## Oak Park and River Forest High School District 200 Board Briefs Thursday, August 26, 2010

# **Board Actions**

The Board of Education approved the following consent items: • Treasurer's Report • the Check Disbursements and Financial Resolutions dated August 26, 2010 • the Contract with Pacific Education Group for the Beyond Diversity Training • the award of the flexible spending contract to Marshall & Illsley Trust Company • the award of the COBRA administration to The Nyhart Company;

- certified the Summer 2010 graduates, as presented;
- adopted Policy 3030, Athletic Fields/Stadium Lights, as presented;
- approved the Personnel Recommendations, as presented;
- approved the contract with Comprehensive Therapeutics, as presented;
- approved the Open and Closed Minutes of June 24, July 15, and July 17, 2010, and declared that the audiotapes of the closed sessions dated November 2008 be destroyed;
- approved the Board of Education goals for the 2010-11 School Year, as presented;
- expelled Student EXP 08-26-10-1 for the 2010-2011 school year but held the expulsion in abeyance contingent upon successful completion of an alternative education program. Although the student would be on social probation for the 2010-11 school year, should the student complete this program during the prescribed timeframe, the student would be allowed to participate in graduation; and
- instructed the Superintendent to send a letter regarding RES 05/27/10-5 decreasing the tuition from \$15,252.09 to \$12,252.09.

#### Reports

Principal Rouse reported that 1) OPRFHS had started on time and he thanked the Buildings and Grounds staff, the Educational Technology staff, as well as the Faculty and Support Staff for their hard work and patience during the summer construction and readying the building for the start of school; 2) with the help of the Student Council president, 200 upperclassman mentors helped make the Huskie Boosters kick-off program the best he had experienced; 3) over 300 parents had attended the new student orientation meeting; 4) appreciation was given to Cindy Milojevic, Assistant Principal for Student Services, for her work in coordinating the opening events; 5) students are now required to wear ID's; and 6) the Registrar's office, the Bookstore, Health Services, and the Counselors were able to assist 90% of the expected student body to register and to attend classes this week.

Superintendent Isoye thanked all of those involved in starting an exciting school year, including the students who performed at the Faculty/Staff breakfast, the Board of Education's appropriate action to jump start construction, the Administration, Buildings & Grounds, Technology, the Support Staff (the Bookstore, Security, Faculty, and Clerical) and the student mentors. He congratulated the faculty, staff, and administration, as OPRFHS ranked 606 out of 1,623 schools identified by

Newsweek as having a ratio of 1 AP or IB test per student graduating; only 6% of American high schools fell into this category and OPRFHS's ratio was 2.169. Mr. Carioscio, Mr. Prale and Mr. Rouse are spearheading an online textbook pilot this year for some students in Honors Chemistry and Biology. If OPRFHS has approximately 30% participation in its current inventory, students may opt out of purchasing non state-loan books in the future which will allow OPRFHS to stretch its state-loan dollars if books did not have to be purchased for every student.

Board members reported on their various Board committee and liaison representative responsibilities.

Mr. Rouse presented the Post Secondary Plans Report, the Foreign Exchange Students Report, and the Student Discipline Report. Mr. Prale presented the Advanced Placement Test Report.

#### **Personnel Recommendations**

### **New Hires**

Paul Collins, Special Education Paraprofessional, effective 08/23/10 (approved 08-19-10) Jeremy Gasow, Special Education Paraprofessional, effective 08/23/10 (approved 08-19-10) Marisol King, HR Assistant, effective 08/2/10 (approved 08/19/10) Jennifer Stinich, Math Teacher, effective date 08/11/10 (approved 8/19/10) Christopher Thieme, Data Systems Analyst, effective date 08/23/10 (approved 08-19-10)

Philip Thigpen, Chief Cook, effective 8/24/10 (approved 08/26/10) Student Activity Stipends for 2010-11 (approved 08/19/10)

> David Gobberdiel Debate Club – Head J. Kyle Braid Leadership (50% of Stipend) Danielle Dobias M.A.G.D. (Anime) Amanda Neuman Snowball Club (50% of stipend) Andrea Neuman

Correction to Student Activity Stipends Approved June 24, 2010

ACTSO (50% of stipend) Daphne LeCesne ACTSO (50% of stipend) Patt Chenev Dance Club Ann Petroliunas Vocal Ensembles Removed Madrigals Elaine Hlavach Tau Gamma (50% of stipend) Maureen Grady Technology Club Doug Allee Thespians/ITS Patt Cheney Video Gaming Club **Brian Davis** Pennie Ebsen Wheel Throwing Club / Empty Bowls Youth Conference Anita North Hamill Debate Club-Assist David Gobberdiel

**Terminations** Samuel Gamboney, Special Education Paraprofessional, effective 07/23/10 (approved 08-19-10) Jonathan Schultz, Special Education Paraprofessional, effective 08/23/10 (approved 08/26/10)

> The next Board of Education Meeting will be Thursday, September 23, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room