

**Official Minutes of the
Oak Park Board of Education District 97,
970 Madison Street, Cook County, Oak Park, Illinois
April 6, 2010 Special meeting**

President Traczyk called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

Present: Spatz, Clouser, Reddy, Harton, Barber, and Traczyk
Absent: Gates
Also Present: Director of Human Resources Trish Carlson, Director of Special Education Mike Padavic, and Board Secretary Sheryl Marinier

ROLL CALL

Public Comment

None

Board of Education Priorities

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The Board interviewed three search firms, School Exec Connect, Proact Search, and Hazard, Young, Attea and Associates LTD. A list of questions was submitted to the firms prior to the interviews. Each firm discussed its abilities and shared its suggestions on how to conduct a fast-track search, a full-length search and the possible need for an interim superintendent. Each interview lasted approximately one hour.

After discussion, the Board narrowed down their choices to two firms. It was agreed that member Gates, who was absent due to illness, should receive the handouts from the firms, along with a copy of the audio from the meeting. It was also agreed that a discussion regarding the firms would take place during the next Board meeting on April 13, resulting in a vote to hire one of them.

The Board discussed their availability and priorities. All agreed that the superintendent search needs to be a priority. It was also agreed that a superintendent search update will be added to future Board agendas.

Response to Public Comment

None

Executive Session

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Reddy moved, seconded by Harton, that the Board of Education move into executive session at 9:36 p.m. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Clouser, Spatz, Reddy, Barber, Harton, and Traczyk
Absent: Gates
Motion passed.

There being no further business to conduct, President Traczyk declared the meeting adjourned at 10:16 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will be on Tuesday April 13, 2010 beginning at 7 p.m. at the administration building located at 970 Madison Street.

Board President

Board Secretary