

This is a summary of the actions of the Oak Park and River Forest High School Board of Education at its regular Board meeting on Thursday, May 22, 2003:

Board Recognition The Board members commended Yegor (Alex) Adarichev for placing first in the Illinois Drafting Educators' Association State Competition; Anita Kavuu for placing 7th in Prepared Speech on Entrepreneurship, and Ed DelBeccaro and Louis Anderson for placing first in the Economic Research Project Team Competition at the Business Professionals of America's National Championship Competition; Sara Cullen and Caitlyn O'Dell-Hughes for placing silver in the Fashion Apparel Display competition, Carl Winters for placing gold in the Culinary Arts Salad Demonstration and Gabe Boyer for placing gold in the Culinary Arts Star Event competition at the FCCLA State Competition; and Gabe Boyer for placing gold in the Culinary Arts Student Chef in the State at the State Culinary Arts Competition. The Board members also commended their sponsors Ron Heiman, Nancy Bardo, and Darlene Kabat, respectively.

Board Actions

- approved the consent items Opened/Closed Minutes of April 8, 17, 23, and 29, and May 7, 2003 and declared that the Closed Minutes from November 1, 2002 through May 1, 2003 remain closed; the personnel recommendations; financial reports; textbooks for the following divisions: Special Education Division—*Stack the Deck*; World Languages—*Vocabulary Builder, Conexiones*, 2nd Edition (and workbook), and *Quant a Moi*, 2nd Edition (and workbook), *Nakama I* (and workbook); and bids from Becker's Dairy, Alpha Baking Company, and Coca-Cola Bottling Company as presented;
- approved the following policies for first reading and deletion due to inclusion within the professional agreement Policy 4115, Professional Day; Policy 4142, Experience Credit; Policy 4144, Insurance; Policy 4146 (1), Separation Benefits; Policy 4146 (2), Early Retirement; Policy 4147, Annuities; Policy 4150, Leave of Absence; Policy 4151, Personal Leave;
- accepted with gratitude from Mrs. P. Seelbach, a \$50 donation to the Theatre Department; from the family of Lola Berliner, storage cabinets, furniture, period hats and set pieces to the Speech Arts Department; from Joel D. Alba, a 1990 Ford Taurus; from the Oak Park Windmills, a \$308 donation for the Girls' Softball Batting Tunnel lights; from Dr. Laura Kragie, a donation of lab equipment to the Science Department; from Villa Park Office Equipment, a donation of a framed Art Deco picture; from Frank De Albs, Jr., a donation of a 1986 Cadillac to the Auto Shop; and from Kathy Tsilimigras, a donation of 20 new novels to the Library;
- approved the renewal of the long-term disability insurance, life insurance, dental insurance and medical insurances as presented;
- appointed the directors, division heads, department heads, dean counselors and deans of discipline for the 2003-04 school year;
- approved a change in the title for the position of Director of Operations to Assistant Superintendent for Operations;
- approved the revision to the 2003-04 school calendar;

- approved the preliminary school calendar for the 2004-05 school year;
- approved the abatement of emergency days for the 2002-03 school year; and
- expelled students EXP 5/22/03-45 and 5/22/03-46 as of May 22, 2003, for the remainder of the 2002-03 school year, 2003 summer school, the entire 2003-04 school year, and 2004 summer school, but held the expulsions in abeyance contingent upon completion of enrollment and regular attendance at alternative placements recommended by the special education team for the remainder of the 2002-03 school year and the 2003-04 school year, and ongoing counseling; and expelled students EXP 5/22/03-51 and 5/22/03-52 as of May 22, 2003, for the remainder of the 2002-03 school year, 2003 summer school, the entire 2003-04 school year but held the expulsions in abeyance contingent upon completion of enrollment and regular attendance at alternative placements for the remainder of the 2002-03 school year and the 2003-04 school year, and ongoing counseling;
- approved the 2003 Tradition of Excellence Award Recipients as recommended by the Tradition of Excellence Selection Committee;

Reports Dr. Bridge reported on 1) the outstanding Memorial Day Assembly held in the refurbished Stadium earlier that day; 2) the fact that 91 students of Latin teacher, Jim Chochola, took the National Latin Exam and 57 of them received awards; 3) the Students of the Quarter's Award Ceremony was held April 22, 2003; and 4) OPRFHS's receipt of the 2003 Rehabilitation Award from the Historic Preservation Commission.

Mr. Deptuch presented the Triton Evening School Report. Ms. Witham presented the preliminary budget for the 2003-04 school year. Ms. Stevens presented this year's commencement plans.

The Board Members reported on their various Board committee and liaison representative responsibilities.

Personnel

Certified

Appointment **Christine Rose**, Special Education Teacher, effective August 2003
Willa Schaffer, Dean Counselor, effective August 2003
Amy Stanis, Special Education Teacher, effective August 2003

Administrative **Joseph Zeller**, Applied Arts Division Head and Teacher, effective June 2004

Request for Retirement

Non-Certified Staff

Retirement **Barbara Moch**, Dean Counselor Secretary, effective June 2004

Change of Leave Request **Leah Carlin**, Special Education TA change from fall semester to the spring semester of the 2003-04 school year.
Request

Resignation/ Termination **Ericka Sellers**, Support Secretary in the Welcome Center, effective May 2, 2003

The next regular Board Meeting will be on Thursday, June 26, 2003, at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.