

**Official Minutes of the  
Oak Park Board of Education District 97  
260 Madison Street, Oak Park, Cook County, Illinois  
June 29, 2020 Special Meeting**

This meeting was held virtually using Zoom during the time of the Coronavirus pandemic. Everyone participated via electronic means.

President Broy called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Broy, Kim, Spurlock, Breymaier, Liebl, Moore, and Kearney  
Absent: None  
Also Present: Superintendent Dr. Carol Kelley, Senior Director of Human Resources Gina Herrmann, Chief Academic and Accountability Officer Ebony Lofton, Coach Gina Harris, Attorney Phil Gerner, and Board Secretary Sheryl Marinier

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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The Board move into executive session for the purpose of Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees or Legal Counsel for the District 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(1), at 11:30 a.m.

Ayes: Kim, Kearney, Breymaier, Liebl, Spurlock, Moore, and Broy  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Motion passed

**OPEN SESSION**

Kearney moved, seconded by Spurlock that the Board move into Open Session at 12:10 p.m. All members of the Board were in agreement. The Board reconvened in Open Session at 12:15 p.m.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Due to the nature of a virtual Board meeting, the public was asked to email their comments to the Board. No comments were received prior to this time; however, one comment was received after this portion of the meeting, and can be found below.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Holly Barnes

As the district continues to plan for school year 2020/2021, much consideration needs to be given to how to best serve multi-needs students. Many multi-needs students struggled considerably during the remote-learning phase in the spring, especially those who have a one-to-one while at school and/or significant speech/PT/OT minutes. If there is a safe way to bring multi-needs students back into school buildings, with the support staff they need, that should be done.

**ACTION ITEMS**

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**APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR**

Kim moved, seconded by Moore, that the Board of Education of Oak Park District 97, appoint Jeremy Christian as Principal of Julian Middle School at an annual salary of \$137,000 effective July 1, 2020.

Gina Herrmann explained the interview process and reported that Jeremy Christian is being recommended as the principal of Julian Middle School for the 2020-2021 school year. She reported that Christian has seven successful years of administrative experience including four years as a Middle School Assistant Principal and two years as a Middle School Principal. Some of his successes include:

- 1) Reducing student discipline referrals by 33 percent by meeting and listening to the students who have the highest rate of referrals
- 2) Created a Bridging the Gap (BTG) program which partnered middle school students with high school students to help with their transition to high school
- 3) Initiated and created with parents the School Using Coordinated Community Efforts to Strengthen Students (SUCCESS) program which focuses on African-American students and families to enhance learning outcomes, foster family school connectedness and ensure that everyone is welcomed, valued and respected
- 4) Created a family outreach program Parent and Administrator Conversations (PAC) to ensure parent voice, and to partner with parents for student success.

Herrmann shared that Christian also has significant experience with PLCs, social emotional learning, social justice, and special education.

Eboney Lofton and Gina Harris, who participated in the interview process expressed their support for the hiring of Christian.

Ayes: Kim, Moore, Breymaier, Broy, Spurlock, Kearney, and Liebl  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: None  
 Motion passed.

**BOARD COMMENTS**

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President Broy suggested that the Board take a few minutes to identify a date for a Committee of the Whole, but some Board members expressed the need to adjourn. It was agreed that this task would need to be completed outside of the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no further business to conduct, President Broy declared the meeting adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

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Board President

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Board Secretary