



**Oak Park District 97 Board of Education
March 22, 2011**

Peggy Kell, Observer

All school Board members were in attendance: Peter Traczyk, Michelle Harton, Bob Spatz, Jim Gates, Rance Clouser, Peter Barber and Jennifer Reddy

The board reconvened after an Executive Session.

Special Reports

A report on Student Academic Performance was given by Kevin Anderson, Director of Curriculum, Lisa Schwartz, Curriculum Coordinator, and four Principals. Why should data from tests be used? To see if there is student growth. Each principal reported what their school was doing with either Diebels testing (Dynamic Indicators and Basic Early Literacy Skills), MAP (Measure Academic Progress) or RIT scores (Ready Instruction Today) in math and reading comprehension. Use of these scores will help inform decisions about instruction and intervention. The hour presentation was followed by forty minutes of Board member questions.

Public Comment

There were two people for public comment. One spoke on Foreign Language Instruction and the other spoke on the 504 process.

Action Items

The board passed the minutes from the March 1 and March 8 meetings.

Personnel action was approved as presented. There was non-renewal of Educational Support Personnel and reassignment/reduction in pay for others.

Bill list was approved as presented.

The Policy Committee presented the first reading of the School/Classroom Visit policy. The Board will wait for public input before they vote on April 12.

Superintendent's Report

The Head Start building on Madison is for sale. The Early Childhood Collaboration would like to keep it to serve Oak Park children. If the building is sold, CEDA as the renter may have to vacate. The Substance Abuse Forum was held last night and a good presentation was made. Some upcoming field trips were discussed.

Julian will have a Career Day on June 6 to continue school till the last day. Art Extravaganza will be held at OPRF and the next Ed. Red meeting will be on Pension reform.

The Board reconvened back into Executive Session at 9:26pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be April 12, 2011.

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