

**Official Minutes of the  
Oak Park Board of Education District 97  
260 Madison Street, Oak Park, Cook County, Illinois  
June 12, 2018 Meeting**

**This meeting was held at Lincoln Elementary School, located at 1111 Grove Ave, Oak Park, Illinois.**

Member Datta called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Spatz, Liebl, Broy, Breymaier, and Datta  
Absent: Spurlock, and O'Connor  
Also Present: Superintendent Dr. Carol Kelley, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations Dr. Alicia Evans, Assistant Superintendent for HR Laurie Campbell, 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, Senior Director of Buildings and Grounds Jeanne Keane, and Board Secretary Sheryl Marinier

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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Breymaier moved, seconded by Spatz, that the Board of Education move into Executive Session at 6:03 p.m. to discuss (Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees or Legal Counsel 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(1)

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

OPEN SESSION

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Breymaier moved, seconded by Broy, that the Board of Education move into Open Session at 7:08 p.m. All members of the Board in attendance were in agreement. The meeting continued with five members present at 7:10 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET AMENDMENT**

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THE BUDGET  
AMENDMENT

Alicia Evans came to the table. She explained the need to amend the 2017-2018 budget to \$104,141,158 to include the construction needs. She asked the Board to take action on this request this evening so she could finalize the process tomorrow, noting the due date of June 30, 2018.

Board comments included noting that the revised revenues fit better and are more realistic. The public was invited to speak on this topic and no one expressed interest.

Breymaier moved, seconded by Broy to close the public hearing on the budget amendment.

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

**SPECIAL REPORTS**

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**LINCOLN/LONGFELLOW ADDITIONS DISCUSSION**

Alicia Evans and Jeanne Keane came to the table with STR architect Jennifer Costanzo, FAC chairperson Paul May and Peter Kuhn from Bulley and Andrews.

## LINCOLN ADDITION DISCUSSION

Paul May, the Facilities and Advisory committee (FAC) chairperson explained that the purpose of FAC is to advise administration and STR on the appropriateness of projects, and recommend how the district approaches decision making. The committee's recent focus has been on the Longfellow and Lincoln school additions.

Jennifer Costanzo, from STR partners reported that she attended the May 8, 2018 Board meeting and recommended a concept design for the Lincoln School addition. Since then, she has reviewed the original plan and shared a couple alternate options, and recommended option B to the Board. She explained that both the original option and option B are for an addition on the west side of the school, extending the multipurpose room and a chairlift to the stage. Option B would include a second story on the north side of the school, a learning common area on the second floor that is a bit smaller than the other options, and a third floor similar to the other options. Both options B and C would assume teacher areas would be needed.

May reported that FAC reviewed the options, and others not shared this evening, and agreed that Option B is the most appropriate. He noted that Option C would require additional teacher aides which would be an additional ongoing expense to the district. Keane explained that Option C, being a lower cost construction option includes the cost of teacher aides but not teachers, because the cost of teachers was already a given for each classroom. In Option C, there are more students per classroom requiring the addition of a teacher aide for each of them. Concern was expressed that the options are not comparing apples to apples.

May complimented STR for their exceptional architectural designs.

Costanzo introduced Option B1 as the same as option B without a two story, two classroom addition on the north side of the school. She explained that Option B1 gives the district the ability to come back and add a second floor to the north when necessary. She noted that Option B1 would cost about \$2,500,000 less than option B.

Interest was expressed in hearing feedback on Option B1 and understanding how everything fits within the constraints of the referendum dollars.

## LONGFELLOW ADDITION DISCUSSION

May reported that FAC has also considered the needs at this school and have reviewed the recommendations made by STR. He indicated that the recommended plan would accommodate all students without the need for teacher aides.

Costanzo shared that the plan would include an elevator, increase the size of the multipurpose room and add additional classrooms. She explained how the boiler room is in the way on the opposite side of building, making an addition there a more costly option. She recommended ramps though out the building, making the building ADA accessible. Administration had expressed interest in a learning center, but Costanzo has not had time to explore that option.

Principal Dolezal expressed interest in the learning commons (currently the library), wondering what the space would look like and how it would be structured. She expressed concern about the size of the playground, as the addition would cut down on the size of the blacktop area and eliminate a playground structure. She noted the need for space for 400 plus children to run and play. Dolezal indicated that the design presented would meet the current needs. Costanzo shared that there are learning spaces at Longfellow that may not be the right size. She indicated that this solution would try to correct the space needs.

Keane shared that the cost of the project may seem higher than projected, but explained that any costs shared in the past were estimates and not real calculations. May explained that the previous capital plan was based on the demographics study and the task at hand was to resolve all life safety issues, address programming needs based on the demographics study, and address any additional needs and/or wants that could be considered, such as HVAC and STEAM labs. It was noted that part of the referendum commitment was to make all schools ADA accessible.

It was noted that the information shared with the Board includes soft costs of 20 percent, and escalation would be about five percent each year. It was explained that the action item on this evening's agenda is to allow STR and

#### LONGFELLOW ADDITION DISCUSSION (Continued)

Bulley and Andrews to continue the work that does not rely on a decision being made about which option will be built.

It was noted that some of the work would not be paid for out of referendum dollars. For example, the ADA work and the elevators would be paid for with Life/Safety funds.

Board comments included concerns that the construction costs would be within the district's budget. Evans shared that the original CapEx plan was estimated at over \$100,000,000. She noted that the district wanted to address the needs at Lincoln and Longfellow, and address the A section of life safety and the HVAC needs, so the referendum was set at an amount large enough to cover these costs, not the full CapEx plan. She noted that some internal work can use district funds, and DSEB can also be used. She reminded the Board that the district still has \$10,000,000 available through DSEB, and in 2021, the district can issue more DSEB. She assured the Board that there is a plan in place. It was noted that it has been common practice that the district sell about \$3,000,000 in DSEB annually.

Lincoln Principal, Lisa Carlos came to the table. She explained that with the original plan, the staff felt hopeful, valued and heard. She explained that the space challenges have depleted the staff's morale, and some are actually leaving because of the lack of space. She explained that the school is in dire need of space and needs the most optimal solution. She expressed support for the original plan, but shared that she is willing to have dialogues regarding the options. She expressed difficulty in retaining the brightest and best when these challenges are there each and every day.

It was reported that the next FAC meeting will be held on July 10, 2018, where this discussion will be continued.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

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Mary Pat Eraci Sullivan, an Oak Park resident and Teacher Assistant at Lincoln School, expressed support for the comments made by Principal Dolezal regarding the inability to fit the entire student population into the auditorium. She suggested that the school is losing staff members because they are being pushed to provide services to too many children. She shared that the school only has one social worker and asked the Board to remember staffing needs when increasing the number of classrooms. She suggested that the school also needs support for the principal and assistant principal, a full-time media assistant and more custodial staffing. She suggested that the entire Lincoln staff is feeling overextended.

Angelia Piokkell, a student, shared that she heard that the Board is considering installing air conditioning and asked the Board to ensure that all schools be included in the decision to be equitable.

Lisa Peloquin, an Oak Park resident asked the Board to consider space needs that are conducive to the greater community. She reminded the Board that the temperature issues in the buildings need to be addressed, as does the size of the classrooms and the number of teachers. Additionally, she asked the Board to consider the electrical needs that will be required to support the increased technology.

Paul Moore, an Oak Park resident supported the concerns brought up by Lisa Peloquin. He shared that he has a third grader at Lincoln and a student who just moved on to the middle school. He wanted to know what is happening right now regarding the needs for next year. He suggested that the students at Lincoln School are not getting the same experience as at the other schools. He asked the Board to support the teachers immediately because significant players have already been lost. He supported the need to reallocate space, but expressed concern about the loss of playground space.

Meghann Moses, an Oak Park resident with a second grader and Kindergartener, expressed concern about the equity in the school addition proposals. She indicated that the school has too many kids and not receiving equal resources. She asked the Board to consider how they can make Lincoln the best school it can be. Moses noted that she liked Option A the best.

James Ratner, an Oak Park resident, shared that all of the Oak Park early childhood centers are expanding because of enrollment. He suggested that the children will all end up in District 97 relatively soon. He thanked the Board for their consideration. He shared that he has done business with Bulley and Andrews in the past and found them to be a

#### PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued)

good company. He suggested that the schools need to be able to support the needs of the children for learning, and suggested that while the district is providing for the students and staff, it is allowing the kids to grow in a positive learning environment.

#### TRI-BOARD ON EQUITY

Ralph Martire from District 90 and Sarah Spivey from District 200, along with member Liebl addressed the Board on behalf of the Tri-Board on Equity. They reminded the Board that a year ago the three district's boards held a joint meeting on equity. At that time, they agreed to create a joint committee to explore this area. The team addressed the Board today to share their recommendations for the upcoming school year.

- Have each district inventory their current equity initiatives. In doing so, similarities may be identified and partnerships could be formed
- Have another town hall like last year. that could be a good jumping off point for other initiatives (David Seleb has been approached about facilitating)
- Collaborate to see if there are any efficiencies in scale with professional development
- Dedicate one district employee at each school to monitor screenings, etc., so people entering the district would have a point person. These people would be employees currently employed by the districts, not additional staff.

The team encouraged the Board to take action on these items at an upcoming Board meeting.

Board comments included interest in knowing how this initiative might overlap with the work being done by the superintendents, and what is currently being done. Concern was that the process may be reversed and should start with the superintendents. It was suggested that early childhood should be its own domain. It was suggested that the Board consult with administration and verify the cost or burden prior to voting. One Board member noted that she did not even know that the Pre-kindergarten program existed until her child needed its services.

Martire explained that District 90 is interested in a partnership with the Collaboration for Early Childhood and is working on adjusting the associated fees. He also expressed the concern that the Kindergarten – twelfth grade system is not very good at closing the gap for kids that show up during their educational process.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

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##### **4.1.1 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 8, 2018 BOARD MEETING**

Spatz moved, seconded by Broy, that the Board of Education, District 97, that the Board approve the minutes from the May 8, 2018 Board Meeting. Roll call vote.

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

##### **4.1.2 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 22, 2018 BOARD**

Spatz moved, seconded by Breymaier, that the Board of Education, District 97, that the Board approve the minutes from the May 22, 2018 Board Meeting. Roll call vote.

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

#### **4.1.3 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 1, 2018 SPECIAL BOARD**

Spatz moved, seconded by Breymaier, that the Board of Education, District 97, that the Board approve the minutes from the June 1, 2018 Special Board Meeting. Roll call vote.

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

#### **4.2 APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Spatz moved, seconded by Breymaier, that the Board of Education, District 97, approve the consent agenda as amended at the table.

4.2.1 Approval of Bill List

4.2.2 Approval of Personnel (amended)

4.2.3 Approval of Overnight and Out-of-State Field Trips for SY19 (amended)

4.2.4 Recertification of Hazardous Crossings (Removed from Consent Agenda)

4.2.5 Revised Calendar for 2018-2019

4.26 Policy Adoption

4.2.7.1 Partnership Agreement

4.2.7.2 Financial Transparency

Discussion took place regarding the decision on how to absorb the last Institute date into the calendar. Campbell explained that the committee did not want to take away a day in the middle of the year because families might already be making plans for them. Member Spatz noted that the emergency days could be used if necessary which could extend the school year further into the final week.

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

#### **APPROVAL OF HAZARDOUS CROSSINGS**

Spatz moved, seconded by Liebl that given the information that was presented regarding the definition of hazardous crossings provided by the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Board not certify the list of Hazardous Crossings.

Interest was expressed regarding the pedestrian bridge crossing at Home and Harrison. It was noted that there is a stop sign at the location but the exit from the bridge does not line up with the crosswalk. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that the location, although problematic, does not warrant being identified as an official Hazardous Crossing.

It was noted that the district has no intention of changing busing for the next school year based on hazardous crossings, and intends to create an Ad Hoc committee to review a variety of transportation issues.

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

#### **4.3.1. CLIC RENEWAL**

Spatz moved, seconded by Breymaier, that the Board of Education, District 97, renew its contract with the Collective Liability Insurance Cooperative (CLIC) for the 2018-19 school year at a premium of \$203,160 as outlined in the memorandum to the Superintendent dated May 22, 2018. Roll call vote.

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

#### **4.3.2 APPROVAL OF FINAL BUDGET AMENDMENT**

Breymaier moved, seconded by Spatz, that the Board of Education, District 97, adopt its final 2017-2018 budget amendment in the total amount of \$104,141,158. Roll call vote.

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

#### **4.3.3 ADOPTION OF TRANSFER RESOLUTIONS**

Liebl moved, seconded by Spatz, that the Board of Education, District 97, approve the formal transfer resolutions. The first transfer totaling \$497,973.38 is to move funds from the Education Fund to the Debt Service fund for lease payments. The second resolution is to allow for the transfer of interest to the fund(s) of greatest need at a future date after the FY18 total interest is known. Roll call vote.

It was noted that this request is routine and is required by law for the past six to eight years.

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

#### **4.3.4 APPROVAL OF TECHNOLOGY PLAN**

Spatz moved, seconded by Liebl, that the Board of Education, District 97, directs that \$91,958.50 be included in the District 97 2018-2019 Technology Plan budget to cover purchases that have not already been Board approved for the first year of the 3-year technology plan as presented and discussed at the May 8, 2018 meeting.

Michael Arensdorff reported that the Board will be asked to take action on the Apple lease next. He explained that although the lease is part of the Technology Plan, the Board needs to take action on it separately. Roll call vote.

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

#### **4.3.5 APPROVAL OF TEACHER IPAD REFRESH**

Broy moved, seconded by Breymaier, that the Board of Education, District 97, authorizes and approves Schedule No. 3 to the Master Lease Purchase Agreement Dated July 7, 2017 in connection with the lease of computer equipment for Oak Park Elementary School District No. 97, County of Cook, State of Illinois that was presented on May 8, 2018 in the amount of \$148,450.50 over a three year lease term. Roll call vote.

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

#### **4.3.6 AUTHORIZATION FOR ADMINISTRATION TO PAY BILLS AND HIRE STAFF PRIOR TO AUTHORIZATION DURING THE SUMMER**

Liebl moved, seconded by Breymaier, that the Board of Education, District 97, authorizes administration with the authority to pay bills and to hire staff for open positions prior to the July 2018 Board meeting as necessary.

The Board was reminded that they are being asked to give administration authority to hire only unfilled teaching positions. Roll call vote.

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

#### **4.3.7 AUTHORIZE TO PROCEED WITH ARCHITECTURAL DRAWINGS**

Broy moved, seconded by Breymaier, that the Board of Education, District 97, authorizes STR to begin the schematic design phase for the west addition and related interior renovations at Lincoln School and authorize STR to begin the schematic design phase for the Longfellow School addition and renovation.

It was explained that this item has been discussed at FAC, and the reason for this request is to keep the bidding process on a timeline, get good pricing on the bids, and make sure the work is completed on schedule.

Board comments included concern about getting feedback from principals after they review the plans. Interest was expressed in hearing more about the long-term spending, noting the need for the Board to be fiscally responsible.

The Board was reminded that they will hold a special meeting with FAC on July 10, 2018 to address these questions.

It was noted that Option C is a little too small given the current enrollment. Option B is more than the district planned on, and not supported by demographics projections. Option B1 might be the best option; and the Board can make tradeoffs down the line when the district has a better sense of the long-term trajectory at Lincoln School. It was suggested that the Board will need to have a discussion on what the class sizes should be. Appreciation was expressed for getting the B1 option that might save over \$2,000,000.

Costanzo explained that the plan would be to complete the HVAC work by 2021.

Board comments included the need to understand how the plans fit into the referendum dollars, to make sure that the Board wants to spend every penny of the referendum dollars and to consider what fixes can be done out of the Operations and Maintenance fund if the referendum dollars are spent on construction. The need to address long-term staff needs was also expressed. It was suggested that the Board determine what items would be nice to have versus necessity.

The Board was reminded that they already authorized administration to address the inequities in staff by hiring additional Social Workers and MTSS Specialists.

It was reported that the 1999 referendum discussions included the need for the auditoriums. At that time, there was no interest in expanding them because of their limited use. It was suggested that new schools are being built without auditoriums. Roll call vote.

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

#### **4.3.8 APPROVAL OF BID #4 – GENERAL TRADES**

Spatz moved, seconded by Broy, that the Board of Education, District 97, approves the General conditions bid from Bulley and Andrews for work pursuant to the Holmes expansion and Life/Safety projects in the amount of \$1,396,815 (amended to \$1,189,788) (Bid 4A) as presented. Roll call vote.

Peter Kuhn of Bulley and Andrews explained that the original bids were rejected because the bids came in above the budgeted amount. The items were reposted and two bids were received that were more in line with the budgeted

amount. He noted that the amount in the motion is not correct, and should be \$1,189,788. It was noted that FAC cannot make a formal recommendation on this item because the committee has not met since the bids were received.

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

#### **4.4.1 APPROVAL OF THE ADMINISTRATOR AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SALARIES**

Spatz moved, seconded by Breymaier, that the Board of Education, District 97, approve the administrator and administrative support salaries for the 2018-2019 school year as presented this evening. Roll call vote.

It was suggested that the Board hold a discussion during the school year on how it handles administrative salaries moving forward.

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

#### **4.4.2 APPROVAL OF SUMMER ROLES RECOMMENDATION**

Spatz moved, seconded by Broy, that the Board of Education, District 97, approve the Summer Roles Recommendation as outlined in the memo to the Board of Education dated May 22, 2018. Roll call vote.

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

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

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#### **PREVAILING WAGE RATES**

The Board Secretary explained that approval of the Prevailing Wage Rates is an annual requirement. She noted that she will bring this request back to the Board for action once the new rates have been published.

#### **DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY**

Evans reported that the schools are still weeding through their libraries and purging older books, and she shared a list of titles to be purged. She noted that this should be the final request for this year. This item will return to the Board for action on July 17, 2018.

#### **SELF RENEWAL**

Laurie Campbell reported that the Board is asked to renew the SELF agreement annually. She reported that the cost will be lower than in the past. This item will return to the Board for action on July 17, 2018.

#### **POLICY RENEWAL**

Chris Jasculca reported on the policy update recommendations and shared a memo from PRESS. He noted that the changes are standard revisions and some tie into the Accelerated Placement Act.

It was noted that the Finance Oversight and Review Committee (FORC) had been working on an anti-fraud policy, but PRESS decided to create one too. The Policy committee decided to share the PRESS version with FORC for their review. This policy will not return to the Board until the end of the summer.

It was reported that Policy 7:10 (Equal Opportunity Policy) had two sentences added to match the wording of the District 200 policy regarding the treatment and support of students according to their gender identity. It was noted that this change brings the policy in line with the district's practice. The Board will be asked to take action on the recommended policy changes on July 17, 2018.



## BRANCHING MINDS DATA AND SOFTWARE SERVICES AGREEMENT

Carrie Kamm explained that the district has been working with Branching Minds for the past three years. She shared that Branching Minds helps administration manage the multi-tiered levels of support. They give the district the ability to upload data for progress monitoring. She noted that there are no changes to the agreement since approved last year, but noted a slight increase in the contracted fees. She noted the difference due to the fact that the district was receiving a deeper discount in the past. Kamm agreed to share the amounts paid for past year's contract in the weekly report to the Board.

## **BOARD ASSIGNMENTS**

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STANDING BOARD COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORT FOLLOW UP (as needed – FAC, FORC, CCE and CLAIM)

### FINANCE OVERSIGHT AND REVIEW COMMITTEE (FORC)

It was reported that FORC will not be meeting until June 19, 2018. A meeting has not been scheduled for July yet, but the committee does plan on meeting sometime during that month.

### COMMITTEE FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION, INTERVENTION AND MONITORING (CLAIM)

It was reported that CLAIM will be meeting this week. They did not have quorum during their last meeting, but were able to discuss other work. It was shared that the committee would like to extend the community engagement period for the equity project to the end of the first month of the 2018-2019 school year. They are interested in doing something more robust, and scheduling such an event at the end of the school year would not have been productive. This event would give them one last touch point on the project. It was noted that the committee has good processing time built into the schedule and the review of the policy should not be delayed. The committee has two big events in the works during the summer, one with Special Education and one with the Friday Night Place.

Jasculca noted that the committee has put out a call for members. Applications have been received and are waiting for committee review. It was noted that Board committee assignments run from August 1 through July 31, and it was suggested that this would be a good time to bring new committee members on board. The need for additional members on FAC and FORC were also noted.

Concern was expressed about Board member assignments to the committees. The Board discussed the need to consider the upcoming Board of Education elections when making committee assignments. Interest was expressed in a transition period, suggesting that one Board member might stay on the committee to help with transition.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL LIAISON REPORT FOLLOW UP (as needed – IGOV, COG, PTO council, CEC, OPEF, Community Council, Tri-Board on Equity, Policy and Self-Evaluation)

### TRI-BOARD ON EQUITY

Board members were asked to share any recommendations for the Tri-board team with member Liebl. It was noted that this evening's presentation was the first stop for the team and they invited feedback.

### COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG)

It was reported that COG met last week. During the meeting, David Pope shared the background information on the survey shared with the Board regarding the tax efficiency task force. Pope offered to attend a meeting of the District 97 Board if they wanted to hold a dialog. It was reported that COG had a lot of questions for Pope, and concerns were shared about the composition of the task force. It was noted that there were no opportunities for feedback during the meeting.

## **CONCLUDING ITEMS**

### BOARD COMMENTS

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The Board was reminded that since they approved the Partnership Policy this evening, they are required to create a contract with each of their partners. Members Spatz and Breymaier offered to work on this process and also follow up on the transportation topic. They will share an information only report on July 17, 2018 with discussion to follow in August.

#### BOARD COMMENTS (Continued)

Gratitude was expressed to the committee members for their hard work and dedication to the district; noting the importance of the expertise and willingness to problem solve on behalf of the children.

Member Spatz attended the National Association for Education of Young Children PLI (Professional Learning Institute) in Austin Texas. He noted that the event had good speakers and discussions on equity. Spatz offered to share materials from the event with the Board.

It was noted that this is the last meeting for Dr. Alicia Evans. Everyone expressed their gratitude for her hard work and dedication and wished her well.

#### AGENDA MAINTENANCE

The draft agenda for July 10, and July 17, 2018 Board meetings were reviewed and revisions were recommended.

Dr. Kelley explained that it has been difficult identifying a date with Perry Hill from IASB for goal setting purposes. Therefore, Hill recommended Larry Dirks out of the IASB Springfield office to facilitate a goal setting session. July 17, 2018 was identified as a date when all Board members were available, so Dirks has been confirmed to lead a goal setting discussion during that meeting. The session will take three and one half hours, so Dr. Kelley requested that only critical items be placed on that agenda.

It was noted that the Board will also need to make a final decision regarding the Lincoln and Longfellow additions during that meeting. In order to expedite this discussion, everyone was asked to send all questions/comments on the subject to member Spatz and Jeanne Keane. Member Spatz will compile the information and share it with the full Board before the July 10, 2018 meeting. Keane explained that option A has been eliminated from the options being considered. It was noted that options A and B have the same number of classrooms, but option B does not have a dedicated multipurpose room that could be used for band. It was noted that something similar is being done at Holmes School.

It was suggested that the July 10, 2018 FAC/Board meeting be held at Longfellow School, offering an opportunity for the Longfellow community to hear about the options and voice their opinions. Principal Dolezal was asked to share this information with the Longfellow community.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

ADJOURNMENT

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Board President

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Board Secretary