

**Official Minutes of the
Oak Park Board of Education District 97,
260 Madison Street, Oak Park, Cook County, Illinois
Special Meeting May 3, 2017**

President Spurlock called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m.

Present: Spurlock, Breymaier and Broy
Absent: Spatz, O'Connor, Liebl and Datta
Also Present: Superintendent Dr. Carol Kelley, Assistant Superintendent of HR Laurie Campbell, Chief Academic and Accountability Officer Dr. Amy Warke, Principals Todd Fitzgerald and LeeAndra Khan, CAST and BRAVO directors Bill McGlynn and Tina Reynolds, CAST board representative Stephanie Kiesling and Susan Van Dusartz, BRAVO board representative Michelle Henderson, and Board Secretary Sheryl Marinier

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Dr. Kelley led a discussion regarding the district's support of CAST and BRAVO programs. She noted the need for the district to be good stewards. Conversation focused on the support of the two administrative positions, and both organizations expressed concern about funding those positions on their own. Dr. Kelley acknowledged that she has heard a lot of concern around losing those positions and expressed interest in discussing the possibility of a partnership. Dr. Kelley went on to explain that the Middle School IB program needs another block (50 minutes) associated with the arts in order to continue their certification. She recommended that the district and CAST/BRAVO leadership use the upcoming school year to work collaboratively with the two middle schools to create a program that ensures that all students receive a course on performing arts. She explained that if they are successful, then the two administrative positions will not be just supporting CAST/BRAVO, but the district too.

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It was suggested that a course on performing arts may encourage more students to participate in the after school programs. It was noted that both schools already offer courses on speech and debate.

Dr. Kelley explained that the teachers would design the coursework with a vision of having the students experience something special at each level. She explained that the teachers teaching these classes would need to be licensed.

With this in mind, Dr. Kelley will recommend to Dr. Evans that the district maintain the two administrative positions for the 2017-2018 school year, and for the 2018-2019 school year, staffing needs will be reconsidered. Dr. Kelley suggested a district committee to assist with this change and ensure that the district meets all the requirements to maintain the IB certification in 2020. Dr. Kelley asked Principals Fitzgerald and Khan to craft a proposal of what the curriculum will look like for next year. She asked the principals and the CAST/BRAVO board members to consider ways that the two administrative positions can support the entire school.

Member Breymaier requested that as the district moves forward it think about equity and excellence, requesting that the models be the same at both schools and open to all students. Tina Reynolds clarified the BRAVO casting process, noting that all children who express interest in participating are given a role, and there is a show each year that is limited to only sixth graders. She noted that there may be a perception that participation is limited, but assured the Board that it is not true. Bill McGlynn noted that CAST is all about inclusivity; everyone gets a role.

Dr. Kelley asked the Board to consider an Ad Hoc committee to consider the following;

- 1) Currently the teachers who teach during the day and provide enrichment after school receive a stipend for their afterschool work. Do we want the stipend process to continue?
- 2) Currently the principals evaluate the teachers who work during the day. If the performing arts director is not working during the day, he/she is not being evaluated. Do we want the process to continue?
- 3) Consider conversations on business tasks that might be combined and other business functions, like 5013C status. The Board expressed interest in seeing the full picture. Both the CAST and BRAVO boards offered to share information.

It was suggested that administration review Integrated Studies at Julian.

It was agreed that Alicia Evans and Laurie Campbell will review the business end of this request, and an Ad Hoc committee will be created that includes a member of the BRAVO and CAST boards, a member of the District 97 Board of Education, Laurie Campbell and Alicia Evans. They will review the possibility of the programs applying for 5013C, other operational possibilities, and milestones will be identified.

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There being no further business to conduct, President Spurlock declared the meeting adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

Board President

Board Secretary