

Oak Park River Forest League of Women Voters Eyewitness Report

Observed by: Kathleen M. Perry

Date: January 16, 2018

Meeting Length: Two hours

Meeting Name: River Forest D90 School Board

Headline 1: Board Awards Willard Construction Bid to Happ Builders

Information Item: The Board reviewed the results of the Classroom Addition bid for Willard School. There were fourteen contractors at the mandatory pre-bid walk-through with twelve submitting bids. The Board reviewed the bids of the top three contractors submitting bids, and the Board voted to award the bid to the lowest bidder, Happ Builders, for a total of \$1,254,600 plus \$10,600 performance bond. Happ Builders has done an extensive amount of work for D90, most recently at Lincoln Elementary School (2010) and Roosevelt Middle School (2012).

Headline 2: Board Establishes Ad Hoc Gender Inclusion Committee

Information Item: With issues surrounding transgender individuals and articles about school districts accommodating transgender students in the news, the district proactively established an Ad Hoc Gender Inclusion Committee to examine the issues and best practices to follow for gender inclusion in D90. Board Member Barb Hickey will Chair the committee, and Secretary Rich Moore will serve as Co-Chair.

Headline 3: Board Approves Cost-sharing with Village of River Forest for Safe Walking Routes to School Audit.

Information Item: The Board approved expenditure of \$4,500-\$6,000 to conduct with the Village of River Forest a Safe Walking Routes to School Audit.

What else did the Board discuss or refer to committee?

1. Board members reported on their activities on various Board Committees and Outside Meetings to which Board members are assigned.
2. Reviewed Informational items:
 - A. Receipt of 2016-17 Audit Report
 - B. Policies reviewed First Reading

C. Village of River Forest Subcommittee for Collaboration Community
Survey Findings

D. Dominican University/D90 Partnership: "Social Media and Emerging
Technology Course for Faculty (EDU790)

E. Enrollment Statistics reviewed

Any Other Comments or Observations: Detailed information on specific topics
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