

Oak Park Elementary School District 97

March 14, 2017

League Member Observer: Ameri Klafeta

Meeting Start 7:05 pm

Roll Call: Attendees: Dr. Carol Kelley- Superintendent, Jim Gates- Board President, Amy Felton- Vice President, Sheryl Mariner- Secretary, Graham Brisben, Robert Spatz, Holly Spurlock, and Rupa Datta. Absent: Jim O'Connor

I. PUBLIC

A. Welcome members of the Committee for Community Engagement

- i. Five members of the initial CCE were present and welcomed.

II. SPECIAL REPORTS

A. Written Curriculum and IB Update

- i. There was a presentation from Angela Lalor that generally discussed what a curriculum is. Ms. Lalor appears to be a consultant, but her relationship to the Board or D97 was not clear.

- ii. D97 personnel gave an update of the IB Program. They described it as a philosophy of learning that makes students think rather than being given an answer and connects them to a global community. An evaluation of the IB Program is done every five years, looking at 73 practices.

- iii. There was a question regarding whether the IB diploma was being considered at the high school level. D200 offers AP and honors level courses, and the goal in D97 is to prepare students for those classes. The metrics that D97 uses to evaluate where students are seated in the Ninth Grade will give insight into the program's impact. The IB Program in D97 is a philosophy that is for all students. It is distinct from the high school IB diploma program, which is not for all students.

B. Superintendent Evaluation Training

- i. The Board heard a presentation from Joanne Picone-Zocchia, Learner Centered Initiatives, regarding the general structure of the superintendent training rubric. This year's rubric is a smaller version of the rubric used last year that is better tailored to the district. The purpose of the presentation was for the Board to learn some best practices and have the opportunity to ask questions. Spurlock and O'Connor are the Board's superintendent evaluation team.

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. Meeting Minutes and Consent Agenda – All items were approved unanimously. One of the approved items was a change to Policy 4:12 that lowers the ceiling for the District's fund balance, which the Board explained as preventing the District from hoarding cash or building up a very large fund balance.

B. Dr. Lisa Bucciarella-Carlos was appointed as the new principal of Lincoln School. She has a one-year contract with a base salary of \$122,774.

C. The Board adopted a Welcoming Resolution for D97. The resolution is available at <http://www.op97.org/documents/WelcomingSchoolDistrictResolution.pdf>. D97 policies already adhere to these practices.

D. The Board approved, pending final attorney review, the Oak Park Educational Foundation Summer Programming and Data Agreement. It is intended to help the Board be proactive in collecting data regarding the programming.

E. The Board approved the 2017 summer project bidders. The work is for state-mandated life-safety work, and the money has already been allocated.

IV. BOARD ASSIGNMENTS

A. Board Committee Follow Ups

i. With respect to Benefits, the Board noted that health insurance is expected to trend high in the next year.

B. Referendum Discussion

i. There continue to be multiple presentations regarding the referenda. The time and effort the Board members have spent meeting with the public was recognized.

C. Retreat Follow-Up

i. The Board held a retreat on March 13, 2017, in which they discussed onboarding of new members and general Board performance.

V. CONCLUDING ITEMS

A. Board Remarks

i. Spurlock asked how “hot days” were handled for the District. There is nothing in the weather protocols for hot days as there is for snow days, although there is a protocol for emergency closings for unsafe conditions generally.

ii. Spatz circulated a House bill regarding the State’s funding of schools, which demonstrates D97’s inadequate funding.

Meeting End 9:18 pm