



**Oak Park District 97 Board of Education
April 9, 2008**

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The meeting reconvened at 8:20 p.m.

The Middle School study was presented by Dr. Kevin Anderson, Dr. Kelly Baird, Dr. Victoria Sharts, Julian Middle School Principal, and Mr. Tom Sindelar, Brooks Middle School Principal.

It was discussed to determine whether to continue, discontinue, or modify academic programs based on the data as related to Strategic Action Plan 1.11.

A Middle Level Oversight Committee (MLOC) started on April 7, 2008. It will meet again on April 28, 2008. It will provide a timely review of key areas, curriculum, instruction and assessment, the technology used in instruction, and work to increase parent and community engagement and communication. MLOC members will include:

Building Principal (2)

One teacher from each grade level (6)

One elective teacher (2)

One special education teacher (2)

One minority parent representative (2)

Four at-large parent/community representatives (8)

Dr. Kevin Anderson, Asst. Supt.

Dr. Kelly Baird, Curriculum Coordinator

A Math Department update was given. Plans have been made for mandatory District 97 summer school. Students are to be identified by the principals. Within the mandatory, 5-week summer school experience, each child will receive math, reading and writing instruction.

Much like the District 97 Strategic Planning Process brought focus to the District's efforts in multiple areas, the Middle School Study has the potential to have an equally strong impact on middle level education in Oak Park for the next five years. This process should allow the District and community to determine what should be common and foundational across both schools and how they may differ. It is anticipated that many action steps specified in the District #97 Strategic plan will be worked on by these Action Teams of the MLOC, resulting in a smooth implementation curve for the entire district.

The Board approved a three year contract with Dr. Constance Collins to continue her position as Superintendent beginning on July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011.

A contractor from Precision Control was present discussing the lighting contract. Precision Control will guarantee that lighting changes will be done without exceeding the cost. There is a \$120,000.00

grant from the State whose deadline is August 2008. These changes will produce energy savings. The Contractor requested a letter of intent at the next Board meeting April 23, 2008.