**Official Minutes of the Oak Park Board of Education**

**Elementary District 97, Cook County, Illinois**

**CLOSED MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 13, 2018 TIME: 5:30 PM**

The Board convened in closed session at 5:31 PM. Answering present and attending in person were President Spurlock, Vice President O’Connor, Members Spatz, Broy, Breymaier, and Liebl. Member Datta arrived at 5:45 PM.

Also Present: Superintendent Dr. Carol Kelley, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Laurie Campbell, Chief Academic and Accountability Office Amy Warke, and Board Secretary Sheryl Marinier

Summary discussion of the Board on all matters:

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**1) Appointment– Towanda Lawrence**

Amy Warke, Chief Academic Officer, recommended hiring Dr. Towanda Lawrence as the Senior Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessments. She explained that Lawrence has continually moved up in her positions. She has audited curriculum, and at her current position, they wrote curriculum from scratch. Lawrence is experienced in learning walks and monitored the fidelity of that process. Lawrence will be offered a one year contract. The Board will be asked to take action during open session this evening.

**2) Appointment – Patrick Robinson**

Laurie Campbell, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, recommended the hiring of Patrick Robinson as the Whittier School Principal. She reported that Robinson was vetted through many interviews and performance tasks, and a site visit was performed last week. Robinson will be offered a one-year contract. The Board will be asked to take action during open session this evening.

**3) Appointment – Paul Starck-King**

Laurie Campbell, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, recommended the hiring of Paul Starck-King as the Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. She reported that Starck-King is a Certified Public Accountant and has held several positions in similar roles. He was slated through HYA and Associates and was the second choice of the interview committee. Starck-King will be offered a one-year contract.

One board member expressed in knowing how these hires are reviewed through the equity lens. Dr. Kelley explained that the shifts that the district is making with the evidence model, and tracking how the kids are doing helps the district have an equity lens when hiring.

**4) Review of Closed Meeting Minutes**

The closed meeting minutes from January 2017 – June 2017 were shared and reviewed. The Board was asked to take action on these minutes during the open meeting this evening by approving them and keeping closed those recommended by legal counsel. It was noted that February 14, 2017 minutes should remain closed.

**5) Personnel – Non-renewal**

Laurie Campbell, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, shared the recommended list of Non-renewals. She noted that the list originally contained nine names, but three of the employees resigned. The Board will be asked to take action on this list during the open session this evening.

**CONCLUSION OF CLOSED MEETING**

Datta moved, seconded by O’Connor that the Board of Education move into Open Session at 6:58 PM. All members of the Board were in agreement. The Board concluded the closed meeting and reconvened in Open Session at 6:58 PM.

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Board President