

April 28, 2024

Dear Oak Grove Community,

Thank you to everyone who attended the OGS Board meeting in person or through our new streaming option. Please see the brief recap of the April meeting. As a reminder, these are not approved minutes, as minutes will be formally approved at our subsequent meeting in May.

1. The Board honored outgoing member, Dr. Tony Giamis, for his eight years of leadership on the OGS BoE. Dr. Giamis was first drawn to the Board to address issues related to curriculum changes and communication. Dr. Giamis is a veteran of two Superintendent searches, two Collective Bargaining Agreements (CBA), eight annual operating budgets for a combined \$150-million dollars, a multiyear & multi-million district renovation, and when Oak Grove School was named a recipient to the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program Award.
2. Results from the April, 2023, Consolidated Election were presented and the Oath of Office given to Ms. Kim Rihman, Ms. Raabia Khan, and Mr. Nuriddin Saratore. Rihman and Khan are extending terms on the Board, while Saratore will be joining in his first year. The Board formally elected new executive leadership roles – Ms. Raabia Khan (President), Ms. Emily Savino (Vice President), and Mr. Henry Liu (Secretary).
3. Members of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee presented highlights of OGS results from the Illinois Equity Journey Continuum. The Continuum results represent the measurement of equity in students’ access to opportunities, practices, policies, and programming and can be found on the [Illinois School Report Card](#). Findings showed Oak Grove has “Small Gaps” in Student Learning and Learning Conditions, and “Minimal Gaps” across Elevating Educators. The results will continue to be explored by administration and the DEI Committee to make informed decisions about the district’s equity strengths, opportunities for growth, access and supports for students.
4. Mr. Steve Cummins, District Business Manager, shared important budgetary timelines in the COW meeting. The Board will hold a public hearing at the May meeting prior to the formal approval of amendments to the FY23 budget. Additionally, the Board will hold a public hearing in August prior to the approval of the FY24 budget.
5. Mr. Murray presented certificates of accomplishment to the OGS Wrestlers for their recent qualification to the state tournament.
6. Board [meeting dates](#) for the 2023-24 school year were established.

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

The Oak Grove School Board of Education