

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, August 26, 2004:

- Board Recognition**
- The Board of Education commended Joshua Carter for winning a GOLD MEDAL at N.A.C.C.P.'s National ACT-SO's Competition in Oratory, as well as ACT-SO Advisor Daphne LeCesne and coach Patt Cheney.
- Board Actions**
- approved the Consent Items: Opened Minutes of June 3, 15, 17, 24, July 17, and 21, 2004; personnel recommendations; and financial reports;
 - amended Policy 4156, Teachers' Retirement System Payments;
 - deleted Policy 4152 Close of School Year;
 - deleted Policy 4154, Sick Leave;
 - approved Policy 5320, Student and Emotional Development & Procedures, for first reading;
 - approved Policy 4370, Mandatory Reporting Responsibilities, for first reading;
 - accepted with gratitude an anonymous donation of \$5,000 to the Richard Deptuch Scholarship Foundation and on behalf of the Kilian family, a donation from the Airoom Foundation of \$2500;
 - approved the stipend positions for the 2004-05 school year;
 - approved confidential agreement with a District employee;
 - ratified the Goals of the Board of Education for the 2004-05 school year;
 - awarded the transportation contract for the 2004-05 school year to R&D Bus Company for the District's chartered services and to First Student for the District's Special Education services (approved July 13, 2004);
 - approved the Resolution regarding the preparation of a tentative budget and authorized the District to place the tentative budget on display Monday, August 18, 2004 and to see that all public hearing notices regarding the Tentative Budget are placed in the *Oak Leaves* and the *Wednesday Journal* (approved July 13, 2004); and
 - approved the closed minutes of June 3, 15, 17, 24, and July 13 and 21, 2004.

Reports

Dr. Bridge reported that the communities of Oak Park and River Forest will allow the high school to place an insert in their village newsletters which will provide another venue for high school communication; the Villages of Oak Park and River Forest have both lent their support by providing School Resource Officers—Officer Rasul Freelain from Oak Park and Officer Troy Stinson from River Forest. Dr. Bridge invited Board of Education members to participate in the Makin' Tracks Race scheduled for Saturday, September 11 at 9:00 a.m. to support the upkeep of the track, resulting from the collaboration of Concordia, Fenwick, and O.P.R.F.H.S.

Mr. Prale presented a report on the Intervention Programs and the 2004 AP Exam Scores. Ms. Stevens presented a summary of the college transcripts. Ms. Witham informed the Board of Education that discussions were continuing regarding the proposed Triton Evening School Program hosted at O.P.R.F.H.S. and there were several obstacles yet to overcome.

A public hearing was held on District 200's FY '05 Budget.

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

Personnel

Certified

Appointments **Toni Biasiello**, History Teacher, effective 08/23/04 (approved 08/17/04)
Jane Graham, Physical Education Teacher, effective 08/23/04 (approved 08/17/04)
Sarah McCabe, History Teacher, effective 08/23/04 (approved 08/17/04)

Non-Certified

Appointments **Sharon Martinek**, Dean Counselor Secretary, effective 08/04 (approved 07/13/04)
Marsha Shipley, Library Assistant, effective 08/04 (approved 7/13/04)

Resignations **Mara Podolner**, Special Education Teacher's Assistant, (approved 08/26/04)

The next regular Board Meeting will be on Thursday, September 23, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.