

Oak Park and River Forest High School - Regular Meeting
November 16, 2023 6:30 pm
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Student Showcase

Girls' Cross Country Team Girls' Tennis Team Girls' Swim Team Boys' Golf Team Student Council

Superintendent Announcements

Recognition

Kelly Diaz was selected as the Teacher of the Month. November Employee of the Month was Veronica Pitlik. The Volunteer of the Month was Bob Wozniak. Erik Renteria was selected as the Substitute Teacher of the Month. The student Sustainability Champion for November is Malcolm Mitchell-Chablani and Natalie Hornik is the faculty Sustainability Champion.

Consent

Mr. Gil Herman donated \$1,000 to the Oak Park and River Forest High School Incubator Program.

2023 Tentative Tax Levy Consent The recommendation made by administration for the 2023 levy included: Setting the levy at a CPI increase of 3.5% plus new property rather than the 5% maximum allowed The cost of the levy increase to the owner of a home assessed at \$400,000 would be approximately \$119. The exact amount of the levy *adjustment* for 2023 is not expected to be known until after November 15, but the estimated cost to the owner of a home assessed at \$400,000 would be a tax bill increase of approximately \$28 which is actually the taxpayer's share of the re-extension of uncollected funds from the 2022 tax levy. The Board of Education authorized a public hearing to be held concerning the proposed levy on December 21, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

Board of Education to approve the E2 Services (technology network and infrastructure) contract for the cost of \$204,000/year.

Action

Veregy Construction Contract (Energy savings/wells/geothermal) not to exceed \$165,000 (initial) - By 2030, our sustainability policy goals charge us to reduce Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions by 45% of 2012 levels. On August 24, 2024, the District submitted a Request for Proposal for a Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract for Geothermal work. Veregy will determine the conditions of the soil. Once this is completed, Veregy will be able to determine the size, depth and spacing of wells, and will work with the district to determine a final location for the well field. Advantages - longer lasting components, less maintenance, environmentally friendly, tax incentives. If the district moves forward, total funding for the project will be discussed. The presentation can be found on YouTube during the board meeting video. All board members agreed to fund the initial step.

District, Community, State, and Committee Reports

Culture, Climate, and Behavior Committee - continued discussion of items at the committee level - consideration of connecting area school districts for continuity

