

Oak Park River Forest League of Women Voters Eyewitness Report

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Date: November 20, 2017

Meeting Length: Two hours

Meeting Name: River Forest D90 School Board

Headline 1: Board Passes Resolution Regarding the Estimated Amounts of Taxes Necessary to be Levied for the Year 2017 for River Forest Public School, District 90

Information Item: The Truth in Taxation Act, as amended, requires that all taxing districts in the State of Illinois determine the estimated amounts of taxes necessary to be levied for the year not less than 20 days prior to the official adoption of the aggregate tax levy of the district. The aggregate amount of taxes, exclusive of the Bond and Interest Fund levy and election costs, estimated to be levied for the year 2017 is \$21,228,000. This is an increase of \$400,000 from last year's levy, exclusive of the Bond and Interest Fund levy and election cost.

Headline 2: Board passes Memorandum of Understanding Related to Negotiated Contract between the Board of Education of School District 90 and the River Forest Education Association 2017-2020 Re: Non-Discrimination Language

Information Item: Both entities agree to the insertion of the phrase "gender identity" into the text of Section 4.3, "Non-Discrimination," of the Negotiated Contract.

Headline 3: Board Votes Acceptance of Recommended Language for District 90 Strategic Plan Update to Core Values/Commitment to Sustainability

Information Item: At the Green 4 Good Follow-Up Meeting on Oct 8, 2017, G4G, River Forest residents, District 90 staff members, and administrators reached consensus about the following core value/commitment: "We believe in ensuring a sustainable future for and with our students, We will model sustainable practices for our students and community, and we will provide opportunities to learn about and engage in sustainable practices." The group submitted the language to the Board of Education who voted to make it a part of the D90 Strategic Plan.

Headline 4: Board Votes for Agreement Between the Board of Education of School District 90 and PING! (Providing Instruments for the Next Generation)

Information Item: The board approved an agreement with PING!, a non-for-profit corporation that owns a number of musical instruments and seeks to lend these instruments and provide lessons and mentoring for these instruments.

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:

School Board Member Appreciation Day-November 15, 2017

Operating Fund Financial Projections, 2019-2022

Resident-Friendly Financial Reporting Instrument, 2017

Committee of the Whole (COW) Presentation Topics-Jan-Feb 2018

Facility Update-Willard Construction

Illinois District Report Card Statistic-Teacher Attendance

Special Education Director Search Process

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

None

Any Other Comments or Observations: Detailed information on the above information can be found on the D90 website www.district90.org Click on Board of Ed./Past Meetings/Minutes/ November20, 2017. Both the Meeting Agenda and Full Board Packet are posted.