

Oak Park and River Forest High School, District 200
Board Briefs
Thursday, April 25, 2013

- Recognitions** The Board of Education congratulated the following students and faculty members:
- Senior Noelani Ho for placing first in the Chicago Junior Science and Humanities Symposium for engineering a design for a new ballet pointe shoe that costs less and can reduce dancers' foot injuries.
 - Matthew Henning, a semi-finalist representing Illinois at the national level in the 2013 BioGENEius Competition, for creating a bandage based on spider webs that kills bacteria and prevents growth of new bacteria.
 - Rebecca Streit, semi-finalist representing Illinois at the national level in the 2013 BioGENEius Competition, for using the natural compounds in spinach to convert dangerous residue from explosives into less toxic compounds.
 - Spanish Teacher Manuel Gonzalez and Allison Hennings who were nominated for the Golden Apple Award.

**Board
Actions**

Approval of the following action items:

- Consent item:
 - Check Disbursements and Financial Resolutions dated April 25, 2013;
 - Monthly Financials;
 - Treasurer's Report;
 - Food Service Rollover Bids – Distributor, Milk and Bread;
 - Direct to Manufacturer Bid Food Products;
 - 2014 Summer Maintenance Construction Projects;
 - Pilgrim Parking Lot Contract;
 - Contract with Ombudsman;
 - Activities and Stipends for FY 2014;
 - Audit Engagement Letter;
 - Pekron Consulting Contract for 2014; and
 - Renewal of Landscaping Contract with McAdam Landscaping, Inc.;
- 2013 Amended Budget on Display;
- Approval of GALA Fourth of July Fireworks Show Request;
- Board of Education Budget for FY 2014;
- Approved the Policy Manual as presented and amended;
- Approved the AthletiCo's bid as the Athletic Trainer for the term 2013 to 2016, with the contract to be approved at a subsequent meeting;
- Personnel Recommendations, New Hire, Transfer, Resignation, and Superintendent Isoye's compensation for the 2013-14 school year; and
- Open Minutes and closed session minutes of March 11 (Policy), March 12 (Policy), April 16 (Policy, Finance and Special), that the closed session audiotapes of September 2011 are destroyed.

Reports

Dr. Isoye reported the following: 1) The Washington Post ranked OPRFHS 925 out of 1,952 on its list of American's Most Challenging High Schools. Of the 52 Illinois schools on the list, OPRF was 25; 2) U.S. News & World Report ranked OPRFHS 581 in the nation and 25 in the state on its list of Best High Schools in the Country; 3) Students Sarah Jolie and Sophie Schwartz participated in the Field Museum's Youth Design Team, a month-long digital design workshop where they helped create a pop-up exhibit on display now in the OPRFHS library and will be displayed at Field Museum member nights; 4) Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel honored senior basketball player Alex Gustafson for being selected to play in the Hoops Classic All-Star Game on May 4; 5) Boys' Basketball coach Matt Maloney, for the second year in a row, was named District 7 Coach of the

Year by the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association; 6) 13 OPRFHS students were selected to show their research-project posters at the Northwestern University High School Project Showcase on May 20. They were: Rebecca Streit, Latroy Robinson Jr., Erin McIntosh, Matthew Hennings, Ethan Gyllenhaal, Noelani Ho, Rosemary Huggins, Connor Kotte, Caroline Cronin, Naren Chaudry, Sean Hickey, Alvaro Donayre, and McCabe Barrett; 7) The Huskie Booster Club presented Board member Amy McCormack with the Huskie “Big Dog” Award for her relentless support of the Boosters; television production teacher John Condne received the “Those Things that Are Best” Award for his mentorship and work both within and outside the classroom, and Ms. Charette-BassiriRad received the award for Outstanding Service from a Staff Member for transforming the Bookstore into a retail outlet for 'Spiritwear' that rivals some college bookstores; 8) OPRF students won the first five places at the Wheeling Positive Impact Fair. This science fair asks students to create research projects that will have a positive impact on the world. The winning OPRF students in order were Matthew Hennings, Rosemary Huggins, Jenna Rouse, Naren Chaudry, and Ethan Gyllenhaal; 9) Senior John Clay, the lead in OPRF’s production of *Les Mis*, was selected as a finalist for the 2013 Illinois High School Musical Theater Awards and will compete for an award next week at the Broadway Playhouse at Water Tower Place; 10) this past weekend, OPRF hosted several dozen Chicago area students for the Percy Julian Science Symposium and several OPRFHS students received top awards at the junior/senior level—first place winner Matthew Hennings, second place winner Adrian Karkut, and third place winner Noelani Ho. Runners up from OPRF included McCabe Barrett, Ethan Gyllenhaal, Caroline Cronin, and Jenna Rouse. OPRF student Alana-Jordan Nowakowski was a runner up at the freshman/sophomore level; 11) Former Communications and Community Relations Coordinator Kay Foran who now lives in Detroit sent a note about OPRFHS graduate and poet Natalie Richardson because she had participated in an event titled “Feed Your Soul” at the Detroit Public Library.

A public hearing was held on the 2013 Amended Budget. Debra Mittleman presented a report on outreach efforts to parents.

Personnel

- New Hires** **Michael Fistler**, Temporary B&G Summer Engineer, effective 06/04/13 through 08/17/13
- Transfer** **Lynette Welter**, Special Education Schedule and Records Secretary, effective 07/01/13
- Resignation** **Alex Gutierrez**, Buildings and Grounds Specialist, effective 04/18/13

The next regular Board of Education Meeting will be
 Thursday, May 23, 2013
 6:30 p.m. closed session & 7:30 p.m. open session
 Board Room