

Official Minutes of the
Oak Park Board of Education District 97
260 Madison Street, Oak Park
October 25, 2022 Regular Meeting

This meeting was held in-person and virtually using Livestream. Board members met in person along with Administration.

President Kim called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Present: Kim, Moore, Ross Dribin, Spurlock, Kearney, Hurd Johnson, Kinhal

ROLL CALL

Absent: None

Also Present: Superintendent Dr. Ushma Shah, Associate Superintendent of Education Dr. Felicia Starks Turner, Interim Senior Director of Human Resources Cathie Pezanoski, Senior Director of Technology Michael Arensdorff, Senior Director of Communications Amanda Siegfried, Chief Academic and Accountability Officer Dr. Eboney Lofton, Senior Director of Equity Dr. Carrie Kamm, Senior Director of Buildings & Grounds Jeanne Keane, and Lonya Boose Board Secretary.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Ross Dribin moved, seconded by Hurd Johnson that the Board move into executive session for the purpose of Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees, Collective Negotiating, Security procedures, school building safety and security, and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property.5 ILCS 120/2(C)(1)(2)(8) at 6:07 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

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President Kim motioned that the Board move into Open Session at 7:04 p.m. All present members of the Board were in agreement. The Board convened in Open Session at 7:09 p.m.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

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4. #D97Joy

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Highlighted tonight are Brooks and Julian Middle School state qualifiers for Cross Country and Principal Appreciation Week.

Principal Appreciation

District 97 celebrates Principal Appreciation Week, October 16 – 22, 2022. We extend gratitude, and appreciation to each of our Principals and Assistant Principals for their leadership! Thank You for all that you do on behalf of the students, family and the community.

Cross Country State Qualifiers

The Board of Education and Administration would like to congratulate our 13 Cross Country finalist and alternates who qualified for State Competition. We are proud to celebrate the hard work, dedication and leadership each of these student athletes have displayed as they proudly represented District 97 and their schools during their cross country meet. Congratulations student athletes, Coaches and Principals. Thank You for showcasing #D97Joy.

Athletes	Grade	Athletes	Grade	Coaches
Tate Blecha	8	Maeve Fishburne	8	Brooks Kim Bader Tom Rocco Lary Grimaldi Julian Kate Tysse
Elora Byer	6	Anna Frost	8	
Brooke Castonguay	6	Jaelyn Hammersley	8	
Lila Chi	6	Athena Hassler	8	
Connor Creel	7	Valen Novotny	8	
Eileen Easton	7	Lucy Stein	8	Principal Capuder - Brooks
Fiona Feeney	6			Principal Christian - Julian

5. SPECIAL REPORTS

Dr. Shah provided the Board of Education and community with her 120-day report out. This information can be viewed by watching the recording of the board meeting on the district's YouTube channel.

SPECIAL
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6. ACTION ITEMS

6.1 APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Spurlock moved, seconded by Ross Dribin that the Board of Education of Oak Park Elementary School District 97, approves the consent agenda as presented.

ACTION
ITEMS

- 6.1.1 Approval of Minutes from the October 11, 2022 Board Meeting
- 6.1.2 Bill List
- 6.1.3 Personnel
- 6.1.4 Approval : Brooks Middle School Curriculum Recycle & Donation Request
- 6.1.5 Approval : Bravo Program Donation
- 6.1.6 Approval : Holmes PTO Donation
- 6.1.7 Approval : Education Ambassador Award

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

7. IASB Board Delegate Resolution Discussion

Ahead of the IASB Triple I Conference, and Delegate Assembly meeting, the Board of Education discusses in open session their vote positions for the following Resolutions:

IASB
DELEGATE
DISCUSSION

Financing Public Education - Local

1. Fund Balance – Miller Ratio Adjustment – Board Position (Yes)

Financing Public Education - Other

2. Alternative Fueled School Bus Funding – Board Position (Yes)

Local-State-Federal Relations

3. Firearm Dealer Location – Board Position (Yes)

Financing Public Education - State

4. Capital Grant Fund for School Buildings – Board Position (Yes)
5. School Safety Fund – Board Position (Yes)

Legislative Activity

6. Involvement with Candidates for Public Office – Board Position (No)

Local-State-Federal Relations

7. Mandates Review Committee – Board Position (Yes)

District Organization and Elections

8. Financial Contributions for School Board Elections – Board Position (Yes)

8. BOARD ASSIGNMENTS**BOARD
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- PTOC met on October 19, 2022 in person at Central Office. Administration presented the district priorities for the year at this meeting.
- OPEF is currently designing programming for the upcoming year/summer. They are also shifting the format for registration and is hopeful this will help families with this process.

9. CONCLUDING ITEMS**CONCLUDING
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- Board President Kim recently attended a Literacy Conference on behalf of District 97.
- Board member Moore shares recent conversations had with a literacy expert and hopes for future connections with her contact and administration around literacy and student performance in district.
- Trunk or Treat will take place on Friday at Ridgeland Commons from 5:30-7pm. Please Come Out!
- Board member Ross Dribin ask administration, where are we with Fall/Winter Planning, is it possible for administration to provide an update ahead of the upcoming season.
- Board member Kearney notes Irving Elementary Trivia Night is coming up. If any members of the Board or Administration are interested to please let him know so a team can be created.

10. ADJOURNMENT**ADJOURNMENT**

All Seven Present Members of the Board were in agreement that the meeting be adjourned. There being no further business to conduct, President Kim declared the meeting adjourned by voice vote at 8:00 p.m.

Board President

Board Secretary