

**Official Minutes of the  
Oak Park Board of Education District 97,  
970 Madison Street, Cook County, Oak Park, Illinois  
June 25, 2010**

President Traczyk called the meeting to order at 2 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Clouser, Spatz, Harton, Barber, and Traczyk  
Absent: Gates, Reddy  
Also Present: Director of Human Resources Trish Carlson, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations Therese O'Neill, Communications Coordinator Chris Jasculca, Director of Buildings and Grounds Norm Lane, Board Secretary Sheryl Marinier, and Dr. Albert Roberts

**Open Session**

OPEN SESSION

Barber moved, seconded by Clouser, that the Board of Education move into open session at 7:15 p.m. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Barber, Clouser, Harton, Spatz, and Traczyk  
Nays: None  
Absent: Gates, Reddy  
Motion passed.

**Action Items**

ACTION ITEMS

**2.1.1 Appointment of Superintendent**

Clouser moved, seconded by Barber, that the Board of Education appoint Dr. Albert Roberts to Superintendent of Oak Park Elementary School District 97 to a term of three years effective July 1, 2010 in accordance with the terms of the Superintendent's contract.

Board members shared some of the determining factors that helped lead them to their decision to hire Dr. Roberts. Spatz reported that during the site visit the Board members in attendance visited with approximately 30 members of Roberts' current district. The message received from the visit was consistent throughout the community.

Clouser reported that he had the pleasure of leading the tour of Oak Park for Dr. and Mrs. Roberts. He shared that Dr. Roberts referred to the key Oak Park issues from the start and gave examples of his work that demonstrated the talents he possesses that will be needed in Oak Park. He reported that Roberts' attitude is that the district educates children and that is non-negotiable. Clouser also shared that in the past Roberts has written a column for the local paper.

Vice President Barber shared that the district needs a strong leader to take charge, to be aggressive and to take the district to the next level. He is confident that the district has found this in Dr. Roberts. He also shared that Dr. Roberts is experienced in differentiation, referendums, understands the importance of data analysis and has a deep concern for every single child.

Harton shared that she was originally concerned about the expedited process but her opinion changed. Harton was impressed with the sense of team spirit that she witnessed during the site tour.

President Traczyk identified Dr. Roberts as visible, involved, trustworthy, a mentor, big hearted and shared that his goal is to raise the bar.

Dr. Roberts was invited to the table. He shared that he is ready to go and reported that under his leadership the district will be focused on the student's best interest, encouraging students to be the best they can be.

**Appointment of Superintendent** – (Continued)

Roll call vote.

Ayes: Clouser, Barber, Harton, Spatz, and Traczyk

Nays: None

Absent: Gates, Reddy

Motion passed.

**Recess**

The Board called a brief recess at 2:27 p.m. to welcome Dr. Roberts.

**Reconvene**

The Board reconvened at 2:46 P.M.

**TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT RENEWAL**

TRANSPORTATION  
CONTRACT  
RENEWAL

O’Neill responded to questions asked during the June 22 meeting. She reported that the installation of the cameras on the buses would be a one-time expense. This expense could not be payable from the Life/Fire/Safety account as buses are not considered to be a permanent structure.

A letter was shared from Mike Padavic stating his recommendation to stay with the Lakeview.

O’Neill reported that out-of-district routes were not considered in the first bidding process. She shared that adding the cost of out-of-district special education routes would reduce the difference between the two bids by \$22,000. O’Neill reported that the camera expense could be charged to the Operations and Maintenance account.

After a brief discussion, the Board expressed interest in waiting on the hybrid option, and the installation of cameras on both regular and special education buses. This item will return to the Board for approval on July 13, 2010.

There being no further business to conduct, President Traczyk declared the meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will be on Tuesday July 13, 2010 beginning at 7 p.m. in the administration building, located at 970 Madison Street.

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Board President

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Board Secretary