



Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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Finance Oversight and Review Committee Meeting Minutes

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November 3, 2021

The meeting was held virtually via Zoom
Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: **FORC Members:** Chair - Dr. Michelle Mangan, Vice-Chair - Jeff Mathis, Justin Erkfritz-Gay, Greg Kolar, Hau Pho **Board Members:** Holly Spurlock, Venus Hurd-Johnson, **Administration:** Felicia Starks Lou Anne Johannesson, Rob Grossi

Absent: Chair - Peter Lisnic, Gregory Glennie
Chair Mangan called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

- 1. Public Comments:** There were no public comments.
- 2. Standing Items - Approval of Minutes** – Minutes from January 21, 2021 were unanimously approved.
- 3. Presentation of the Revised Peer Group Analysis Report** - Grossi presented the new peer group data that FORC requested in August. The committee collectively voiced alarm about the District's ELA results as compared to the peer district updated group. The big concern voiced was that for the high ranking the District has in Administrative pay, Staff pay and operating expense per student, the assessment scores are low by comparison. The greatest low ranking was shown to be in 3rd grade and Middle School data.
- 4. Presentation, "An Examination of the IAR Performance Root Causes"** - Dr. Ebony Lofton, Chief Academic and Accountability Officer and Dr. Tawanda Lawrence, Senior Director of Curriculum and Assessment made the presentation. In her remarks, Dr. Lofton reported that she had been meeting with Districtwide Stakeholders, to form an action plan to address the IAR results, and the root causes of the results. She reported that it is the goal of the District to implement resources to ensure mastery of grade level standards, in a timely manner. She further reported that she and her team will be presenting the pilot curriculum and international programs they have selected to the Board of Education in April.
- 5. Presentation of 2021 Tentative Tax Levy** - Grossi and King presented their view of what is fiscal the most sound decision for the BOE to take in terms of the 2021 levy. The committee majority agreed with their findings.
2021 Tentative Tax Levy Recommendation
FORC voted to recommend to the Board of Education that the District increase the tax levy by 1.4% plus new growth of \$600,000 that it is entitled to under the property tax extension limits. The motion passed 4-1.
- 6. New Business** - Mangan will be rolling off the committee in June.
- 7. Adjournment** - The meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm

