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**Oak Park District 97 Board of Education
April 27, 2010**

Kathleen Sheehan, Observer

Board Members present: Barber, Gates, Reddy, Spatz, and Traczyk

Also Present: Secretary Marinier

Absent: Superintendent Collins, Member Clauser

This brief meeting adjourned before 9:00 p.m. Chris Jасulca, Public Relations Coordinator for District 97, in Superintendent Collins's absence, presented the first item under District Activity, namely a Strategic Plan update. Rather than use a power point, the Board simply conducted a round robin to voice questions or concerns that were not addressed in the packet. Several members felt their concerns would be addressed at the May 25 meeting.

Member Barber did bring up the issue of an ombudsman and his concern that there may not be a need for this position. Chris Jасulca recommended that the District do outreach in the community for feedback on this point. However, Member Harton noted that there should be an understanding of the research that drove the ombudsman recommendation in the first place.

Lastly, there was a brief discussion about bringing the new Superintendent up to speed on the Strategic Plan. All members seemed to agree that ample time needs to be spent with the new Superintendent to fully "indoctrinate" him/her and so that he/she fully understands the phasing process. In conclusion, Chris Jасulca stated that a full-blown Strategic Plan update would be given in June.

The only other item covered under District Activity was the painting bid. The District received 8 bids and National Decorating, whose bid came in at 55% of the highest bid, was awarded the job. It covers painting to be done in schools over the summer.

The primary Board concern turned to the crossing guards. No real progress has been made in resolving this issue as the Board has had great difficulty coordinating a meeting with the Village.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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