

**Oak Park River Forest League of Women Voters
Eyewitness Report**

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Date: Feb 13, 2017

Meeting Length: 3 hours 15 minutes

Meeting Name: District 97 Board of Education

HEADLINE: The OP97 Board Discusses Approach for Community Engagement Process to Develop District Equity Plan

What did the Board decide?

The Board approved **Holmes construction bid** for \$4,822,455

What else did the Board discuss or refer to committee?

- **Equity Policy Discussion** – The OP97 Board has asked its Committee on Community Engagement (CCE) to propose a plan to engage the community around the definition of an Equity Policy. The CCE proposed a rough timeline for the engagement process (engagement beginning in April, policy adoption in November) and would like the OP97 Board to advise on the ultimate goal of the engagement process before defining how to get it done.
- The OP97 Board discussed the **physical education waiver** within the Policy Review agenda item. The OP97 Board agreed on the need for follow up conversations before Fall 2018 in order to be prepared for the expiration of the current physical education waiver (June 2019).

Unexpected Votes, Events, Testimony or Items to Watch for in the Future

- The OP97 Board heard **public comments** regarding 1) adding “disability” to the draft equity statement and 2) increasing unstructured physical play time.
- Vice Superintendent Dr Evans reported to the OP97 Board that the **PTO of Mann School would like to donate ~\$5,000 to purchase new risers for its auditorium** due to condition of their current risers (beyond repair). Board Member Murray-Leibl asked whether or not items that are beyond repair should be paid for out of general funds rather than PTO dollars. The OP97 Board will vote on the acceptance of this donation at an upcoming meeting.
- At the 2/27/18 meeting, the OP97 Board will vote to approve various **Policy Revisions** (made largely to sync with current Illinois law)
- At the 3/13/18 meeting, the District will present its **Technology Vision Plan** to the OP97 Board
- At the 3/13/18 meeting, the OP97 Board will vote on resolution for handling the **Debt Service Extension Base (DSEB)**