

Osseo Commercial Club Meeting
Osseo-Fairchild High/Middle School- Room 244
Monday, February 24th, 2020



1. Presentations: O-F School District Referendum- Superintendent Lori Whelan
 - PDF attached
 - The referendum election is Tuesday, April 7th, 2020
2. Call to Order 7:45pm– President Steve Aleckson
3. Secretary’s Report – Tia Anderson
 - Minutes emailed to group & on website
 - Motion to Accept: Mark D
 - 2nd: Nancy Dewitz
 - Accepted Unanimously
4. Treasurer’s Report –Mark Diehl
 - Money Market \$20,383.45
 - Checking \$13,644.62
 - Interest gained \$1.41
 - Checks:
 - Boy Scouts \$1036.00
 - Cub Scouts \$1684
 - US Postal \$56.00 (PO box)
 - Motion to Accept: Lisa Linder
 - 2nd: Rollie Colby
 - Accepted Unanimously
5. Correspondence-Steve Aleckson- none
6. Donation Request:
 - a. S.T.O.P.
 - i. Last year we donated one of the inflatables for \$300
 - ii. Brandon motion for \$300 donation
 - iii. 2nd: Lisa Linder
 - iv. Accepted Unanimously
 - b. Holiday Lites Purchase-Steve Aleckson
 - i. Plan to slowly replace items over the next couple years.
 - ii. Current February special 33% off
 - iii. Option 1: Santa with Reindeer \$3500
 - iv. Option 2: Poinsettia Arch \$3000
 - v. Option 3: Snow Family \$1000
 - vi. Discussion on if we should buy the item or make a donation with the intention of Holiday Lites making the purchase using our donation and their own funds too.
 - vii. Motion: 2/3rd cost- Up to \$3,000 toward new displays- remaining balance from Holiday Lites fund.
 - viii. Motion to Accept: Brandon Leinon
 - ix. 2nd: Rollie Colby
 - x. Accepted Unanimously



7. Old Business:
 - a. Pines-Not completed yet.
 - Forrester, Dave, might come to March meeting to discuss
 - b. Spring Event
 - Having a meeting tonight to discuss details.
 - Hoping to have an event sometime in March with community members and business to create a conversation about the Commercial Club.
 - c. City of Osseo Website
 - Commercial club wasn't listed under "organizations".
 - Steve stopped in and inquired for us to be added.
 - Want to get our monthly meetings added to the city's calendar too
 - d. Committee updates
 - i. Memberships
 1. Spring event will be our kick off event
 - ii. Marketing
 1. Tied in with membership – waiting for Spring event
8. New Business:
 - a. Multipurpose Trail meeting: April 2nd, 11:30 at Fire Station. RSVP for lunch
 - b. Membership: Discussion on what we can add to meetings to attract businesses to join.
9. Next meeting:
 - Monday, March 23rd 2020, 6:30 p.m
 - Location TBD
10. Adjourn



OSSEO-FAIRCHILD SCHOOL DISTRICT 2020 REFERENDUM

WHY IS THIS REFERENDUM NEEDED?

An operating referendum is critical to fund educational programs and services.

The building referendum is for maintenance projects on our facilities, technology needs, equipment replacement, and to implement STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) programs at each school level. We additionally have the opportunity, with input from our community businesses and members, to remodel and expand our technical education program.

WHAT WILL THIS DO TO MY TAXES?

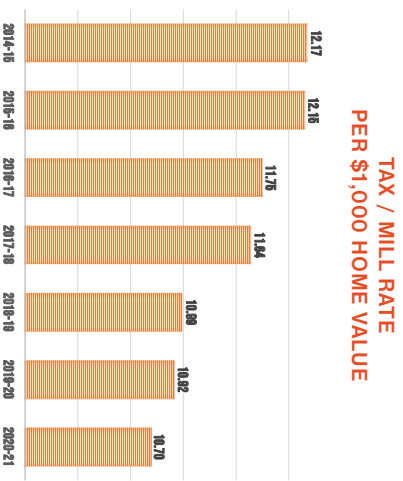
This referendum in itself will not increase the tax rate even if both questions pass.

HOW CAN "NO TAX RATE INCREASE" BE TRUE?

- The District has debt that is paid off over many years. This is debt structured with drop off years in the plan.
- One of the reasons debt is structured that way is so if a district is in need of fixing deferred projects they can borrow without that debt affecting the amount of taxes the public is paying towards that loan. In effect, the new debt replaces the old debt.
- This referendum coincides with a scheduled period for a "no tax rate increase" to occur.

HOW WAS THE LAST BUILDING REFERENDUM SPENT?

- The previous building referendum was used for major school renovations including: replacement of roofs, flooring, and parking areas; general improvements to all school district buildings; district-wide technology upgrades, and equipment.
- Due to cost savings with materials, we had a remaining balance of \$500,000. This was used to pay off some of the related debt which saved the district future interest costs.



TAX IMPACT OF A NONRECURRING OPERATING AND BUILDING REFERENDUM:

If voters approve both questions on the referendum, **the current tax levy rate of \$10.92 is projected to DECREASE 22 cents to \$10.70** per \$1,000 of property value. Over the next four years, the projected tax rate will continue to steadily decrease with the passing of both referendum questions.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THESE REFERENDUM QUESTIONS DO NOT PASS?

Question 1 – Operational
The Board of Education has limited options. If this part of the referendum fails, educational programs and services, athletics, and extracurricular programs will be reduced by \$575,000 beginning in the 2020-21 school year.

Question 2 – Building
If this part fails, the maintenance projects do not go away. In fact, the problems associated with some of the issues would be compounded, and we would be forced to come back to referendum in the future with even higher costs. We would also continue to limit the growth and learning opportunities for students in technical education and other programs.



- ✓ OUR STUDENTS
- ✓ OUR VOTE
- ✓ OUR FUTURE

WHAT WILL THE REFERENDUM ASK?

QUESTION 1 - OPERATIONAL

Shall the School Board of the Osseo-Fairchild School District be authorized to exceed the revenue limit under Section 121.91 of the Wisconsin Statutes each year for a period of four years on a non-recurring basis for the purpose of paying District operating costs as follows: \$575,000 for the 2020-21 school year, \$725,000 for the 2021-22 school year, \$875,000 for the 2022-23 school year and \$975,000 for the 2023-24 school year as provided in the foregoing resolution?

QUESTION 2 - BUILDING

Shall General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$3,900,000 for the purpose of paying the costs of improvements to the District's buildings and grounds and equipment acquisition including: building and site maintenance projects; expansion and remodeling of technical education spaces and acquisition of related equipment; and district-wide technology upgrades and replacements be approved?



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OTE APRIL 7

PASSING THE REFERENDUMS ALLOWS THE DISTRICT TO:



HOW WAS THE REFERENDUM AMOUNT DETERMINED?

There were multiple community forums for public input on the current facilities and the operating needs as the district moves forward. Input from local businesses in the Osseo and Fairchild communities was received during the annual Technology Education Coalition Meeting. With the help of financial and building consultants, the list was narrowed down and items were prioritized in order to stay at a cost that would not raise the tax rate.

HOW WILL THE TECHNOLOGY PIECE HELP?

Technology is affecting all of our lives. In schools, it is becoming an essential part of everyday education. To ensure our students are receiving the required technology education for today and beyond, we need to have the technology support to do that.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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QUESTION 2 – BUILDING REFERENDUM PROJECTS

MIDDLE SCHOOL / HIGH SCHOOL
Technical Education Program Remodel, Expansion, and Equipment
Technology Updates: Chromebooks, Phone System, Security Cameras, Network and WiFi Updates
Stem Curriculum: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
Replace Band Instruments
Exterior Masonry Wall Sealing and Concrete Maintenance
Greenhouse and Engineering Room Ventilation
Replace Wrestling Mats
Parking Lot Blacktop Sealing
ELEMENTARY BUILDING
Technology Updates: Chromebooks, Phone System, Security Cameras, Network and WiFi Updates
Stem Curriculum: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
Playground Replacement
Bathrooms and Locker Room Area Upgrade
Staff Workroom Walls, Bathrooms and Electrical Upgrade
Parking Lot Blacktop Sealing
Playground Removal and Parking Lot Addition with Lighting
FAIRCHILD BUILDING
Technology Updates: Chromebooks, Phone System, Security Cameras, Network and WiFi Updates
Stem Curriculum: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
Parking Lot Blacktop Sealing
PROJECTS IF FUNDS AVAILABLE
Football/Track & Field Bleacher Replacement
Additional Band Instruments
Bus Garage Floor
Remove and Replace Deteriorated Sidewalks
Community Gymnasium Bleachers
Rubberized Track
Additional Fencing

ABSENTEE VOTING:
Find out more at <http://gab.wi.gov/voters/absentee> or contact your municipality for more details.

WHEN/HOW TO VOTE:

The referendum election is Tuesday, April 7, 2020. To vote in Wisconsin you must first register to vote. You can start the registration process online at <https://myvote.wi.gov>. You can also register in person at your local municipal clerk's office, with a special registration deputy, or at the polling place on Election Day.

WHERE TO VOTE:

- City of Osseo • Town of Hale • Town of Summer • Town of Unity • Town of Otter Creek • Town of Clear Creek • Town of Bridge Creek • Town of Fairchild • Village of Fairchild • Town of Garfield • Town of Cleveland • Town of Northfield • Town of Mentor • Town of Foster

PLEASE JOIN US AT THESE PUBLIC MEETINGS:

Osseo-Fairchild Middle/High School
Monday, March 23, 2020 | 7:00 PM | Room 244

Fairchild School
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