

Official Minutes of the
Oak Park Board of Education District 97
260 Madison Street, Oak Park
January 4, 2022 Special Meeting

This meeting was held in-person and virtually using Zoom during the time of the Coronavirus pandemic. One or more of the board members met in-person and everyone else were virtual.

President Kim called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

Present: Kim, Moore, Ross Dribin, Hurd Johnson, Kearney, Kinhal, Spurlock
Absent: None
Also Present: Constance Collins and Max McGee Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates, Lonya Boose
Board Secretary

ROLL CALL

OPEN SESSION

Kim motioned that the board move into Open Session at 4:45 p.m. The motion was seconded by Hurd Johnson. All members of the Board were in agreement. The Board reconvened in Open Session at 9:32 p.m.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Dear D97 Board

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You are having a virtual meeting because of Covid concerns, yet you are not allowing our students (even the medically fragile) to engage in virtual learning. They are exposed to hundreds of people every day in our schools, and especially in our large middle schools. This is not safe given the record-breaking Covid surge currently happening. The current Covid positivity rate is higher than last year when remote learning was an option.

Do not hide behind the excuse that the ISBE isn't allowing remote learning. You can advocate to the ISBE on behalf of the students you represent.

I urge you to give D97 students the same level of respect and protection you have taken for yourselves by not exposing yourself to a large number of people during today's meeting of the Board. Give our students the same respect. Protect them as you are protecting yourselves.

Please allow remote-learning or hybrid-learning in D97 schools as soon as possible. You literally have the lives of our children in your hands.

Thank you –
Dr. Lynda Cafasso

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moore moved, seconded by Ross Dribin that 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, Collective Negotiations, 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(1)(2), at 4:48 p.m.

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

ADJOURNMENT

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Hurd Johnson moved, seconded by Kearney that the meeting be adjourned. There being no further business to conduct, President Kim declared the meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Board President

Board Secretary