

**Official Minutes of the
Oak Park Board of Education District 97
260 Madison Street, Oak Park, Cook County, Illinois
May 16, 2019 Special Meeting (Board Retreat)**

President Broy called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Broy, Jung, Liebl, Kearney and Moore
Absent: Breymaier and Spurlock
Also Present: Superintendent Dr. Carol Kelley Monica Rosen from the ALMA Advisory Group, and Board Secretary Sheryl Marinier.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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None

BOARD RETREAT

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Monica Rosen from the ALMA Advisory Group facilitated the evening.

President Broy welcomed Monica Rosen and explained that the event is focused on level setting, understanding and discussing the district’s current state, and key activities establishing the Board’s goals for the next 2 years. Norms for communicating internally and externally would also be discussed.

Member Liebl arrived at 8:03 p.m.

Board members were asked to identify what they would like their legacy on the Board of Education to be, and what will be different in Oak Park because this Board was in place? Responses included;

- Increased family engagement
- More traction around discipline
- Change the culture shift
- More project based learning
- Classrooms that incorporate all learners
- A high standard of accountability for the Board

The Board was asked to share what they see in the inherent structures and the opportunity gap. Board responses included;

Instruction, the knowledge base is not the same
Some of the staff do not know how to help the parents navigate
A parent university was suggested
Consider opportunity hording

Rosen explained that tomorrow’s meeting will begin by exploring how District 97 is different than other districts, followed by an equity stance activity, and a discussion on what is the job of the school to guarantee equity.

ADJOURNMENT

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There being no further business to conduct, President Broy declared the meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Board President

Board Secretary