

# Official Minutes of the Oak Park Board of Education Elementary District 97, Cook County, Oak Park, Illinois

## CLOSED MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 27, 2016 TIME: 6:00 p.m. Portions of these minutes where released on July 18, 2017

The Board convened in closed session at 6:00 p.m. Answering present and attending in person were President Gates, Vice President Felton, Members Spatz, Brisben, O'Connor, Datta, and Spurlock.

Also: Superintendent Dr. Carol Kelley, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations Alicia Evans, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Laurie Campbell, Attorney Phil Garner, Architect Jennifer Costanzo (6:38 p.m.), and Board Secretary Sheryl Marinier

Summary discussion of the Board on all matters:

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### 5) Probable Litigation – Holmes Construction

Costanzo shared options for the Holmes School expansion and noted that the project will be delayed due to the Village not allowing access for the soil boring. Costanzo noted that the delay will push back the completion of the project until late October or maybe as late as January.

It was explained that the Village is requesting a memorandum of understanding be in place before they allow the soil boring. Additionally, the Village is requesting that the memorandum of understanding include transfer of property (Hatch playground area) to the Village.

Concern was expressed about combining the two requests. It was agreed that a draft agreement could be written and reviewed by legal.

It was noted that if the new classrooms are not ready in the fall, the student enrollment data will need to be reviewed. If the district has to wait to build until FY18, there will be another five percent increase in the cost of the Holmes project, and it was noted that other projects are already scheduled during that time.

It was agreed that the memorandum of understanding would be expedited and could be approved at the next Village Board meeting scheduled for October 17, 2016. It was agreed that the Board should send a letter to the Village board and remind them that the district helped them with the TIF agreement. A copy of that memo should be sent to legal.

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### 6) Probable Litigation – Downtown TIF

It was reported that the Downtown TIF amendment was approved by the Village and District 200, and it was noted that the District 200 Board will not be participating in the joint statement. It was noted that the statement is ready to go.

### OPEN SESSION

O'Connor moved, seconded by Datta, that the Board of Education move into Open Session at 7:00 p.m. All members of the Board were in agreement.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, President Gates declared the meeting adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

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Board President