

Oak Park and River Forest High School
District 200
Board Briefs
Thursday, February 9, 2012

**Board
Actions**

Approved the following action items:

- Consent Items (Check Disbursements and Financial Resolutions February 9, 2012);
- Certification of the Mid-year Graduates;
- Personnel Recommendations; and
- Adoption and purchase of Textbooks, as presented.

Reports

Dr. Isoye reported that 1) the District continues its work with racial equity through its conversations about race. The District Equity Leadership Team met with Pacific Education Group to continue the work at the District level; 2) Mr. Prale, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, attended meetings at the Village of Oak Park for Dr. Isoye on emergency preparedness; 3) a subcommittee of the Oak Park & River Forest Scholarship Foundation is determining its next steps to strengthen its work in securing donors for funding scholarships as well as how the Committee can support students through the gifts granted to graduating seniors; 4) discussion continues at Management Council about technology, operations, systems, and increasing collaborative efforts; 5) OPRFHS hosted the 3rd annual Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Summit in which area educators came to discuss STEM education and explore various programs and initiatives that participants could bring back to their schools for potential implementation. State Senator Don Harmon was a part of the welcome address and US Senator Dick Durbin spoke about the work in STEM education and fields. In addition, keynote speakers Dr. Ross Powell from NIU talked about his research in the Antarctic and Mr. Jason Tyszko, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity talked about the current movement in Illinois in regards to STEM. Bill Grosser was instrumental in spearheading the work to get the Summit at OPRFHS; 6) Dale Craft, Physical Education Division Head, was instrumental in OPRFHS hosting the northern and western suburban chairs for physical education and driver's education. The discussion focused on technology and curriculum; 7) he as well as Board of Education members Dr. Millard, Mr. Finnegan, and Ms. McCormack, attended a reception for Triton's president Dr. Granados, hosted by community leader Mary Jo Schuler and Dominican University President Dr. Donna Carroll; 8) he and Board of Education members Dr. Lee, Ms. Patchak-Layman, Mr. Phelan as well as Lauren Smith, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, attended the ED-RED legislative dinner at which Charlotte Danielson, researcher on teacher evaluation systems, was the keynote speaker.

Ms. Witham presented the Athletic Uniforms Proposals, the PTAB Resolution and PMA gave an update on the District's funds. Ms. Hill reported on the January Institute Day; the theme was "Supporting Students and Fostering Student Achievement." Mr. Prale presented the First Semester Update on the Harbor and Ombudsman programs.

Personnel

Student Worker **Maureen Puccetti**, Student Activity Center, effective 01/24/2012

Stipends **Rob Fox**, Soccer/Girls
 Clare O'Connor, Softball
 John Rapp, Water Polo

Resignation **William Grosser**, Science Division Head, effective June 30, 2012

**The next regular Board of Education Meeting will be Thursday, February 23, 2011
6:30 p.m. closed session & 7:30 p.m. open session
Board Room**