

Oak Park River Forest League of Women Voters

Eyewitness Report

**Observed by:** Kathleen M. Perry

**Date:** October 16, 2017

**Meeting Length:** Two hours

**Meeting Name:** River Forest D90 School Board

**Headline: Board Adopts Connected Math Project 3**

**Information Item:** Dr. Alison Hawley, Director of Curriculum and Instruction and Roosevelt 8th grade Math Teacher, Edgar Roman, gave a PowerPoint presentation on a Math Pilot that was conducted at Roosevelt Middle School comparing materials for teaching Grade 6-8 Math from two vendors: 1) Pearson System of Courses (Developer Phil Daro, Pearson Company) and 2) Connected Math Project 3 (Developer Michigan State University.) They presented the methodology of the pilot and listed the strengths and limitations of each. They recommended that the Board vote to adopt the Connected Math Project3 because it: 1) reflects instructional approach of K-5 *Investigations*, facilitating a smooth transition for students, 2) provides an instructional progression that aligns with the range of entry points at Oak Park River Forest High School and 3) supports the D90 Vision for Mathematics Education. Visit [www.district90.org](http://www.district90.org) and click on Board of Education, Past Meetings Oct 16, 2017, Board Packet Agenda Item XII A. Math Resource Adoption to view the full PowerPoint.

**What did the Board decide?** See Headline One

**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. Policies on first reading, B. Willard Proposed Classroom Addition, C. Summer School Report, D. D90 Strategic Plan Draft, E. D90 Principal/Administrator Appreciation
3. Discussed possibility of a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page on the District website to inform parents and community on D90 topics of interest.

**Unexpected Votes, Events, Testimony or Items to Watch for the Future**

None

**Any Other Comments or Observations** None