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, September 28, 2006:

Board Actions

- approved the Consent Items: Open Minutes of August 24, 30, September 6, 12, 19, 20, and 21, 2006, as presented; personnel recommendations; financial reports; ratification and confirmation of the execution of vouchers of September 28, 2006; disbursement list of vendors dated September 28, 2006; Policy 2120, Superintendent/Principal, for First Reading, Policy 3310, Contracts/Purchasing, Policy 5127, Alternative Credit, for First Reading; Policy 5143, Self-Administration of Medications; a listing of Activities Subject to Policy 5132, Activity Program; textbooks as follows: The Challenge of Democracy for the History Division, reviewed by Mr. Rigas; World Literature; Pacemaker Curriculum, for the Special Education Division, reviewed by Dr. Millard; World History, for the Special Education Division, reviewed by Ms. Fisher; AMP *Reading System – Level I*, for the Special Education Division, reviewed by Ms. Ranney; AMP Reading System – Level 2, for the Special Education Division, reviewed by Ms. Fernandez; and AMP reading System—Level 3, for the Special Education Division reviewed by Dr. Greenwald; stipended positions of the 2006-07 School Year; an Application for Recognition of Schools; and a request from the Oak Park and River Forest Strikers Hockey Club to use the Stadium and South Fields for a fundraiser;
- approved the Budget for the FY 2007 School Year;
- certified the 2006 summer graduates;
- accepted with gratitude an anonymous donation of a book titled *Katrina*;
- approved the Closed Session Minutes of August 24, 30, September 6, 12, 19, 20, and 21, 2006 and the destruction of closed session tapes of March 2005;
- extended the expulsion held in abeyance of Student 02/23/06-07 until the end of the 2006-07 school year contingent upon regular attendance in an alternative school, ongoing counseling and verification of maintenance of residency in the District (failure to abide by any of the above will result from expulsion from the high school); and
- excluded student EXP 9/28/06-10 as of September 28, 2006, for the remainder of the 2006-07 school year, but held the expulsion in abeyance contingent upon completion of enrollment and regular attendance at an off-campus therapeutic placement recommended by the Special Education for the remainder of the 2006-2007 school year, ongoing counseling, and verification and maintenance of residency in the District.

Reports

Dr. Bridge announced that there were 21 National Merit Scholarship Semi-finalists, 2 National Achievement Semi-finalists, and 2 National Hispanic Scholars in the class of 2007. Combined with the forty-five students who achieved Commended Student status in the 2007 National Merit program, O.P.R.F.H.S. has almost ten percent of its 2007 class achieving at the highest level. A team of six students chaperoned by Monica Swope and Jason Edgecombe were attending the seventh annual M.S.A.N. Student Leadership Conference in Green Bay. From all reports, these O.P.R.F.H.S. students are magnificent ambassadors of the high school. Dr. Bridge highlighted the Homecoming events of the weekend.

Dr. Bridge reported that there are six foreign change students attending O.P.R.F.H.S. this year. They are from the countries of Switzerland, Paraguay, Italy, Mexico, Brazil, and India.

A public hearing on the FY' 2007 budget was held.

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

Personnel

Certified

Rescission Roseann Tenuta, for June of 2007 Of Retirement Request

Non-Certified

Appointments Maria DeLaLuz Felton, Food Service, effective 08/22/06

Marian Gerena, Discipline Center Secretary, effective 08/22/06 Sharon McDaniel, Food Service cashier, effective 08/22/06 Donna Napolitano, Food Service Casher, effective 08/22/06 Maria Perez, Discipline Center Secretary, effective 08/22/06 Lauren Ratliff, Child care teacher, effective 09/06/06

Resignations/ Gambino Carrera, Food Service cashier, effective 08/22/06

Terminations Jammie Clayton, Food Service cashier, effective 08/22/06 **Mary Ford**, HR/Payroll Assistant, effective 09/29/06

Humberta Magallanes de Ramirez, Food Service Cashier, effective 08/22/06

Darnell Mansfield, Special Education TA, effective 08/22/06

Maria Reyes, Discipline Center Secretary

The next regular Board of Education Meeting will be on Thursday, October 26, 2006, at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.