

February 23, 2024

Dear Oak Grove Community,

Thank you to everyone who attended the OGS Board of Education meeting in person or through our streaming option. Please see the brief recap of the February meeting.

1. The Board of Education approved the district calendar for the 2024-25 school year. The first day of school for students is August 21 and school will end on June 4, if no emergency days are used. The calendar is awaiting formal approval by the Illinois State Board of Education and will be released to our community through OG News soon.
2. The Board of Education approved student fees for the 2024-25 school year. Fees will increase \$20 per student to cover increasing costs due to inflation. The new fee amount will also include full insurance coverage for all student devices (iPads and MacBooks). Families will not incur any repair costs in the event of device breakage.
3. The Board of Education formally introduced its new Architect of Record, DLA Architects. Additionally, the Board approved the first two projects with the firm. Beginning March 8, the architects and engineers will conduct a comprehensive facility assessment to update the current District Maintenance Plan. During this assessment, the firm will also complete a Health/Life Safety study that is required by school code every ten years. This study determines our facility's alignment to health and safety compliance metrics, to which the district must prioritize for completion (where identified) through the ten-year period.
4. Board members, Raabia Khan and Cathie DeMoon, along with Superintendent Sherman, provided an update on the strategic planning process which launched last week. A timeline for action steps and communication was shared. Mass communication to the school and taxpayer community requesting participation in the process will be shared beginning Monday, February 26.

Thank you for our continued partnership on behalf of OGS students.

The Oak Grove School Board of Education