

**Official Minutes of the  
Oak Park Board of Education District 97,  
970 Madison Street, Oak Park, Cook County, Illinois  
Special Meeting August 12, 2014**

President Spatz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Spatz, Felton, Sacks, Gates, Traczyk, Brisben and O'Connor  
Absent: None  
Also Present: Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations Therese O'Neill, Senior Director of Policy, Planning and Communications Chris Jasculca, Senior Director of Special Education Mike Padavic, Senior Director of HR Steve Cummins, Senior Director of Administrative Services Felicia Starks Turner, and Board Secretary Sheryl Marinier

EXECUTIVE  
SESSION

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Traczyk moved, seconded by Gates, that the Board of Education move into executive session at 6:33 p.m. to discuss (Purchase or Lease of Real Property 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5), Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), Collective Negotiations 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)). Roll call vote.

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

OPEN SESSION

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Traczyk moved, seconded by Gates, that the Board of Education move into open session at 7:02 p.m. All members of the Board were in agreement.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:05 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

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ACTION ITEMS

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2.1

**Appointment of Directors of Curriculum and Instruction**

O'Connor, moved, seconded by Felton, that the Board of Education, District 97, appoint Carrie Kamm and Helen Wei as the Directors of Curriculum and Instruction.

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

## 2.2 Approval of Personnel

Sacks moved, seconded by Felton, that the Board of Education, District 97, approve the personnel action as presented.

Ayes: Sacks, Felton, O'Connor, Gates, Traczyk, Brisben, and Spatz

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

### TOPICS

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#### **BOARD GOALS AND PRIORITIES**

The Board participated in a detailed discussion on their goals and priorities for the 2014-15 school year. Seven priorities and Board responsibility for each were identified;

#### **Common Core and IB** - Sacks (lead) and Felton

- Implementation of Common Core State Standards, Associated Assessments, and IB
- Effective and full Implementation of Common Core state standards and IB Program

#### **Evaluations** - O'Connor (lead) and Gates

- Completion of high quality staff evaluation including student growth in 2016-17 (PERA)
- High quality feedback and evaluation
- High quality evaluation process

#### **Financial Stability** - Spatz (lead) and Traczyk

- Financial Stability and Successful Referendum

#### **Administration Building and Facilities** - Traczyk (lead) and Sacks

- Administration Building and cooling buildings
- Resolve administration building

#### **Student Achievement** - Gates (lead) and Brisben

- Increased focus on achievement and measureable results for all kids
- Institute a system for the Board to monitor academic process and progress

#### **Organizational Structure** - Brisben (lead) and O'Connor

- Effective organizational structure
- Implement organizational changes

#### **Contracts Implementation** - Felton (lead) and Spatz

- Implement contract(s)

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Sacks moved, seconded by O'Connor, that the Board of Education move into executive session at 8:44 p.m. to discuss (Purchase or Lease of Real Property 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5), Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), Collective Negotiations 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)). Roll call vote.

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Ayes: Sacks, O'Connor, Felton, Gates, Traczyk, Brisben and Spatz

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

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Traczyk moved, seconded by Sacks, that the Board of Education move into open session at 10:08 p.m. All members of the Board were in agreement.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no further business to conduct, President Spatz declared the meeting adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday, August 19, 2014 beginning at 7 p.m. at the Administration building located at 970 Madison Street, Oak Park, Illinois.

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Board President

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Board Secretary