

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, October 26, 2006:

**Board
Actions**

- approved the Consent Items: Open Minutes of September 28, October 4, 13, 17 and 19, 2006, as presented; personnel recommendations; financial reports; ratification and confirmation of the execution of vouchers of October 26, 2006; disbursement list of vendors dated October 26, 2006; Amendment of Policies 2120, Superintendent/Principal; 3310, Contracts/Purchasing; 5127, Alternative Credit; and 5143, Self-Administration of Medications; approval of the following Policies for first reading: 6130, Objection to Instructional Materials; 6132, Instructional Equivalence (for deletion); and 6133, Consultation with Parents and Students; award of the Office Supply Bid to Boss Online; and award of class rings, announcements & diplomas to Jostens;
- accepted with gratitude a donation of a 1993 Chrysler van to the O.P.R.F.H.S. Auto Shop from Thomas and Karen Doherty; a donation of a PDP Snare Stand, one Tama Snare Stand and one D/W Throne (Seat) to the O.P.R.F.H.S. Music Department from Jeff Williams; and a donation of polo shirts to the O.P.R.F.H.S. students who participated in the O.P.R.F.H.S. Education-to-Careers Partnership Program from the Auxiliary of Rush-Oak Park Hospital;
- approved the recommendations for the Health Insurance renewal as follows: 1) changing the plan year to a calendar year renewal in order to align open enrollment, the rate increase and flex election periods; 2) a self-funded PPO product with BlueCross/BlueShield with a 9 percent increase in the employees' share of the premium; and 3) a fully funded HMO product with BlueCross/BlueShield with a 4.8 percent increase in the employees' share of the premium;
- approved the Closed Session Minutes of September 28, October 4, 13, 17, and 19, 2006 and the destruction of closed session tapes of April 2005;
- approved the Application for Specialized Instruction Provided by Non-Certificated Person; and
- renewal of EAP Contract for FY 2007.

Reports

Dr. Bridge announced that O.P.R.F.H.S.'s National Forensic League chapter has been acknowledged as being in the top one percent of chapters across the nation, earning admittance into the NFL Societe De 300 and Senior Samantha Michaels was selected as a recipient of the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) Achievement Award in

Writing, one of 606 high school seniors whose writings were selected for this award from among 2,080 national and international submissions.

Dr. Bridge wished School Resource Officer Rasul Freelain well as he has been promoted to the position of detective and will be leaving O.P.R.F.H.S. and expressed her gratitude to the Villages of Oak Park and River Forest for supporting this position. Officer Troy Fields from the River Forest Police Department continues to serve the high school. While preliminary PSAE scores have been posted, they are still being analyzed and thus no report is forth coming at this time. Dr. Barry Greenwald has been accepted into the IASA Master Board Member Program and will be celebrated at a dinner October 30, 2006.

Ms. Ranney gave a summary of the public hearing held by the Cicero Township Trustees of Schools' Treasurer Office, requested by the Township Treasurer O'Connor regarding his dismissal. Mr. Rigas presented the Aid to Needy Children Report. Mr. Edgecombe presented the 2006-07 Certified Staff Seniority List Profile, Probationary Teacher Information, and the Student Withdrawal Report. Mr. Lanenga presented the Triton Evening School Profile and the October 1 Data Housing Report and School Year Statistics.

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

Personnel

Non-Certified

Appointments

James Ariola, Security Monitor, effective 10/23/06
Joseph Beard, Security Officer, effective 10/23/06
Nathan Diaz, Food Service Driver, effective 10/29/06
James O'Malley, Special education TA, effective 09/28/06
Jon Schultz, Special Education TA, effective 09/28/06
Michael Weisenritter, Security Monitor, effective 10/23/06
Robert ZumMallen, Director of Buildings and Grounds, effective 11/06/06

Resignation/ Termination

Sharon McDaniel, Food Service cashier, effective 10/10/06

The next regular Board of Education Meeting will be on Thursday, November 17, 2006, at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.