



Oak Park Elementary School District 97

To: Board of Education
Dr. Ushma Shah, Superintendent

From: Dr. Sheila Johnson, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations

Authorization: Pay Bills and Hire Staff

Date: November 14, 2023

The Board of Education has moved to a new meeting structure in SY24. Instead of a two business meeting per month cadence, there is now an alternating business meeting and Committee of the Whole meeting structure.

Given the new plan, administration is requesting that the Board grant administration the authority to pay bills prior to the next Board business meeting approval opportunity. This will ensure that all bills are paid on time and no penalties or interest are incurred.

In addition, administration is requesting that the Board grant the authority to hire staff for open positions between Board meetings, if needed. This will ensure that District 97 can offer positions to the best qualified staff without delay. All new hires and expenditures will be included on the subsequent Board agenda.

Motion:

That the Board of Education moves to approve under consent agenda the administration authorization to pay bills and hire.