

**LEAGUE of WOMEN
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**Oak Park District 97
September 11, 2007**

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The meeting convened at 7:30 p.m. with all Board members present.

The proposed budget for fiscal year 2007-2008 was adopted with acknowledgement of a slight surplus. The Board was reminded that the 2008-2009 and all future budgets show deficits.

Dr. Kevin Anderson presented a detailed report regarding educational growth standards. All District 97 schools have met Adequate Yearly Progress requirements for the 2007 testing cycle. The black/white achievement gaps are smaller than in the past. There needs to be continued work to meet the 7.5% gain which will be required each year under the No Child Left Behind program.

Dr. Kelly Baird presented discipline data noting that the effect of differing reporting systems may have skewed numbers. As of the start of the 2007-2008 year, all reporting will use the same guidelines making comparison of data much easier. In an effort to keep children in school rather than using suspensions, creative ways of dealing with behavior and handling situations are being implemented. During the 2006-07 year, there were 115 1-day suspensions and 282 multiple day suspensions. Suspensions are limited to incidents involving fighting, drugs or weapons.

An updated version of the Strategic Plan was discussed. There is now a rough draft and persons responsible for implementation of the plan have been named. The plan will be implemented gradually as funds are available.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 p.m.