

**Official Minutes of the
Oak Park Board of Education District 97
260 Madison Street, Oak Park, Cook County, Illinois
March 13, 2018 Meeting**

President Spurlock called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Spatz, Spurlock, O'Connor, Liebl, Breymaier, Broy and Datta (5:45 p.m.)
Absent: None
Also Present: Superintendent Dr. Carol Kelley, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations Dr. Alicia Evans, Assistant Superintendent for HR Laurie Campbell, Chief Academic and Accountability Officer Dr. Amy Warke, Senior Director of Special Services Ebonee Lofton, Senior Director of Policy, Procedures and Communication Chris Jasculca, Senior Director of Administrative Services Dr. Felicia Starks Turner, Senior Director of Equity Dr. Carrie Kamm, and Board Secretary Sheryl Marinier.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Spatz moved, seconded by Liebl, that the Board of Education move into Executive Session at 5:31 p.m. to discuss (Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees or Legal Counsel 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(1), Collective Negotiations 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(2), Review of Closed Meeting Minutes 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(21)).

Ayes: Spatz, Liebl, Breymaier, Spurlock, O'Connor, and Broy
Nays: None
Absent: Datta (Not present at time of motion)
Motion passed.

OPEN SESSION

OPEN SESSION

Liebl moved, seconded by O'Connor, that the Board of Education move into Open Session at 6:58 p.m. All members of the Board were in agreement. The meeting reconvened at 7:05 p.m.

APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR – WHITTIER PRINCIPAL

APPOINTMENTS

Liebl moved, seconded by O'Connor, that the Board of Education, District 97, appoint Patrick Robinson as the Whittier Principal for the 2018-2019 school year at a salary of \$120,871.

Laurie Campbell introduced Patrick Robinson and explained why he was being recommended for the position of Whittier Principal. Campbell also acknowledged the team of staff and community members who participated in the process.

Ayes: Liebl, O'Connor, Spatz, Broy, Breymaier, Spurlock, and Datta
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion passed.

APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR – ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

Breymaier moved, seconded by Spatz, that the Board of Education, District 97, appoint Paul Starck-King as the Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations for the 2018-2019 school year at a salary of \$146,030.

Campbell introduced Paul Starck-King and explained why he was being recommended for the position of Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations.

Ayes: Breymaier, Spatz, O'Connor, Broy, Liebl, Spurlock, and Datta
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion passed.

APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR – SENIOR DIRECTOR FOR CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENTS

Broy moved, seconded by O’Connor, that the Board of Education, District 97, appoint Tawanda Lawrence as the Senior Director for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessments for the 2018-2019 school year at a salary of \$130,175.

Campbell introduced Tawanda Lawrence and explained why she was being recommended for the position of Senior Director for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessments.

Ayes: Broy, O’Connor, Spatz, Breymaier, Liebl, Spurlock, and Datta
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Krasinsky, an Oak Park resident, parent of two children at Brooks Middle School, and member of the Call to Action Campaign, reminded the Board that during the February 27, 2018 meeting, many individuals and representatives of several local community organizations testified in support of the recruitment, hiring and retention of more teachers of color.

At that meeting, the speakers presented the goals for the Campaign for More Teachers of Color in Oak Park Schools and asked for a written response to their testimony within two weeks of that meeting. Krasinsky noted that they specifically asked;

- 1) Will you develop and share with us an action plan to address these long-standing issues of inequity during the upcoming hiring cycle?
- 2) Will you give priority to expanding recruitment efforts to attract a wider pool of African American applicants in order to address current critical shortages?
- 3) Will you provide some immediate training and support to all staff involved in hiring so they can further develop and implement more strategies for incorporating the Districts’ commitment to equity and inclusion in all upcoming activities related to teacher recruitment and selection?

He shared that the group would like to continue to work with the district in support of this important effort, to help close racial gaps and advance equity and excellence for all students.

Ginger Yarrow, an Oak Park resident and President of PING!, noted that the Board is scheduled to review an agreement with PING! this evening and adopt that agreement at its next meeting. She emphasized the importance of the district’s relationship with its partner non-profit organizations and requested that PING! be included under the district’s liability umbrella. She noted that like the PTO’s, the Oak Park Education Foundation (OPEF), CAST and BRAVO, PING! exists to serve the district’s students, assuring that all can participate in instrumental music programs regardless of their families’ economic circumstances. She noted that the service that PING! provides furthers the districts equity and inclusion goals at no cost to the district or taxpayers. She noted that requiring PING! to provide its own insurance would strain the organization’s small budget and needlessly take resources away from the children most in need of their services.

ACTION ITEMS

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 13, 2018 BOARD MEETING

Datta moved, seconded by Spatz, that the Board of Education, District 97, approve the minutes from the February 13, 2018 Board meeting as amended.

Ayes: Datta, Spatz, Breymaier, O’Connor, Liebl, Spurlock, and Broy
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 27, 2018 BOARD MEETING

Spatz moved, seconded by Datta, that the Board of Education, District 97, approve the minutes from the February 27, 2018 Board meeting as amended.

Ayes: Spatz, Datta, Breymaier, O’Connor, Liebl, Spurlock, and Broy
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF CLOSED MEETING MINUTES FROM JANUARY 10, 2017 – JUNE 27, 2017

Spatz moved, seconded by Datta, that the Board of Education, District 97, that the Board of Education, approve the closed meeting minutes from January 10, 2017 through June 27, 2017 as identified below.

January 10, 2017	April 26, 2017
January 24, 2017	May 2, 2017
February 14, 2017 (revised)	May 9, 2017
February 28, 2017	May 23, 2017
March 14, 2017	June 13, 2017
April 11, 2017	June 27, 2017

Ayes: Spatz, Datta, Breymaier, O’Connor, Liebl, Spurlock, and Broy
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion passed.

RELEASE OF NON-CONFIDENTIAL CLOSED MEETING MINUTES

Spatz moved, seconded by Datta, that the Board of Education, District 97, having this date conducted the semi-annual review of its closed meeting minutes required by the Open Meetings Act, determine to make available for public inspection those minutes or parts of closed meeting minutes as listed below. Further, that the Board determine that for reasons of personal privacy or protection of the public interest, the need for confidentiality still exists as to those closed meeting minutes or parts thereof not listed below.

**APPENDIX TO
BOARD OF EDUCATION MOTION ADOPTED MARCH 13, 2018
REGARDING CLOSED MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes of closed meetings held on the following dates, or parts of such closed meetings, to be made available for public inspection except as noted:

February 28, 2017 – Release Item 3; Items 1 and 2 to remain confidential at this time.

Ayes: Spatz, Datta, Breymaier, O’Connor, Liebl, Spurlock, and Broy
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion passed.

2.2 APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Breymaier moved, seconded by O’Connor, that the Board of Education, District 97, approve the consent agenda as presented.

2.2.1 Approval of Bill List

2.2.2 Approval of Personnel

Ayes: Breymaier, O’Connor, Spatz, Datta, Liebl, Spurlock, and Broy
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion passed.

2.3.1 **RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$7,575,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED TAX SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2018, FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING THE WORKING CASH FUND OF THE DISTRICT, PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF A DIRECT ANNUAL TAX TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS, AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPOSED SALE OF SAID BONDS TO THE PURCHASER THEREOF**

Spatz moved, seconded by Breymaier, that the Board of Education, District 97, approve the resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$7,575,000 General Obligation Limited Tax School Bonds, Series 2018, of School District Number 97, Cook County, Illinois, for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of said School District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the proposed sale of said bonds.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Article 20 of the School Code of the State of Illinois (the “Act”), and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, School District Number 97, Cook County, Illinois (the “District”), is authorized to create and maintain a Working Cash Fund in and for the District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to authority of the provisions of said Article 20 the Board of Education of the District (the “Board”) adopted a resolution declaring its intention to avail of the provisions of said Article and issue bonds of the District in the aggregate amount of \$16,000,000 for working cash fund purposes as in and by said Article 20 provided; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to and in accordance with the Act and the provisions of Section 5 of the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois, as amended (the “Debt Reform Act”), notice of intention to issue said bonds pursuant to the provisions of said Article 20 was published in the *Oak Leaves*, the same being a newspaper of general circulation in the District, and an affidavit evidencing the publication of such notice of intention, together with a newspaper clipping of such notice as published attached thereto, have heretofore been presented to the Board and made a part of the permanent records of the Board; and

WHEREAS, more than thirty (30) days have expired since the date of the publishing of such notice of intention to issue said bonds, and no petition with the requisite number of valid signatures thereon has been filed with the Secretary of the Board requesting that the proposition to issue said bonds as authorized by the provisions of said Article 20 be submitted to the legal voters of the District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Bond Issue Notification Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, the President of the Board, on the 25th day of October, 2016, executed an Order calling a public hearing (the “Hearing”) for the 15th day of November, 2016, concerning the intent of the Board to sell said bonds; and

WHEREAS, notice of the Hearing was given (i) by publication at least once not less than seven (7) nor more than thirty (30) days before the date of the Hearing in the *Oak Leaves* and (ii) by posting at least 120 hours before the Hearing a copy of said notice at the principal office of the Board, which notice was continuously available for public review during the entire 120-hour period preceding the Hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Hearing was held on the 15th day of November, 2016, and at the Hearing the Board explained the reasons for the proposed bond issue and permitted persons desiring to be heard an opportunity to present written or oral testimony within reasonable time limits; and

WHEREAS, the Hearing was finally adjourned on the 15th day of November, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the District has previously issued bonds in the amount of \$6,050,000 pursuant to said authority; and

WHEREAS, the Board is now authorized to issue bonds to the amount of \$9,950,000 as authorized by the provisions of said Article 20 for working cash fund purposes and to levy taxes to pay principal of and interest on such bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the possibility that the balance in the operating funds of the District may fall below \$13,600,000 within the next 12 months based on monthly cash flow projections; and

WHEREAS, the Board deems it advisable, necessary and for the best interests of the District that an amount not to exceed \$7,575,000 of the bonds so authorized be issued; and

WHEREAS, the bonds so authorized shall be issued as limited bonds under the provisions of Section 15.01 of the Debt Reform Act, and as such it is not necessary to submit the proposition of the issuance of the bonds to the voters of the District for approval:

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It and It Is Hereby Resolved by the Board of Education of School District Number 97, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. Incorporation of Preambles. The Board hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this Resolution are full, true and correct and does incorporate them into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. Authorization. It is hereby found and determined that the working cash fund of the District be increased and the Board has been authorized by law to borrow the sum of \$9,950,000 upon the credit of the District and as evidence of such indebtedness to issue bonds of the District to said amount, the proceeds of said bonds to be used for working cash fund purposes, and that it is necessary and for the best interests of the District that there be issued an amount not to exceed \$7,575,000 of the bonds so authorized.

Section 3. Bond Details. There be borrowed on the credit of and for and on behalf of the District an amount not to exceed \$7,575,000 for the purpose aforesaid; and that bonds of the District (the “*Bonds*”) shall be issued to said amount and shall be designated “General Obligation Limited Tax School Bonds, Series 2018,” with such additional descriptions as may be appropriate and as set forth in the Bond Notification (as hereinafter defined). The Bonds shall be dated such date (not prior to March 20, 2018, and not later than September 20, 2018) as set forth in the Bond Notification, and shall also bear the date of authentication, shall be in fully registered form, shall be in denominations (unless otherwise provided in the Bond Notification) of \$5,000 each or authorized integral multiples thereof (but no single Bond shall represent installments of principal maturing on more than one date), and shall be numbered 1 and upward. The Bonds shall become due and payable serially or be subject to mandatory redemption (without option of prior redemption) on January 1 of each of the years (not later than 2023), in the amounts (not exceeding \$2,300,000 per year) and bearing interest at the rates per annum (not exceeding 5.00% per annum) as set forth in the Bond Notification. The Bonds shall bear interest from their date or from the most recent interest payment date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, until the principal amount of the Bonds is paid, such interest (computed upon the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months) being payable semi-annually commencing with the first interest payment date as set forth in the Bond Notification, and on January 1 and July 1 of each year thereafter to maturity.

Interest on each Bond shall be paid by check or draft of the bond registrar and paying agent (which shall be the School Treasurer who receives the taxes of the District, the Purchaser (as hereinafter defined) or a bank or financial institution authorized to do business in the State of Illinois) as set forth in the Bond Notification (the “*Bond Registrar*”), payable upon presentation in lawful money of the United States of America, to the person in whose name such Bond is registered at the close of business on the 15th day of the month next preceding the interest payment date. The principal of the Bonds shall be payable in lawful money of the United States of America at the principal office or principal corporate trust office, as appropriate (the “*Principal Office*”), of the Bond Registrar.

The Bonds shall be signed by the manual or facsimile signatures of the President and Secretary of the Board, and shall be registered, numbered and countersigned by the manual or facsimile signature of the School Treasurer who receives the taxes of the District, as they shall determine, and in case any officer whose signature shall appear on any Bond shall cease to be such officer before the delivery of such Bond, such signature shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes, the same as if such officer had remained in office until delivery.

All Bonds shall have thereon a certificate of authentication substantially in the form hereinafter set forth duly executed by the Bond Registrar, as authenticating agent of the District and showing the date of authentication. No Bond shall be valid or obligatory for any purpose or be entitled to any security or benefit

under this Resolution unless and until such certificate of authentication shall have been duly executed by the Bond Registrar by manual signature, and such certificate of authentication upon any such Bond shall be conclusive evidence that such Bond has been authenticated and delivered under this Resolution. The certificate of authentication on any Bond shall be deemed to have been executed by the Bond Registrar if signed by an authorized officer of the Bond Registrar, but it shall not be necessary that the same officer sign the certificate of authentication on all of the Bonds issued hereunder.

Section 4. Registration of Bonds; Persons Treated as Owners. (a) *General.* The District shall cause books (the “*Bond Register*”) for the registration and for the transfer of the Bonds as provided in this Resolution to be kept at the Principal Office of the Bond Registrar, which is hereby constituted and appointed the registrar of the District. The District is authorized to prepare, and the Bond Registrar shall keep custody of, multiple Bond blanks executed by the District for use in the transfer and exchange of Bonds.

Upon surrender for transfer of any Bond at the Principal Office of the Bond Registrar, duly endorsed by, or accompanied by a written instrument or instruments of transfer in form satisfactory to the Bond Registrar and duly executed by, the registered owner or his or her attorney duly authorized in writing, the District shall execute and the Bond Registrar shall authenticate, date and deliver in the name of the transferee or transferees a new fully registered Bond or Bonds of the same maturity of authorized denominations, for a like aggregate principal amount. Any fully registered Bond or Bonds may be exchanged at said office of the Bond Registrar for a like aggregate principal amount of Bond or Bonds of the same maturity of other authorized denominations. The execution by the District of any fully registered Bond shall constitute full and due authorization of such Bond and the Bond Registrar shall thereby be authorized to authenticate, date and deliver such Bond, *provided, however,* the principal amount of outstanding Bonds of each maturity authenticated by the Bond Registrar shall not exceed the authorized principal amount of Bonds for such maturity less previous retirements.

The Bond Registrar shall not be required to transfer or exchange any Bond during the period beginning at the close of business on the 15th day of the month next preceding any interest payment date on such Bond and ending at the opening of business on such interest payment date, nor to transfer or exchange any Bond after notice calling such Bond for redemption has been mailed, nor during a period of fifteen (15) days next preceding mailing of a notice of redemption of any Bonds.

The person in whose name any Bond shall be registered shall be deemed and regarded as the absolute owner thereof for all purposes, and payment of the principal of or interest on any Bond shall be made only to or upon the order of the registered owner thereof or his or her legal representative. All such payments shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon such Bond to the extent of the sum or sums so paid.

No service charge shall be made for any transfer or exchange of Bonds, but the District or the Bond Registrar may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any transfer or exchange of Bonds, except in the case of the issuance of a Bond or Bonds for the unredeemed portion of a Bond surrendered for redemption.

(b) *Global Book-Entry System.* The Bonds shall be initially issued in the form of a separate single fully registered Bond for each of the maturities of the Bonds determined as described in Section 3 hereof. Upon initial issuance, the ownership of each such Bond may be registered in the Bond Register in the name of Cede & Co., or any successor thereto (“*Cede*”), as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, and its successors and assigns (“*DTC*”). In such event, all of the outstanding Bonds shall be registered in the Bond Register in the name of Cede, as nominee of DTC, except as hereinafter provided. The President and Secretary of the Board, the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations of the District and the Bond Registrar are each authorized to execute and deliver, on behalf of the District, such letters to or agreements with DTC as shall be necessary to effectuate such book-entry system (any such letter or agreement being referred to herein as the “*Representation Letter*”), which Representation Letter may provide for the payment of principal of or interest on the Bonds by wire transfer.

With respect to Bonds registered in the Bond Register in the name of Cede, as nominee of DTC, the District and the Bond Registrar shall have no responsibility or obligation to any broker-dealer, bank or other financial institution for which DTC holds Bonds from time to time as securities depository (each such broker-dealer, bank or other financial institution being referred to herein as a “*DTC Participant*”) or to any person on behalf of whom such a DTC Participant holds an interest in the Bonds. Without limiting the immediately preceding sentence, the District and the Bond Registrar shall have no responsibility or obligation with respect to (i) the

accuracy of the records of DTC, Cede or any DTC Participant with respect to any ownership interest in the Bonds, (ii) the delivery to any DTC Participant or any other person, other than a registered owner of a Bond as shown in the Bond Register, of any notice with respect to the Bonds, including any notice of redemption, or (iii) the payment to any DTC Participant or any other person, other than a registered owner of a Bond as shown in the Bond Register, of any amount with respect to the principal of or interest on the Bonds. The District and the Bond Registrar may treat and consider the person in whose name each Bond is registered in the Bond Register as the holder and absolute owner of such Bond for the purpose of payment of principal and interest with respect to such Bond, for the purpose of giving notices of redemption and other matters with respect to such Bond, for the purpose of registering transfers with respect to such Bond, and for all other purposes whatsoever. The Bond Registrar shall pay all principal of and interest on the Bonds only to or upon the order of the respective registered owners of the Bonds, as shown in the Bond Register, or their respective attorneys duly authorized in writing, and all such payments shall be valid and effective to fully satisfy and discharge the District's obligations with respect to payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds to the extent of the sum or sums so paid. No person other than a registered owner of a Bond as shown in the Bond Register, shall receive a Bond evidencing the obligation of the District to make payments of principal and interest with respect to any Bond. Upon delivery by DTC to the Bond Registrar of written notice to the effect that DTC has determined to substitute a new nominee in place of Cede, and subject to the provisions in Section 3 hereof with respect to the payment of interest to the registered owners of Bonds at the close of business on the 15th day of the month next preceding the applicable interest payment date, the name "Cede" in this Resolution shall refer to such new nominee of DTC.

In the event that (i) the District determines that DTC is incapable of discharging its responsibilities described herein and in the Representation Letter, (ii) the agreement among the District, the Bond Registrar and DTC evidenced by the Representation Letter shall be terminated for any reason or (iii) the District determines that it is in the best interests of the beneficial owners of the Bonds that they be able to obtain certificated Bonds, the District shall notify DTC and DTC Participants of the availability through DTC of certificated Bonds and the Bonds shall no longer be restricted to being registered in the Bond Register in the name of Cede, as nominee of DTC. At that time, the District may determine that the Bonds shall be registered in the name of and deposited with such other depository operating a universal book-entry system, as may be acceptable to the District, or such depository's agent or designee, and if the District does not select such alternate universal book-entry system, then the Bonds may be registered in whatever name or names registered owners of Bonds transferring or exchanging Bonds shall designate, in accordance with the provisions of Section 4(a) hereof.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Resolution to the contrary, so long as any Bond is registered in the name of Cede, as nominee of DTC, all payments with respect to principal of and interest on such Bond and all notices with respect to such Bond shall be made and given, respectively, in the name provided in the Representation Letter.

Section 5. (a) Mandatory Redemption. The Bonds maturing on the date or dates, if any, indicated in the Bond Notification shall be subject to mandatory redemption, in integral multiples of \$5,000 selected by lot by the Bond Registrar, at a redemption price of par plus accrued interest to the redemption date, on January 1 of the years, if any, and in the principal amounts, if any, as indicated in the Bond Notification.

On or prior to the 60th day preceding any mandatory redemption date, the Bond Registrar may, and if directed by the Board shall, purchase Bonds required to be retired on such mandatory redemption date. Any such Bonds so purchased shall be cancelled and the principal amount thereof shall be credited against the mandatory redemption required on such next mandatory redemption date.

(b) *General.* The Bonds shall be redeemed only in the principal amount of \$5,000 and integral multiples thereof. For purposes of any redemption of less than all of the outstanding Bonds of a single maturity, the particular Bonds or portions of Bonds to be redeemed shall be selected by lot by the Bond Registrar from the Bonds of such maturity by such method of lottery as the Bond Registrar shall deem fair and appropriate; *provided* that such lottery shall provide for the selection for redemption of Bonds or portions thereof so that any \$5,000 Bond or \$5,000 portion of a Bond shall be as likely to be called for redemption as any other such \$5,000 Bond or \$5,000 portion. The Bond Registrar shall make such selection upon the earlier of the irrevocable deposit of funds with an escrow agent sufficient to pay the redemption price of the Bonds to be redeemed or the time of the giving of official notice of redemption.

The Bond Registrar shall promptly notify the District in writing of the Bonds or portions of Bonds selected for redemption and, in the case of any Bond selected for partial redemption, the principal amount thereof to be redeemed.

Section 6. Redemption Procedure. Unless waived by any holder of Bonds to be redeemed, notice of the call for any such redemption shall be given by the Bond Registrar on behalf of the District by mailing the redemption notice by first class mail at least thirty (30) days and not more than sixty (60) days prior to the date fixed for redemption to the registered owner of the Bond or Bonds to be redeemed at the address shown on the Bond Register or at such other address as is furnished in writing by such registered owner to the Bond Registrar.

All notices of redemption shall state:

- (1) the redemption date,
- (2) the redemption price,
- (3) if less than all outstanding Bonds are to be redeemed, the identification (and, in the case of partial redemption, the respective principal amounts) of the Bonds to be redeemed,
- (4) that on the redemption date the redemption price will become due and payable upon each such Bond or portion thereof called for redemption, and that interest thereon shall cease to accrue from and after said date,
- (5) the place where such Bonds are to be surrendered for payment of the redemption price, which place of payment shall be the Principal Office of the Bond Registrar, and
- (6) such other information then required by custom, practice or industry standard.

Prior to any redemption date, the District shall deposit with the Bond Registrar an amount of money sufficient to pay the redemption price of all the Bonds or portions of Bonds which are to be redeemed on that date.

Notice of redemption having been given as aforesaid, the Bonds or portions of Bonds so to be redeemed shall, on the redemption date, become due and payable at the redemption price therein specified, and from and after such date (unless the District shall default in the payment of the redemption price) such Bonds or portions of Bonds shall cease to bear interest. Upon surrender of such Bonds for redemption in accordance with said notice, such Bonds shall be paid by the Bond Registrar at the redemption price. Installments of interest due on or prior to the redemption date shall be payable as herein provided for payment of interest. Upon surrender for any partial redemption of any Bond, there shall be prepared for the registered holder a new Bond or Bonds of the same maturity in the amount of the unpaid principal.

If any Bond or portion of Bond called for redemption shall not be so paid upon surrender thereof for redemption, the principal shall, until paid, bear interest from the redemption date at the rate borne by the Bond or portion of Bond so called for redemption. All Bonds which have been redeemed shall be cancelled and destroyed by the Bond Registrar and shall not be reissued.

Section 7. Form of Bond. The Bonds shall be in substantially the following form; *provided, however*, that if the text of the Bond is to be printed in its entirety on the front side of the Bond, then paragraph [2] and the legend, "See Reverse Side for Additional Provisions", shall be omitted and paragraph [6] and the paragraphs thereafter, as may be appropriate, shall be inserted immediately after paragraph [1]:

It was noted that this resolution includes a trigger provision where the district would only sell the bonds if the fund balance is projected to falls below \$13,600,000 within the next 12 months. The authorization to sell expires in six months at a time. The Board could choose to issue a new authorization or sell the bonds. The current plan is not to sell the bonds before the end of the fiscal year and to reevaluate as we get further projections. The last monthly fund balance was well above the identified amount. It was noted that this is a significant action on the part of the Board to reduce the debt.

Ayes: Spatz, Breymaier, Datta, Broy, O'Connor, Liebl, and Spurlock
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion passed.

REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTION

Breymaier moved, seconded by Spatz, that the Board of Education, District 97, approve the resolution expressing official intent regarding certain capital expenditures to be reimbursed from proceeds of an obligation to be issued by School District Number 97, Cook County, Illinois.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the “*Board*”) of School District Number 97, Cook County, Illinois (the “*District*”), has developed a list of capital projects described in *Exhibit A* hereto (the “*Projects*”); and

WHEREAS, all or a portion of the expenditures relating to the Projects (the “*Expenditures*”) (i) have been paid within the 60 days prior to the passage of this Resolution or (ii) will be paid on or after the passage of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the District reasonably expects to reimburse itself for the Expenditures with the proceeds of an obligation:

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It and It Is Hereby Resolved by the Board of Education of School District Number 97, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. Incorporation of Preambles. The Board hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this Resolution are full, true and correct and does incorporate them into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. Intent to Reimburse. The District reasonably expects to reimburse the Expenditures with proceeds of an obligation.

Section 3. Maximum Amount. The maximum principal amount of the obligation expected to be issued for the Projects is \$67,450,000.

Section 4. Ratification. All actions of the officers, agents and employees of the District that are in conformity with the purposes and intent of this Resolution, whether taken before or after the adoption hereof, are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

Section 5. Severability. If any section, paragraph or provision of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.

Section 6. Repeal. All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed and this Resolution shall be in full force and effect forthwith upon its adoption.

Ayes: Breymaier, Spatz, Broy, O’Connor, Liebl, Spurlock, and Datta
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF STAFF DEVICE REFRESH

Liebl moved, seconded by Breymaier, that the Board of Education, District 97, authorizes and approves Schedule Number two to the Master Lease Purchase Agreement dated July 7, 2018 in connection with the lease of computer equipment for Oak Park Elementary School District Number 97, County of Cook, State of Illinois that was presented on February 13, 2018 in the amount of \$567,400 over a three year lease term.

Ayes: Liebl, Breymaier, Spatz, Broy, O’Connor, Spurlock, and Datta
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF HOLMES BID 2G

Spatz moved, seconded by Broy, that the Board of Education, District 97, approves Architectural Glass Works for the glazing work pursuant to the Holmes expansion and Life/Safety projects in the amount of \$738,600 (Bid 2G) as presented.

It was noted that this request was discussed during the last Facilities Advisory Committee (FAC) meeting. At that time, several questions were asked about the rebid. Originally, only one bid was received, this time two bids were received. The bid presented for approval was slightly below the estimated cost of the project, and considered competitive. It was \$150,000 less than the other bid.

Ayes: Spatz, Broy, Breymaier, O'Connor, Liebl, Spurlock, and Datta
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF DENTAL AND LTD INSURANCE RATES FOR 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

Liebl moved, seconded by Breymaier, that the Board of Education, District 97, approve the 2018-2019 Dental insurance and Long-Term Disability Insurance Rates as presented.

Campbell expressed the need to move forward with self-service and open enrollment. She shared that the information regarding the dental and insurance rates are positive and that the Benefits committee is supportive of the recommendation. Campbell asked the Board to forgo the two meeting review process and take action on this request this evening. She noted that information on medical insurance rates will be shared with the Board on April 10, 2018.

Ayes: Liebl, Breymaier, Spatz, Broy, O'Connor, Spurlock, and Datta
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion passed.

NON-REEMPLOYMENT OF FIRST, SECOND OR THIRD YEAR PROBATIONARY TEACHERS

Datta moved, seconded by O'Connor, that the Board of Education, District 97, approve and adopt the resolution to dismiss the probationary teachers listed in the attached resolution at the end of the 2017-2018 school term.

WHEREAS, the teachers hereinafter set forth are first, second or third year probationary teachers employed during the 2017-2018 school term; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that these teachers shall be dismissed as of the end of the 2017-2018 school term and not re-employed for the 2018-2019 school term, pursuant to Section 24-11 of The School Code of Illinois (105 ILCS 5/24-11).

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Board of Education of Oak Park School District 97, Cook County, Illinois, that:

Section 1: The following probationary teachers are hereby dismissed at the end of the 2017-2018 school term:

Scott Kandelman
Michael Mowinski
Christopher Nolen

Section 2: The President and Secretary of the Board are authorized and directed to give the teachers a written Notice and Statement of Non-Reemployment by certified mail, return receipt requested, at least forty-five (45) days before the end of the school term. A copy of said Notice is attached as Exhibit "A" and incorporated by reference.

Section 3: The Superintendent or designee shall also personally deliver a copy of said Notice to the teacher with a signature receipt. A copy of said receipt is attached as Exhibit "B" and incorporated by reference.

Ayes: Datta, O'Connor, Spatz, Broy, Breymaier, Liebl, and Spurlock
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion passed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Kelley thanked members Broy and Spatz for attending the second Leadership Vision Retreat facilitated by Dr. Amanda Lewis. The event was held on March 12 at Julian Middle School, with about 60 community and school leaders in attendance. The purpose of the meeting was to identify strategies and opportunities that will enable the district to achieve greater equity across the district and find ways to have synergy in its partnerships.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (Continued)

The group focused on three questions.

- 1) What is our mission, vision and goals and how do they align with each other and the common goal regarding equity?
- 2) How can we work together to ensure that all the children in District 97 thrive?
- 3) How can we improve upon our collective awareness?

Dr. Kelley reported that the session went well. She will be following up with a questionnaire to the attendees and touch base with Dr. Lewis.

Dr. Kelley reported on plans for a student led walkout on March 14 against gun violence in schools. She acknowledged Chris Jasculca, Felicia Starks Turner, Todd Fitzgerald, April Caputer and other administration who worked hard to support the event in partnership with Police, District 200 and District 90. She explained that the district is ready for the event, and holding ongoing conversations in the schools regarding safety. She noted that the second scheduled walkout date is April 20, 2018, and she has invited the union leadership to meet with the Ad Leadership team to discuss how we are planning to prepare for that event. She made it clear that the district will not be condoning or not condoning participation in these events.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

ADMINISTRATIVE
ITEMS

TERMINATE CURRENT PING! AGREEMENT

Alicia Evans explained that the current PING! agreement was written ten years ago. It has an automatic renewal date of February 28, however; items within the document need revision. She explained that although the Board has a year after the renewal date to request changes, she noted that the new agreement is ready for consideration. She recommended that the Board terminate the current agreement with PING! and consider approving the new version.

APPROVAL OF NEW PING! AGREEMENT

Evans noted that some of the items that Ginger Yarrow addressed during Public Comment are included in the revised agreement, as are a few other items that needed addressing. Evans reported that legal has reviewed the agreement and recommended adding an indemnity clause.

Spatz noted that he was not on the Board when the first agreement with PING! was approved, but he was well aware of the organization when it was founded. He shared that the organization provides instruments to kids on free and reduced lunch and continues to expand their program. PING! has added a mentoring program and offers music lessons led by high school students. He shared that he even donated his son's instruments to PING! when his son moved on to other interests. Spatz shared that PING! is a good organization with a renewed focus on equity.

DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY

Evans reported on the need to dispose of old science textbooks and old middle school library books. She noted that the books are outdated, some dating back to 1950. The books will be donated to students, teachers, the public library and other organizations.

TRANSPORTATION AUDIT

Evens reported that after the referendum passed, administration was charged with finding ways to cut expenditures to avoid a future referendum. The process is ongoing, but regular education transportation is one of exploration. Special Education routes were not explored because their transportation is dictated by the students' IEP and expenses are recovered from the state.

Evans reported that both FORC and Pillar 4 committee members agreed that a transportation audit should be completed. Edulog Consulting was contracted to complete the audit, and Pat Starcken from Edulog Consulting joined the meeting via phone.

Evans reported that the district currently have 535 elementary students and 493 middle school students who use the buses. She noted that these counts can vary depending on the weather. The district currently uses large buses (71-77 passengers) for this purpose. Additionally, she noted that the district transports 35 students on a space available basis.

TRANSPORTATION AUDIT (Continued)

Evans reported that each bus costs \$212 per day, at a cost of \$522,368 per year. She shared the four year financial expenditures for transportation, noting an annual cost over \$500,000 annually.

Evans explained that in 1997 the district established 14 hazardous crossing in an effort to offer transportation to students and get state reimbursement for transporting students that live less than 1.5 miles from their school. She noted that these crossings are approved by the Board annually with the understanding that the district will be reimbursed for the cost of transporting these children. Evans said that the crossings should no longer be considered “hazardous” based on the state definition because they are now all controlled.

Evans used Beye School as an example, explaining that Beye currently uses two buses to transport students to the school. The farthest residence to the school is 1.1 miles and none of the students currently have to walk through any of the hazardous intersections.

She reported that the audit indicated that none of the elementary schools boundaries exceed 1.5 miles, and it recommended that the district eliminate elementary transportation and any middle school transportation that is not 1.5 miles or greater. She explained that the elimination of elementary school transportation would be the first step to saving money on transportation; however, the middle schools would still require busing. In order to keep costs to a minimum, it would be necessary to realign the bell times so that the buses could be used twice (transport students to one middle school, and then do the same for the other middle school). If this scenario were approved, there would be a saving of \$200,000 per year.

The audit also reported that the current middle school boundaries are causing additional expense for the district. With the realignment of boundaries, there would be many students who lived closer than 1.5 miles to school and therefore would no longer require transportation. By the realignment of the middle school boundaries a savings in transportation costs could be realized. Moreover, adjusting bell times for the middle schools would allow for the dual utilization of buses. If middle school boundaries were realigned, there were bell time changes for the middle schools, and busing was no longer provided for the elementary schools, the largest possible savings would be realized and the school district could reduce its transportation budget by more than \$300,000 per year.

Evans asked the Board to consider eliminating the elementary routes and any middle school routes that are less than 1.5 miles from the school. She also suggested that the Board consider charging parents for transportation (possibly \$50 a month) to offset the cost. She recommended that the Board discontinue the hazardous crossings and take time to explore the bell schedule change and realignment of the boundaries.

Evans reported that the district currently has an agreement with the YMCA and indicated the importance of assuring that the agreement is terminated at the end of this school year. In conclusion, Evans noted that both District’s 90 and 200 do not offer regular transportation to students.

Starken reported that middle school boundary changes could eliminate 17 bus stops. That could drop the cost of the buses substantially, and additional cuts could be considered in the future. He implied that if grandfathering took place, families could be allowed to send children to both schools. The Board expressed their understanding of the purpose of the middle school busing boundaries, and the need for diversity and equity across the district, and decided that those needs outweighed the proposed cost benefit, and took the idea of changing the boundaries for middle school off the table as an option.

Board comments included interest in knowing the cost of a Crossing Guard, wondering if it would be less expensive to hire more Crossing Guards than pay for a bus. Discussion took place about changing the starting time so the same buses could be used to transport the elementary and middle school children. It was also suggested that the district consider using smaller buses when possible, or consider charging families for bus passes, or changing routes/stops. Additional suggestions were to consider offering seasonal bus service, a parent responsibility zone, walking school buses, and having the district purchase its own buses. It was suggested that the options be shared with the community in a way that would help them be supportive of the decision. Extending the current contract for an additional year was also suggested.

Items for consideration included a survey to the bus families asking them how they would be impacted by changes to the bus service, considering other things that the money could be invested in, and considering strengthening the partnerships with Hephzibah, etc. It was also suggested that the district confirm the law that states that busing must be available to children who live more than 1.5 miles from their school.

TRANSPORTATION AUDIT (Continued)

Discussion took place about community engagement and perhaps a survey on this topic. Evans suggested that the Board engage the public while she begins the RFP process. Evans also indicated that it is quite possible that the current provider would be willing to extend the contract for another year.

It was agreed that Evans will prepare an RFP that contains a couple options for achieving savings with consideration of the various needs for the Board to consider. The RFP would need to be published for 10 days, and could be presented to the Board on April 10, 2018. It was suggested that the Board could also talk about community engagement around transportation changes during the April 10, 2018 meeting or sooner if they choose. Evans reminded the Board about the importance of moving forward with this decision, noting that the longer the district takes to publish an RFP, will limit the number of companies that will respond. It was agreed that the Pillar 4 team will process the bids, and the Board should be ready to take action during the April 24, 2018 meeting. It was suggested that President Spurlock create a video dedicated to this topic for the Website.

ERATE

Will Bracket came to the table. He recommended using the E-rate process to replace 570 wireless access points at the elementary schools. The cost of the replacement would be \$60,000 (\$150,000 less 40 percent). Bracket recommended moving forward to meet the E-rate deadlines and so the work can be completed during the summer.

NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION COHORT

Carrie Kamm came to the table. She recommended moving forward with soliciting teacher for a new cohort that would begin in September, 2018. She reported that because 21 teachers have expressed interest in the process, two cohorts would be offered. She noted a strong interest from the design team teachers, and two middle school foreign language teachers, noting more middle school representation than in the past.

Interest was expressed in knowing if all the schools are being represented and seeing the demographics of the participants.

BOARD ASSIGNMENTS

**BOARD
ASSIGNMENTS**

STANDING BOARD COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORT FOLLOW UP (AS NEEDED –FAC, FORC, CCE AND CLAIM)

FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FAC)

It was reported that the FAC committee met last week. They reviewed the Holmes construction bids and determined that bid 2A was not acceptable because it was over the estimate, and bid 2B received no bids. Therefore, they recommend combining the items to attract more interest.

COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (CCE)

The CCE will be meeting tomorrow and will be prepping the four Board members in their roles for the engagement process related to the equity policy.

FINANCE OVERSIGHT AND REVIEW COMMITTEE (FORC)

The FORC committee will meet on March 21, however; members Spatz and Breymaier will not be able to attend. President Spurlock offered to attend the first half of the meeting in their place.

It was reported that FORC met on February 20 for a study session. A summary will be sent to the Board reporting that unless the projections are in compliance with the policy (fund balance over 25 percent); FORC would be unlikely to be supportive of any reductions in the district's revenues.

COMMITTEE FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION, INTERVENTION AND MONITORING (CLAIM)

The CLAIM committee has two new members. The committee expressed interest and support in the equity process and offered to be one of the community groups involved in the process.

The committee is currently working on writing letters to legislature regarding common sense gun safety measures, and building out their event calendar.

It was noted that with the new Board committee structure, even unapproved committee minutes will be included in the Board packets.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL LIAISON REPORT FOLLOW UP (As needed – IGOV, COG, PTO COUNCIL, CEC, OPEF, COMMUNITY COUNCIL, TRI-BOARD ON EQUITY, POLICY AND SELF-EVALUATION)
IGOV

The IGOV assembly is set for May 19, 2018 and plans are being made for the event.

It was announced that David Pope will chair the village commission that will review the budgets of local jurisdictions looking for efficiencies and redundancies. The charter for this commission is six months.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Member Spatz attended the Community Council meeting last Thursday. There was a brief presentation on the Imagine Oak Park River Forest Capital Visioning Plan. More concrete plans will be shared in mid-April or May. They shared presentations on their new science curriculum and a discussion on the March 14 potential walkout.

COLLABORATION FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD IGA GOVERNING BOARD

The Governing Board met on February 28, 2018. During that meeting, the Governing Board approved the recommendation made by the three administrators to return a portion of the reserve fund to the taxing bodies. It was agreed that over \$300,000 should be returned.

EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Everyone was reminded that the Staczyk Gala is scheduled for March 17, 2018.

It was reported that early enrollment for Space Camp is very good and it is expected that through their scholarships they should be able to meet the same rate of free and reduced lunch children at Space Camp sessions as District 97.

Battle of the Bots is coming up in the near future.

EDI

In partnership with the Erickson Institute, District 97 submitted a proposal to the Triple I Conference to share an update on the EDI work. The team will be reaching out to Kankakee and East St. Louis to partner in the presentation if it is selected.

TRI-BOARD COMMITTEE ON EQUITY

The Tri Board Committee on Equity will be meeting during the beginning of April.

CONCLUDING ITEMS

CONCLUDING ITEMS

BOARD REMARKS

The Divco group at Beye held a morning event called Morning Math Meet Up which was spectacular. They invited parents to come and meet with teachers from every grade level to learn how kids are learning math. Breakfast was offered, as was childcare. Attendance was about 80 people. A lot of parents who are also math teachers were impressed. Parents are seeing improvement in their kid's math understanding. This was a great illustration on how hard it is to teach math, giving parents a better idea on how to support their children in this area. Concern was expressed about the lack of diversity amongst those in attendance.

The Oak Park River Forest Community Foundation awarded the Excellence in Philanthropy Award to the PING! Mentors.

Interest was expressed in the Public Comment Log. The Board was assured that people are receiving responses, and sometimes being invited to meet with administration in person. It was agreed that the updated log will be attached to the weekly report to the Board on a bi-weekly basis.

President Spurlock reported that the OPTA met this afternoon to discuss the negotiation process and she read a joint statement from the negotiation team.

“The District 97 Board of Education, administration and the Oak Park Teachers’ Association have been engaged in a positive and productive dialogue about a new teacher contract for the past few months. The process began in December with a joint training about Interest Based Bargaining that was administered by a member of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. This same individual has facilitated all of the bargaining sessions to date, and will continue to serve in this capacity until negotiations have been completed.

BOARD REMARKS (Continued)

Between January and March 13, the teams have met as a whole group 10 times to discuss/establish norms, identify points for bargaining and work on the development of the new contract. In addition to these sessions, subcommittees composed of teachers, board members and administrators have met to draft contract language that is based on the consensus of the teams. This language is then presented to the whole group for review, discussion and finalization.

One of the key steps in the negotiation process was for the teams to co-create a list of economic and non-economic issues to be bargained. These issues include, but are not limited to, Education Council, evaluations, leaves, length of the school day and work day, salary and benefits, and planning time.

The teams are also working on portions of the contract that do not need to be bargained, but rather require revisions to help improve clarity.

The teams have and will continue to participate in weekly sessions with the goal of finalizing a new contract in May that rewards the dedication and hard work of our teachers, aligns with the district’s commitment to fiscal stewardship, and will benefit our students, our schools and the Village of Oak Park. We will keep the community updated on the status of the negotiations, and appreciate its continued support of our district and the children we serve.”

President Spurlock will circulate the revised equity statement that includes Terry Keleher’s comments.

AGENDA MAINTENANCE

The draft agenda for the April 10, 2018 Board meeting was not available for review.

ADJOURNMENT

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, President Spurlock declared the meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Board President

Board Secretary