

Official Minutes of the
Oak Park Board of Education District 97
260 Madison Street, Oak Park
October 11, 2022 Regular Meeting

This meeting was held in-person and virtually using Livestream. Board members met in person along with Administration.

President Kim called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Kim, Moore, Ross Dribin, Spurlock, Kearney (left closed 6:42pm - returned 7:06pm)

Absent: Hurd Johnson, Kinhal

Also Present: Superintendent Dr. Ushma Shah, Associate Superintendent of Education Dr. Felicia Starks Turner, Interim Senior Director of Human Resources Dr. Tim Kilrea, Senior Director of Technology Michael Arensdorff, Senior Director of Communications Amanda Siegfried, Chief Academic and Accountability Officer Dr. Eboney Lofton, Senior Director of Equity Dr. Carrie Kamm, Senior Director of Buildings & Grounds Jeanne Keane, Dr. Greg Johnson Superintendent D200, Kevin Jackson Oak Park Village Manager, Chief Johnson Oak Park Police Department and Lonya Boose Board Secretary.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Spurlock moved, seconded by Kearney that the Board move into executive session for the purpose of Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees, Collective Negotiating 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(1)(2) at 6:19p.m.

OPEN SESSION

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President Kim motioned that the Board move into Open Session at 6:59 p.m. All present members of the Board were in agreement. The Board convened in Open Session at 7:07 p.m.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

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My Name is Jenna Leving Jacobson, I am a Hatch parent and volunteer with the group “Moms Demand Action”. I am the spokesperson for this public comment. I want to mention Dr. Shah and members of the Board are aware of this initiative and given the discussion on the agenda tonight regarding the IGA, we wanted to come and speak out. Why are we pushing so hard on Gun Storage? In the US guns are the leading cause of death among children. School shooters often times get their weapons from within the home, there are homes with unsecured weapons and children may have handled their parents’ weapons without their knowledge. Public awareness is an essential component of making sure storage resolutions work. I know District 97 prioritizes the emotional support of our students and while collaborating with District 200 and the Village we hope that this is part of your discussion. Firearm storage reduce risk of firearm suicide. Reminding adults about this is a way to build capacity for safety which is part of having a safe gun storage policy. Many area Superintendents have used this as an opportunity to get information out to their communities. School Boards, Law enforcement and Village should all work together to inform secure safe gun storage.

Thank You

4. #D97Joy

Tonight, we have a special guest to highlight for our #D97Joy update. We are joined by Linnea a student at Longfellow Elementary along with her mom, Sonya; Teacher Ms. Raia; and Principal Jefferson. Linnea recently created a drawing in art class that was shared in her teacher’s professional circle. This drawing has received so much positive response, that a request was made to place this image on T-shirts and posters for purchase. While we celebrate this young learner tonight, she is asked what inspired her drawing. Linnea mentions wanting people to know that women have emotions.

This project is a great example of how teachers are designing experiences for our students that not only encourage them to explore their feelings and their curiosity, but to also take their learning outside of the classroom into our community. A portion of the proceeds from these sales will be given to a local non-profit agency. Linnea is helping to demonstrate #D97Joy.

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.1 APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Spurlock moved, seconded by Moore that the Board of Education of Oak Park Elementary School District 97, approves the consent agenda as presented.

- 5.1.1 Approval of Minutes from the September 27, 2022 Board Meeting
- 5.1.2 Bill List
- 5.1.3 Personnel
- 5.1.4 Board Policy 6 :240 Field Trip Approval | Washington DC
- 5.1.5 Approval : Brooks M.S. Equipment Recycle & Disposal Request

Ayes: Kim, Kearney, Ross Dribin, Moore, Spurlock

Nays: None

Absent: Hurd Johnson, Kinhal

Motion passed.

5.2. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

5.2.1 Approval of MOU with OPTA for 2-year extension of the 2018-2022 Collective Bargaining Agreement

Spurlock moved, seconded by Moore that the Board of Education of Oak Park Elementary School District 97 moves to approve the MOU with OPTA for a 2-year extension of the 2018-2022 Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Ayes: Kim, Kearney, Ross Dribin, Moore, Spurlock

Nays: None

Absent: Hurd Johnson, Kinhal

Motion passed.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

6.1 Intergovernmental Agreement with Village of Oak Park (For purpose of Reciprocal Reporting, the Provisions of a Law Enforcement Officer to Serve on District’s Threat Assessment Team, and for the Provision of General Procedures for Law Enforcement Action on School Grounds

Presented by: Dr. Ushma Shah District 97 Superintendent, Dr. Greg Johnson District 200 Superintendent, Kevin Jackson Village Manager and Police Chief Johnson.

District 97 in collaboration with District 200 and the Village of Oak Park has engaged in thoughtful collaboration between the local agencies who are all charged with serving youth here in Oak Park. In recognizing the urgent need for community dialogue about the intersection of schools and safety, this IGA names our shared interest in ensuring the safety of our schools. There is a need to restore relationships between agencies. We believe this can be accomplished by evolving our notion of what it means to work together to ensure safety and racial equity at the same time.

Key Provisions within the IGA:

- Ensures compliance with the district’s and the police department’s legal obligations, concerning the sharing of information between the two agencies.
- Designates which individuals, both within the district and the police department, may be privy to shared information.
- Establishes clear limitations on and procedures for the handling of criminal activity and police matters within the school building, to the extent such is necessary.
- Ensures compliance with the requirement under state law that a law enforcement officer serve on the District 97 and District 200 threat assessment teams.

Next Steps:

This IGA will be presented at District 200 and the Village Board for Discussion, then a final round for action following those discussions.

Complete details of this IGA/Memo/FAQ can be viewed by accessing the documents in the board packet at www.op97.com/boe.

7. BOARD ASSIGNMENTS

- Members of CLAIM met recently to reestablish its meetings, discuss direction and committee outreach. More information to follow.
- PTOC meets next week on October 19.
- Collaboration for Early Childhood is planning its first meeting of the year at the end of the month.
- Tri-Board for Equity is looking to reestablish. More information to follow.

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8. CONCLUDING ITEMS

8.1 Board Remarks

Board member Spurlock: The Washington DC trip is scheduled to take place in May 2023. I want to thank the committee which has current 8th grade and 7th grade parents for continuity. I also want to thank Dr. Carrie Kamm for being a great liaison and for supporting these efforts. I am excited for what is planned for the students. We plan to visit the African American Museum and many more locations.

CONCLUDING
ITEMS

8.2 Conference Report Out

Dr. Shah mentions attending the IASA Conference in Springfield. While there she was able to connect and engage with many colleagues. Dr. Shah is also looking forward to possibly co-creating an infinity space for Women Superintendents of Color in the future.

10. ADJOURNMENT

All Five Present Members of the Board were in agreement that the meeting be adjourned. There being no further business to conduct, President Kim declared the meeting adjourned by voice vote at 8:13 p.m.

Board President

Board Secretary