

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MEMBERSHIP IN THE ILLINOIS ENERGY CONSORTIUM

WHEREAS, the **Board of Education of, Oak Park School District 97**, in accordance with ILCS 105 (Illinois School Code) Section 5/10.20.21 (a), has authority to award all contracts for purchase of supplies and materials; and

WHEREAS Section 5/10-20.21 (ix) of the Illinois School Code specifically exempts districts from the requirements of competitive bidding for contracts for the purchase of natural gas when the average historical cost is less than that offered by a public utility; and

WHEREAS, the average historical cost to purchase natural gas through **the Illinois Energy Consortium, Inc., An Illinois Not-For-Profit Corporation** (the "IEC") is less than that offered by a public utility; and

WHEREAS, the costs to individually purchase and administrate the procurement and delivery of natural gas could constitute a significant economic burden on the resources of the school district; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Education to reduce the economic burden on the resources of the school district by increasing efficiency and reducing the administrative costs of the district and to respond to the exigencies of the day to day of operations in accordance with the procurement process as established by the Illinois School Code; and

WHEREAS, the **IEC** operates a Natural Gas Pool for Illinois educational institutions and other public agencies, as well as not-for-profit organizations in the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the **IEC** recognizes the economic and financial savings and benefits to be gained by establishing a state wide natural gas purchasing and delivery consortium; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the **Board of Education of Oak Park School District 97** that it authorizes the Superintendent of Schools, or his or her designee, to enter into a Membership Participation Agreement (Exhibit A) on its behalf with the Illinois Energy Consortium for the provision of natural gas supply as specified within the agreement.

Approved this 20th day of December 20, 2016.

Ayes:

Nays:

President

Secretary