

**Official Minutes of the  
Oak Park Board of Education District 97,  
970 Madison Street, Oak Park, Cook County, Illinois  
Meeting February 5, 2016**

President Gates called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Brisben, Gates, Felton, and Datta  
Absent: Spurlock, O'Connor and Spatz  
Also Present: Superintendent Dr. Carol Kelley, Senior Director of Administrative Services  
Felicia Starks Turner, and Board Secretary Sheryl Marinier

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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Felton moved, seconded by Datta, that the Board of Education move into Executive Session at 2:03 p.m. to discuss (Student Discipline 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9)). Roll call vote.

Ayes: Felton, Datta, Brisben, and Gates  
Nays: None  
Absent: Spurlock, O'Connor and Spatz  
Motion passed.

**OPEN SESSION**

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Brisben moved, seconded by Felton, that the Board of Education move into Open Session at 3:09 p.m. All members of the Board in attendance were in agreement.

**ACTION ITEMS**

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**Resolution Authorizing Student Disciplinary Action**

Datta moved, seconded by Felton, that the Board of Education, District 97, approve the following resolution regarding student 20160205.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of Oak Park Elementary School District 97, Cook County, Illinois ("Board" or "District") conducted a hearing in closed session on February 5, 2016, in the matter of the discipline of Student 20160205 ("Student"), pursuant to Section 10-22.6 of the School Code; and,

**WHEREAS**, on the basis of all testimony and evidence presented at said hearing, the Board has determined that Student 20160205 is guilty of gross misconduct and/or disobedience in violation of Board Policy 7:190; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board has considered: (1) the egregiousness of the student's conduct; (2) the history or record of the student's past conduct; (3) the likelihood that the conduct will affect the delivery of educational services to other students; (4) the severity of the punishment; and (5) the best interests of the student;

**WHEREAS**, the Board has determined that the 10-day out of school suspension of Student 20160205 should be upheld;

**WHEREAS**, the Board has determined that Student 20160205 should be expelled from the District for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year and the 2016-2017 school year; and,

**WHEREAS**, based on the IEP team’s discussions and determinations, the Board has determined that the gross misconduct in which the student engaged was not related to the student’s disability,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Board as follows:

**Section 1:** The 10-day out of school suspension of Student 20160205 for engaging in gross misconduct in violation of Board Policy 7:190 is hereby upheld.

**Section 2:** In light of the gross misconduct in which the student engaged in violation of Board Policy 7:190, Student 20160205 is expelled from the District effective immediately for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year and the 2016-2017 school year.

**Section 3:** The Superintendent or her designee shall send written notice to the parents of the Student informing them of the Board’s decision.

**Section 4:** That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016, by the following vote:

Ayes: Datta, Felton, Gates, and Brisben  
Nays: None  
Absent: Spurlock, O’Connor and Spatz  
Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

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There being no further business to conduct, President Gates declared the meeting adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

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Board President

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Board Secretary