

PTA Meeting Minutes: Sept. 11, 2017

- I. Welcome and President's Report: Liz Czarnik
 - a. Explanation of meetings
 - b. Introduction of board members (actually happened later in meeting)
- II. Treasurer's Report: Leslie Eyster
 - a. Budget finalized by executive board in August.
 - b. Budget voted on and approved by general membership.
- III. Principal's Report: Jason Parrott
 - a. Bond proposal on November ballot
 - i. It's important to get everyone informed on the issue.
 - b. Participate in your child's school
 - i. We need your support financially and on the ground.
 - ii. PTA puts on lots of activities in the school and those wouldn't happen without parent volunteers.
- IV. Teacher Representative: Lois Mann and Gail Granett
 - a. Quick introduction of themselves.
- V. School Board Liaison: Jeff Brinker
 - a. Introduction of himself.
 - b. In 2018 there will be 3 spots available on the school board if you'd like to get involved.
 - c. Problem in your school?
 - i. Go through chain of command first: teacher, principal then school board.
 - ii. Board will always ask if you went through the chain of command.
 - d. November bond issue (See last two pages of minutes for handout)
 1. No tax increase. It's the same amount at present.
 2. OR specific: upgrading play equipment and technology and addressing the traffic flow/parking issue to list a few.
 3. Please become interested, involved and educated on this.
 4. Kick off event on Sept. 13 at 5th Avenue in Royal Oak.
 5. For PTA to formally endorse the bond, PTA must vote and approve of the endorsement.
 - a. Jeanne Winterburn made motion to endorse. Becky Bibbs seconded. Motion carried.
- VI. Important committee info
 - a. Volunteer sign up
 - i. We need new volunteers, especially from kindergarten and first grade families.
 - ii. Nothing would happen event-wise without our volunteers.
 - iii. Volunteering is a great way to meet people in the school.
 - iv. "We need you!" packet coming home. Please read over and return.
 - v. Biggest committees that need help:
 1. Green team
 2. Unplugged week
 3. Math & Science

- 4. End of the year picnic **(This one needs chairpeople who can shadow this years' leaving chairpeople.)**
- vi. Volunteer meeting for new volunteers or first-time room parents: Friday, Sept. 22 after drop off.
- b. Fun Run fundraiser (Jeanne Winterburn)
 - i. Biggest fundraiser for the school
 - ii. School goal: \$15,000
 - iii. Individual goal: \$50 for each child
 - iv. Watch for information to come home.
- c. Allergy awareness
 - i. If you need guidance, contact Elizabeth Mulheisen.
 - ii. If you have a dietary restriction, let Elizabeth know and we can make accommodations.
- d. Relay for Life (Tiffany Vosburg)
 - i. Event moved to fall.
 - 1. Fall Color Bash on Sept. 16.
 - 2. Clawson Park from 10 a.m. until Midnight.
 - 3. Kids Against Cancer (RO kid group) will have crafts.
 - 4. Chili cook-off happening.
 - ii. Relay not focused on a specific type of cancer.
 - iii. Relay recess on Wed., Sept. 13.
 - 1. Optional \$1 donation. Anyone invited to play.
 - 2. Games will be set up on the playground at lunch.
- e. Lunchtime recycling (Allison Henry)
 - i. We always need help! Can be grandparents, aunt, uncle, etc.

VII. Communication

- a. Check out our PTA website at www.ptaoakridge.com
 - i. Dr. Parrott includes link in weekly Connection email
- b. Oak Ridge Facebook page: Oak Ridge PTA Closed Group
- c. Read weekly e-folder and other announcements:
<http://www.royaloakschools.org/elementary/oakridge/announcements/>

VIII. Meeting Adjourned: Next meeting is October 9, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the Media Center. Childcare is provided.



November 7th Bond Proposal

- Total bond program \$59.9 million
- **NO** increase to the current tax rate

Facility Upgrades

- Convert kindergarten space to support OT/PT instruction
- Convert a portion of learning commons to an active technology studio
- Replace select doors
- Replace select flooring
- Provide ADA access to stage
- Replace operable walls with fixed walls in classrooms
- Replace marker/tack boards, select casework and finishes in classrooms
- Replace lockers
- Upgrade elevator
- Upgrade select mechanical and electrical infrastructure and equipment

Site Upgrades

- Replace fencing
- Install electronic sign
- Upgrade play areas/equipment
- Replace walks/steps/ramps
- Improve storm water management
- Install new parking lot

Instructional Equipment

- Upgrade learning spaces by replacing existing furniture with new flexible and collaborative furniture

Technology Upgrades

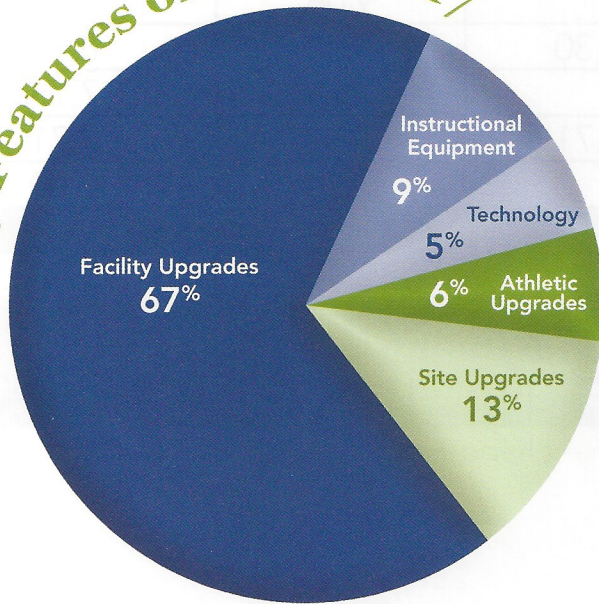
- Upgrade classroom audio and video equipment and provide student devices to support digital learning
- Upgrade wireless network, access control systems, security systems, clock system and phone system

Exciting Bond 2017 Highlights at...

Royal Oak Middle School

- Replace running track
- Provide ADA access to stage
- Upgrades throughout all learning spaces (select furniture, technology, finishes, etc.)
- Replace select physical education gym and pool equipment
- Construct changing rooms in locker rooms
- Upgrade select HVAC and electrical

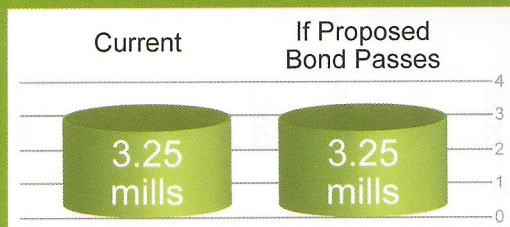
Key Features of Bond 2017



BENEFITS OF BOND 2017

- Supports academic success by providing improvements to existing learning spaces
- Strengthens safety and security in our schools
- Enhances technology district-wide, providing our students with critical skills demanded by colleges/universities and employers
- Proposed upgrades will protect our community's investment in our buildings, which can protect property values

ZERO INCREASE to Current Tax Rate



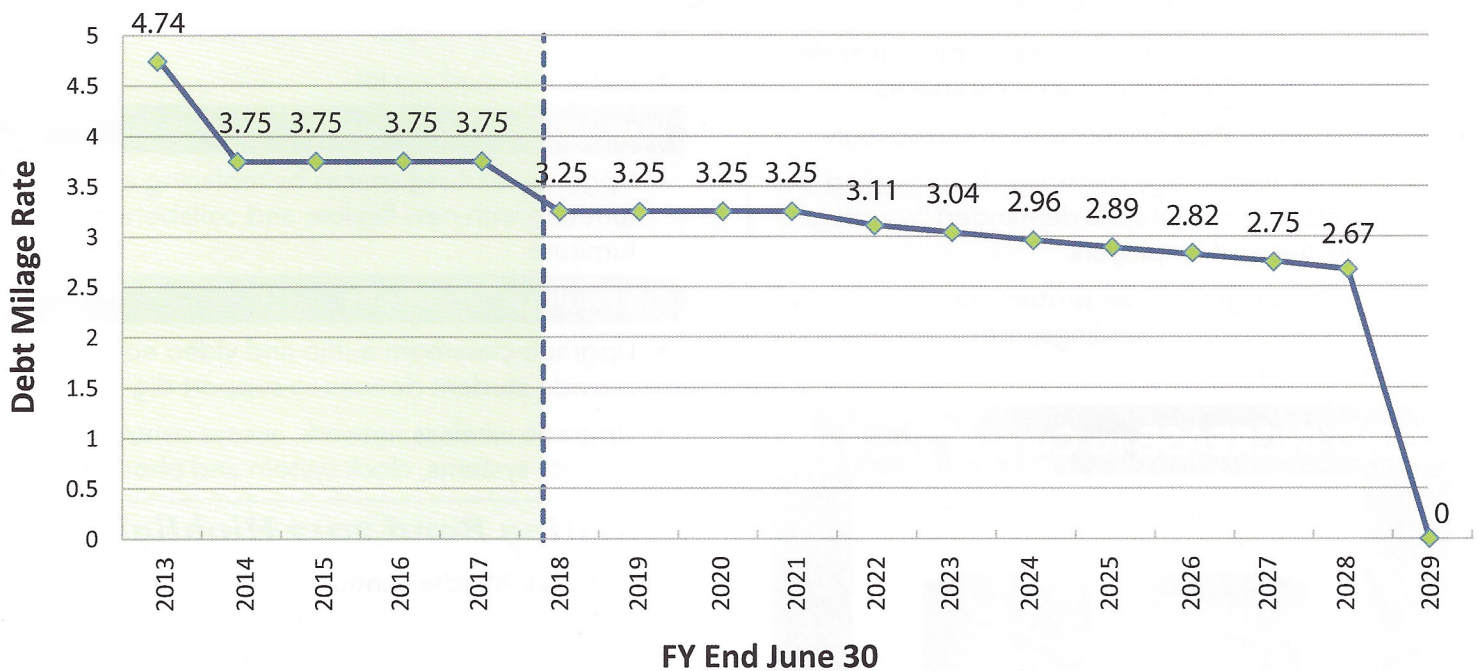
Total School & Bond Debt Millage Rates

District	TYPE OF TAX			Total
	Hold Harmless Millage	Sinking Fund Millage	Debt Millage	
Birmingham	8.50		3.90	12.40
Troy	5.63		4.70	10.33
Oak Park		2.96	6.50	9.46
Clawson			9.06	9.06
Ferndale		1.30	7.00	8.30
Madison			7.76	7.76
Berkley		0.71	7.00	7.71
Clarkston			7.00	7.00
Royal Oak (2017)	2.50	0.98	3.25	6.73
Rochester			5.90	5.90

Royal Oak Schools' taxpayers have the 2nd lowest school millage rate compared to neighboring/peer districts.

2016 Oakland County Apportionment Report of Local Taxes

Proposed Payoff Schedule and Projected Debt Millage Rates



Millage rate resulting in Bond 2017 will begin to reduce in 3 years and will drop to zero in 2029.