

Official Minutes of the
Oak Park Board of Education District 97
260 Madison Street, Oak Park
January 10, 2023 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 6:06 p.m.

Present: Kim, Moore, Ross Dribin, Kearney, Hurd Johnson, Spurlock (joined remote)

ROLL CALL

Absent: Kinhal

Also Present: Superintendent Dr. Ushma Shah, Associate Superintendent of Education Dr. Felicia Starks Turner, Senior Director of Technology Michael Arensdorff, Chief Academic and Accountability Officer Dr. Eboney Lofton, Senior Director of Equity Dr. Carrie Kamm, Senior Director of Buildings & Grounds Jeanne Keane, Senior Director of Finance Patrick King, Communications Coordinator Rebecca Bald, and Lonya Boose Board Secretary.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Hurd Johnson 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 6:07 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

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President Kim motioned that the Board move into Open Session at 7:02 p.m. All present members of the Board were in agreement. The Board convened in Open Session at 7:08 p.m.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

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From: Gregg Rosen

I was up here in December, and we talked about a number of concerns at Longfellow and since then a lot has happened. Two teachers resigned almost effective immediately and we have a hole in administration. These teachers were top notch and had nothing but support from longfellow staff and the community. I look at our role, in supporting teachers and community, I look at your role as community advocates. Longfellow is an institution that needs to be protected with red flags that need your support. Teachers are running into challenges. I say to each of you, we can seek to understand or turn the other cheek on what needs to be done. I know both teachers were interviewed by the Union and Director of Human Resources. I hope you were able to review this information. As we seek to understand, and now that the two new teachers are in place, are we going to look in to what happened? Teachers develop and inspire. We point to these teachers as inspiration in our lives. Teachers are choosing behavioral health over career. I know there is not a lot of communication between the Union and Administration. We need you to work this out, we need your help. We will try as a community but we need your help. This would look much different in the corporate world. We would all get into a room and hammer out these issues. Each of you with your skill set, need to seek to understand so that change can happen. This movement started with two classrooms and has now expanded far beyond. Have you reviewed the exit surveys from both the Union

and Human Recourses. I would like each of you to go on record, if your answer is no, why? I am coming to these meetings every month. We can't do this along. Thank you for your time.

4. SPECIAL REPORTS

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4.1 #D97Joy Culture and Celebration Update

Student Celebrations

Brooks Varsity Girls Basketball Team | Undefeated Regular Season

Congratulations to the Brooks Middle School eighth-grade girls basketball team who went undefeated during the regular season and were the runner-up at the conference tournament! Thank you to the families, as well as coach, Dr. Kina Brown for your support this season.

Julian Varsity Girls Basketball Team Captures Conference Title

The Julian eighth-grade girls basketball team topped Brooks Middle School in the West Suburban Conference championship game on October 25, 2022. The Jayhawks finished the season with a 14-1 record, with their only loss being to Brooks earlier in the season. Congratulation on your hard work and dedication and thank you to our staff and families for their commitment and support, especially our coaches Ashley Kannan and Imani Lewis.

We are so proud when our student athletes demonstrate the many dimensions in which they excel, including sports successes. Congratulations again for demonstrating #D97 Joy.

Student Athlete celebrations can be found by viewing the recording of this meeting on the D97 YouTube Channel.

5. ACTION ITEMS

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5.1 APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Hurd Johnson moved, seconded by Moore that the Board of Education of Oak Park Elementary School District 97 moves to approve the consent agenda as presented.

- 5.1.1 Approval of Minutes from the December 13, 2022 Board Meeting
- 5.1.2 Bill List
- 5.1.3 Personnel
- 5.1.4 Approval : SY24 Budget Authority
- 5.1.5 Approval : BRAVO Program Donation
- 5.1.6 Approval : Julian PTO Field Trip Donation
- 5.1.7 Approval : Julian PTO Cheer Team Uniform Donation
- 5.1.8 Approval : Beye Elementary PTO Donation Green Team Assembly

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

Nays: None

Absent: Kinhal

Motion passed.

5.2 DISCUSSION AND ACTION (1.10.23)

5.2.1 Approval: Recommendation for Summer Programming

Ross Dribin moved, seconded by Kearney that the Board of Education of Oak Park District 97, moves to approve the summer 2023 programming as presented on December 13, 2022, not to exceed \$213,187.

Ayes: Kim, Kearney, Hurd Johnson, Ross Dribin, Spurlock
Nays: Moore
Absent: Kinhal
Motion passed.

5.2.2 Approval: Summer 2023 (Phase 1) Construction Bids

Presenter: Jeanne Keane, Jennifer Costanzo from STR and Peter Kuhn from Bulley & Andrews

Type of Report: Information & Action

Purpose of Report:

The purpose of this report is to provide the Board of Education information regarding the Summer 2023 Construction bid opening. At 2:00 PM on November 15, 2022, sealed bids were publicly opened at the Oak Park Elementary School District 97 Administration Building for the D97 Summer 2023 Life Safety Work. Bid Group 1 included the following trades: General Trades, Roofing, Plumbing, Mechanical and Electrical. Due to limited response from subcontractors, a re-bid was performed on December 14, 2022 for General Trades and Mechanical.

Based on the review of the bid results and verifying the scope in the bids to be consistent with the contract documents, Bulley & Andrews recommends the award of the following contractors for General Trades, Roofing, Plumbing, Mechanical and Electrical.

Trade	Proposed Contractor	Actual Award Value
General	Trade Bulley & Andrews	\$773,197
Roofing	A-1 Roofing	\$990,500
Plumbing	CJ Erickson	\$166,700
Mechanical	Helm Mechanical	\$1,635,000
Electrical	ProArc	\$1,713,946

Totals \$5,279,343

FAC reviewed the bid summaries on Monday December 19, 2022 and recommended awarding of bids in accordance with the presented summaries.

Due to extremely long lead times and supply chain issues of mechanical equipment and related materials we ask that the Board of Education of Oak Park District 97 approve the Summer 2023 Construction at its January 10, 2023 meeting.

Motion:

Moore moved, seconded by Ross Dribin that the Board of Education of Oak Park District 97 moves to approve the Summer 2023 Phase 1 Construction Bids in the amount of \$5,279,343 as presented to the Board in the weekly update on December 9, 2022 and at the Board table on January 10, 2023.

Ayes: Kim, Kearney, Moore, Hurd Johnson, Ross Dribin, Spurlock
Nays: None
Absent: Kinhal
Motion passed.

8. BOARD ASSIGNMENTS

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- OPEF recently met, registration for Base Camp begins on February 5, 2023. OPEF is also ramping up program offerings and availability.

9. CONCLUDING ITEMS

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9.1 Board Remarks

- Board member Moore, recently attended a Kwanza celebration where Kuumba Kids was a part of the programming. They made mention of wanting to connect with district 97 administrative staff around cultural celebrations and awareness.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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All Six Present & Virtually 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 7:41 p.m.

Board President

Board Secretary