at this time.

BOARD RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT - None

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ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no further business to conduct, President Traczyk declared the meeting adjourned at 10:24 p.m.

A special meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday, March 1, 2011, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration building located at 970 Madison Street.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will be on Tuesday, March 8, 2011, beginning at 7 p.m. at Mann School located at 921 N. Kenilworth.

Board President

Board Secretary