

The Board meeting of the Board of Education of the Oak Park and River Forest High School was held on Thursday evening, September 28, 2006 in the Board Room of the high school.

Call to Order

President Dr. Barry S. Greenwald called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. The following members were present: Barbara P. Fernandez, Valerie J. Fisher, Dr. Barry S. Greenwald, Dr. Dietra D. Millard, Yasmin A. Ranney, and John P. Rigas. Also present were: Dr. Susan J. Bridge, Superintendent/Principal; Jason Edgecombe, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Jack Lanenga, Assistant Superintendent of Operations; Philip M. Prale, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Amy Hill, Director of Instruction; James Paul Hunter, Faculty Senate Executive Committee Chair; Loie Davis, Student Council Board Liaison; and Gail Kalmerton, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board.

Visitors

The Board of Education welcomed the following visitors: Kay Foran, Director of Community Relations and Communications; Rich Perna, Coordinator of Student Safety; Lori Cerceo, O.P.R.F.H.S. Supervisor of Finance; Daniel Woznica, *Trapeze* and Student Achievement Gap representative; Sheila Flattery, League of Women Voters; Barbara Nelson, O.P.R.F.H.S. P.T.O. Chair; Terry Burke, parent and community member; Richard Carollo and Brad Bartels of the Visitors' Convention Bureau of Oak Park, and Christopher LaFortune of the *Oak Leaves*.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Bridge announced that Life Source had just reported that O.P.R.F.H.S.'s blood drive broke all its previous donation records. Enough blood was donated to potentially save the lives of 486 people.

Dr. Bridge announced that there were twenty-one (21) National Merit Scholarship Semi-finalists, two (2) National Achievement Semi-finalists, and two (2) National Hispanic Scholars in the class of 2007. Combined with the forty-five (45) students who achieved Commended Student status in the 2007 National Merit program, almost ten percent of the Class of 2007 is achieving at its highest level.

Dr. Bridge reported that 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, Wisconsin. From all reports, these O.P.R.F.H.S. students are magnificent ambassadors of the high school.

Dr. Bridge highlighted Homecoming events of the weekend.

Visitor Comments Mr. Rich Carollo and Mr. Brad Bartels, representatives of the Visitors Convention Bureau of Oak Park, offered their thanks a to O.P.R.F.H.S. for its support to the Gay Games, and specifically to Jack Lanenga, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, for his direct help. Mr. Carollo stated that the Bureau's mission is to bring people into Oak Park and sometimes that is accomplished subtly and sometimes not so subtly. The Gay Games will stay in the minds of the people for years to come. A couple of thousand visitors from thirty (30) different countries were represented daily in Oak Park during the Games. This event took a year of planning and it could not have been accomplished without the work of the O.P.R.F.H.S. staff or the use of its facilities. Everyone commented on the wonderful facilities at the high school. The Gay Games has highlighted the Village of Oak Park to the international community for many years to come.

Mr. Bartels, also co-chair of the Oak Park Lesbian and Gay Association (OPLGA), joined Mr. Carollo in extending his thanks to the Board of Education for everything the high school did to assist with the Gay Games. For five days, Oak Park put its best foot forward. He continued that it was important to remember that less than seventeen (17) years ago, sexual orientation was added to the Village Ordinance and less than that time it was added to the policies of the high school. Hosting this event truly said to OPLGA's members that they were full citizens of the Village and who have the same rights and responsibilities as everyone else. He recounted a story from a mother and mother who have a son attending O.P.R.F.H.S. They told him that it had been gratifying and special to sense the welcoming of them and their family. The Gay Games are symbolic and are about the tenets on which they were founded—inclusion and doing one's best.

Mr. Bartels continued that O.P.R.F.H.S. was a participant of the games and he presented the high school with the honors that any one of the other 13,000 participants in the games would receive—a medal. He again thanked the Board of Education and presented Mr. Lanenga with his own medal.

Dr. Greenwald noted that the high school was happy to participate and thanked them for the award.

**Comments by
Board of Education
Members**

Dr. Greenwald reported that the high school had resolved one F.O.I.A. request.

Dr. Millard thanked all of the people who participated in giving their input on the superintendent's search and she reiterated the request to keep the Board of Education aware as the search continues.

Ms. Fisher concurred with Dr. Millard's appreciation for the community's input and commented that she had attended the community forum.

Dr. Greenwald reported that, while the Board of Education heard a couple of highlights from the focus groups, the formal written report had not been received. The Board of Education learned that it would receive the report in a couple of weeks.

Dr. Greenwald continued that Board of Education members were in the process of developing a job description for the position of superintendent and that a draft copy was at each member's seat. It was his intention for the Board of Education members to review it before the evening concluded. Once approved by the Board of Education, it will be transmitted to the search firm and made available to candidates. Dr. Greenwald offered a caveat, however; depending upon what the Board of Education heard, the document could change.

Ms. Ranney spoke about the interesting information she received at a SEA meeting last Wednesday. SEA's focus this year is the IEP. She learned much about the nuances of the IEP. She shared a document with Dr. Bridge that had been distributed by Ms. Werner at that meeting. The meeting had been well attended by families of children in elementary school. Ms. Ranney became aware of pending regulatory changes in response to interventions, RTF's, etc. A workshop would be held on Saturday, September 30, titled "From Emotions to Advocacy." Ms. Ranney will attend the October and November workshops.

Ms. Ranney had communicated a request to Ms. Foran to display scale models of the plans for renovation of space at the Frank Lloyd Wright School.

Ms. Ranney noted that the Township Treasurer's Office would hold a public hearing on Monday, October 2, 2006 at 3:00 p.m., as requested by Martin O'Connor. She asked who from the Board of Education would speak if the high school was asked to testify.

Ms. Fernandez reported that she also had attended the Monday, September 18, 2006, community forum where people were invited to give their input on qualities and characteristics they wanted in the new superintendent. It was a sparse crowd and she was disappointed that more people had not attended. However, it was helpful to learn what some of the community expected relative to the new superintendent. The process will continue as scheduled. She hoped that there would be six candidates selected for the initial interview.

Mr. Rigas reported that he could not attend the Park District's barbeque on October 4, 2006.

Mr. Rigas also reported that he had received information from the Illinois Association of School Boards about a service they offer supporting electronic board packets. He shared this information with Ms. Kalmerton.

Mr. Rigas noted that he was the proud parent of a freshman and that he was able to access data electronically. He stated that this was a great system for communicating to parents. Two of his child's teachers had used the section for notes to tell him not to worry about something. Recently another parent found a discrepancy between what the student was telling the family and what the faculty member was telling the family. Because of this sharing of information, an early intervention occurred. This affirms that parental access to his/her child's data allows the parent to know what is going on and for early intervention to take place, if necessary. He complimented the faculty who were participating.

Visitor Comment

Daniel Woznica, senior at O.P.R.F.H.S., addressed the Board of Education as a representative of *Trapeze*.

He thanked the Board of Education members for their patience and generosity of time that they have given to student reports. The spirit of cooperation is instrumental and helpful in affecting communication between the students and Board of Education.

He informed the Board of Education that the *Trapeze* planned to do a series of articles on the minority student achievement gap at O.P.R.F.H.S. in an effort to educate the student body. The articles will include case studies, interviews with the Board of Education members, members of A.P.P.L.E., the faculty, etc. The purpose is to educate the student body and make them aware of this crisis, just as they learned about the crisis of Dakar. The intent is neither to cast it negatively nor to instigate, only to educate. The final reports would be made to the Board of Education and their review sought. Dr. Greenwald suggested that the *Trapeze* use its own advisors for he was uncomfortable with the Board of Education approving something for the press. He also expressed the Board of Education's appreciation for this courtesy and challenged him to make sure the facts were correct.

Before a vote was taken on the consent items, Mr. Rigas was assured that the Oak Park and River Forest Strikers' Hockey Club was aware that it would not be able to use the stadium field if the high school's football team was in the playoffs.

Consent Items

Mr. Rigas moved to approve the consent items as follows:

- The open minutes of August 24, 30, September 6, 12, 19, 20, and 21, 2006;
- Personnel recommendations (attached and made a part of the minutes of the meeting);
- Resolution Ratifying and Confirming Execution of certain vouchers and payment of certain bills and expenses, fund transfers and list of bills for September 28, 2006 (attached to and made part of the minutes of this meeting);
- Resolution Authorizing Execution of Certain Vouchers for the Month of October 2006;
- Approval of Disbursement List of September 28, 2006;
- Policy 2120, Superintendent/Principal, for First Reading, as presented;
- Policy 3310, Contracts/Purchasing, for First Reading, as presented;

- Policy 5127, Alternative Credit, for First Reading, as presented;
- Policy 5143, Self-Administration of Medications, for First Reading, as presented;
- List of Activities Subject to Policy 5132, Activity Program, as presented;
- Use of Stadium and the Stadium Fields by the Oak Park and River Forest Strikers Soccer Club;
- Textbooks as follows: *The Challenge of Democracy* for the History Division, revised 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; and
- Application for Recognition of Schools

seconded by Ms. Fernandez. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

**Public Hearing
On Budget**

A public hearing was held at 8:06 p.m. on the O.P.R.F.H.S. Final Budget.

Ms. Witham noted that she would make a budget presentation for the community and then she ask for public comment. She informed the Board of Education that the budget would be posted on the website after its adoption. The document contains much information, including a glossary of terms, history, the School Improvement Plan, etc. Ms. Witham highlighted some of the major items.

	<i>General Fund</i>	<i>Special Revenue Funds</i>	<i>Debt Service Fund</i>	<i>Capital Projects Funds</i>	<i>Fiduciary Fund</i>	<i>Proprietary Funds</i>	<i>Total All Funds</i>
Revenue	\$ 58,225,595	\$ 3,162,733	\$ 2,977,843	\$ 834,855	\$ 875,156	\$ 1,719,205	\$ 67,795,387
Expenditures	50,669,079	2,923,680	3,372,659	1,655,000	-	1,683,105	\$ 60,303,523
Surplus (deficit)	7,556,516	239,053	(394,816)	(820,145)	875,156	36,100	7,491,864
Transfers in (out)	28,050	-	593,188	(621,238)	-	-	-
Beg Balance	23,325,053	1,546,164	2,154,632	1,461,642	2,708,833	271,260	\$ 31,467,584
Ending Balance	\$ 30,909,619	\$ 1,785,217	\$ 2,353,004	\$ 20,259	\$ 3,583,989	\$ 307,360	\$ 38,959,448

The successful impact of the spring 2002 referendum, along with the new TIF agreement with the Village of Oak Park, is being realized in the Education Fund with an anticipated fiscal year surplus of \$7.5 million dollars, net of construction projects. This will allow the District to save in the short term by prolonging the life of the referendum, as the “tax caps” restrict future revenue growth.

The first TIF carve-out was for property with EAV value of approximately \$19,000,000; another \$6,000,000 in EAV was carved out in the 2005 levy. In addition, the agreement allows for a distribution of excess funds. The District estimates receipts of approximately \$300,000 in surplus during this fiscal year from the Village of Oak Park TIF’s and approximately \$125,000 from the River Forest TIF.

The State of Illinois has increased the General State Aid by \$170 per average daily attendance (ADA). This increases the Foundation level to \$5,334. The increase in Foundation Aid will not increase revenue for O.P.R.F.H.S., since O.P.R.F.H.S. is now a District qualifying for the hold harmless funding level of \$2.9 million dollars.

O.P.R.F.H.S. received the last installment on the Oak Park Hospital settlement in the amount of \$67,000.

The improved revenue picture and the many cost containment efforts allow this Budget to build back other crucial fund balances such as the Operations & Maintenance Fund and the Working Cash Fund, which were previously depleted in order to help support the Education Fund prior to the successful passage of the referendum. The O & M fund balance will be used in the future when the Restricted Building Fund is fully depleted. The Working Cash Fund will be used for cash flow purposes, when cash is reduced after the sunset of the Restricted Building Fund.

One year ago, a zero-based budget model was introduced. This approach required a program review and detailed financial needs assessment. This reflects an alignment of resources to clearly reflect the District's goals and objectives.

This year the District implemented the planned initiatives and hired 11.6 FTE teaching positions. Page 51 of the Budget book contains a chart of the positions. The entire Initiatives document was included in the Final Budget, beginning on page 136.

Special Education expenditures continue to escalate. The District has hired two new faculty members and two new teaching assistants to meet increasing needs. In addition, the District anticipates a 16.4 percent increase in total special education costs. Total special education costs net of anticipated revenue will increase 24 percent following an increase of 16 percent last year. State and federal reimbursements will only cover 24 percent of total special education costs in FY 2007. The balance of the 76 percent of total special education costs is covered by local property taxes. Pages 118 and 119 of the Budget book provide an historical analysis.

O.P.R.F.H.S. would continue its efforts to find efficiencies and cost savings initiatives. Part of this effort was to implement a new financial software package to replace the old and outdated system. Financial information was fully converted as of July 1, 2004, and the student information was fully converted effective with the first day of classes last year. These computer systems now offer an integrated database with finance, student, and human resources. Many manual and overlapping processes will be eliminated this next year. In the coming year, it is anticipated that there will be greater family access to student records.

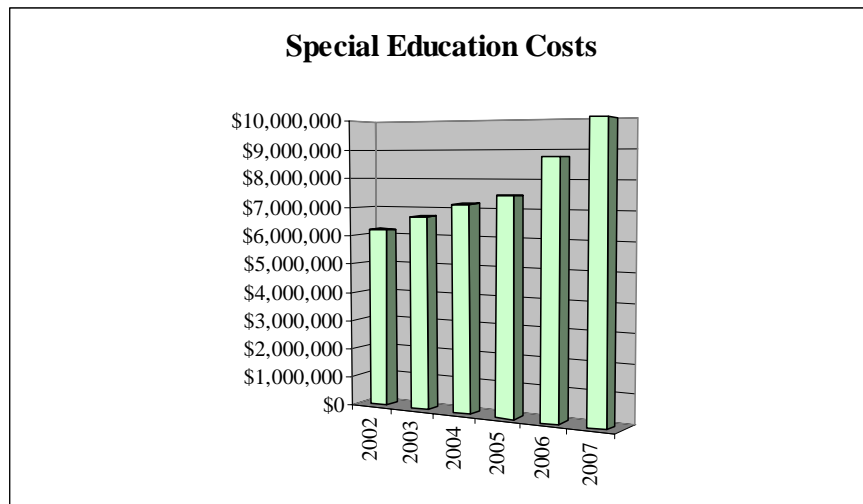
Key Points:

- Zero-based budgeting process
- Total expenditures \$60,303,523, a 3.3 percent increase from FY 2006 budget
- Education Fund budget an 8.2 percent increase to \$42,583,525
- One half of the additional expenses related to the Initiatives
- 11.6 FTE due to Initiatives
- Continue Facility Master Plan

Breakdown of FTE by Initiative:

FTE	Description
1.5	English reading
1.0	Guidance
2.7	Math
1.6	Science
1.0	Psychologist
2.0	Special Education
.4	Study Circle
1.4	Reduced Class Size
11.6	Total

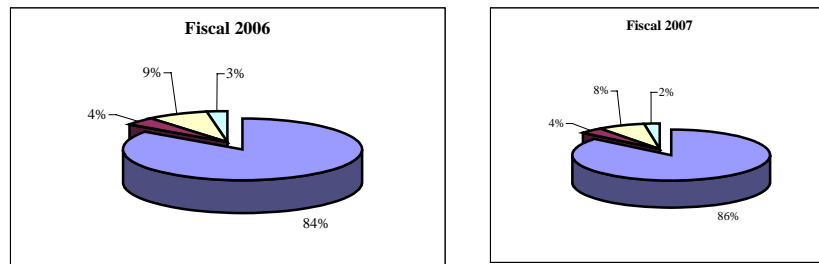
Direct classroom instruction of special education students will increase 17.35 percent this year. Total expenditures for Special Education will exceed \$10,000,000 this year, up from \$4.4 million dollars in FY 1998. Tuition will exceed \$3 million dollars.



The Education Fund is the fund used for the day-to-day instructional expenditures of the high school. The Education Fund increase in expenditures will be 8.2 percent. Approximately 6.6 percent of the increase directly relates to the costs of the initiatives and an increase in Special Education spending.

	FY 2006	FY 2007	Difference
Total Revenue	\$ 42,005,426	\$ 49,608,175	\$ 7,602,749
Total Expenditures	39,374,653	42,583,525	3,208,872
Other Financing	-	-	-
Change in Fund Balance	2,630,773	7,024,650	4,393,877
Beginning Fund Balance	14,984,732	17,615,505	
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 17,615,505	\$ 24,640,155	

Property taxes will be 86 percent of the total revenue; the other local resources will amount to 4 percent, State 8 percent, and Federal 2 percent.



The Education Fund expenditures are reflected below by program area. The majority of the expenditures occur for general instruction, Special Education, vocational programs, and pupil services. The largest increases this year, other than salaries and benefits, relate to Special Education costs and costs related to the initiatives.

	FY 2006	%	FY 2007	%
General Instruction	19,002,879	48.26%	20,482,374	48.10%
Special Education	6,515,417	16.55%	7,645,928	17.96%
Adult Education	18,500	0.05%	19,050	0.04%
Vocational Programs	259,178	0.66%	273,698	0.64%
Extracurricular Programs	1,579,463	4.01%	1,742,431	4.09%
Summer School	336,030	0.85%	349,131	0.82%
Alternative Programs	275,645	0.70%	244,844	0.57%
Support Services - Pupil	5,885,733	14.95%	5,986,471	14.06%
Support Services - Admin.	5,273,832	13.39%	5,556,254	13.05%
Community Services	152,976	0.39%	208,344	0.49%
Debt Service	75,000	0.19%	75,000	0.18%
	39,374,653	100.00%	42,583,525	100.00%

The Restricted Building Fund was established in 1998 with the sale of capital appreciation bonds for \$18 million dollars. The

purpose of these funds was to continue maintenance and facility improvements of the vintage building. O.P.R.F.H.S. has been working from a facility master plan to accomplish its goals. These expenditures vary from year to year, depending on the timing of projects. The expenditures for this fiscal year are primarily related to boiler replacement, air handling improvement and window replacement. The resources in the Restricted Building Fund are near their end, and the high school will need to depend on the O & M fund for building maintenance.

	FY 2006	FY 2007	Difference
Total Revenue	\$ 105,000	\$ 61,105	\$ (43,895)
Total Expenditures	3,032,532	1,269,947	(1,762,585)
Other Financing	-	-	-
Change in Fund Balance	(2,927,532)	(1,208,842)	1,718,690
Beginning Fund Balance	4,662,674	1,735,142	
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 1,735,142	\$ 526,300	

The Fire Prevention and Life Safety Fund is used to account for fire prevention and safety construction projects. O.P.R.F.H.S. presently has a \$2 million dollar life safety amendment for boiler and window replacement. The transfer of \$600,000 is to the Bonds & Interest Fund for the debt payments related to the \$8.4 million dollars for the roof and pool projects. Over the next twenty (20) years, the District will continue to levy for Life Safety in order to meet this debt obligation.

	FY 2006	FY 2007	Difference
Total Revenue	\$ 768,040	\$ 834,855	\$ 66,815
Total Expenditures	1,898,000	1,655,000	(243,000)
Other Financing	(618,338)	(621,238)	(2,900)
Change in Fund Balance	(1,748,298)	(1,441,383)	306,915
Beginning Fund Balance	3,209,940	1,461,642	
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 1,461,642	\$ 20,259	

Ms. Witham asked for any written or oral comments from the public.

Ms. Witham reiterated for Mr. Rigas that Special Education costs are not paid for by the state and federal government, as had been stated in an editorial in one of the local newspapers.

Terry Burke, commenting on the cost of Special Education to the district, stated that it was crucial that the Special Education administration be competent and professional as it administers a significant amount of funds. It is not a position to be taken lightly. The Special Education administration should be held accountable.

Dr. Greenwald asked how much Title I Funding O.P.R.F.H.S. received from the federal government. He was informed that the purpose of the Title I money is to provide schools with funds, based on the poverty level and punishments related to the No Child Left Behind law. O.P.R.F.H.S. receives \$91,000 in Title I money. O.P.R.F.H.S. uses those funds for salary and benefits for two classroom teachers and staffing for a summer school program for incoming eighth grade students. It also pays for parent meetings required if schools receive Title I money and staff training.

Hearing no further comment, Ms. Witham closed the hearing at 8:16 p.m.

Adoption of Budget FY 2007 Ms. Fisher moved to adopt the FY 2006-07 school budget, as presented; seconded by Ms. Ranney. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

Acceptance of Gifts and Donations Ms. Ranney moved to accept with gratitude the gifts and donations as presented (attached to and made part of the minutes of this meeting); seconded by Ms. Fernandez. A voice vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

Certification of 2006 Summer Graduates Ms. Fernandez moved to certify the thirteen (13) Summer School graduates, as presented (attached to and made a part of the minutes of this meeting); seconded by Mr. Rigas. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

District Committees Liaison Representative Reports Faculty Senate—Mr. Hunter commented on it being an exciting start to the school year. Twenty years ago, he witnessed a time capsule being opened and he had that same experience earlier that day. He hoped not to be around for the opening of another time capsule in another twenty years, however. To him the year was interesting, because of the young and vibrant element to the faculty; they are as impressed with

the seasoned faculty as the seasoned faculty is with them. He is approached daily by teachers of differing backgrounds, novice or experienced, who are awed by what O.P.R.F.H.S. has and how they are treated in order to educate children. They, along with the rest of the faculty, are aiding parents in helping to educate their children. The biggest disconnect is explaining to parents how grading works without the filter of the children. The faculty appreciates parental contact and seeks it. There has been a wonderful dialogue regarding parental contact, and the faculty is engaged in it.

The faculty is also engaged with a terrific student body. Academic competition is fierce. The community should be proud that approximately ten percent of the senior class has achieved academic excellence. O.P.R.F.H.S. students are gifted athletically as well. The football team scored 50 points.... Barb Liles, coach of the Girls' Field Hockey Team, hosted a national competition and schools from Houston, Dallas, Michigan, Kentucky, etc. attended. When a high school is nationally recognized, it speaks; it speaks to the programs that O.P.R.F.H.S. provides. Moreover, this is all done in a building that is 100 years old. Outsiders are stunned by the Oak Park and River Forest communities. The community has much to be proud of in its faculty and of its students' achievements.

Student Council—Ms. Davis reported that Student Council had opened a time capsule, as mentioned before, and found it very exciting. In it was a tape made by Newscene in 1986. At the next Student Council meeting, it will be shown. The next step will be to collect things to put into a new time capsule. Student Council is also getting excited about homecoming. Ms. Davis took a moment to commend the president of Student Council for attending to the details of Homecoming so magnificently.

Ms. Davis was congratulated on being one of O.P.R.F.H.S.'s National Merit Semi-finalists.

Citizens' Council—Ms. Ranney reported that the September 14 Citizens' Council meeting was devoted to the discussion of the hiring of the search firm for a new superintendent, the splitting of the superintendent/principal positions, their roles and their responsibilities. Dr. Greenwald provided that information. Citizens' Council members were adamant that the Board of Education was aware of their interest to be involved in the selection process. Discussion also ensued about the confidentiality of the search with regard to candidates. It was

learned that the previous Board of Education reached out to affiliated committee members and had asked them to sign a confidentiality agreement in order for them to be involved in the search.

Dr. Greenwald added that when candidates are invited for interviews, their confidentiality wanes as they enter the building. They are recognized and people within the building start to make their own calls to find out more about the candidates. He felt that confidentiality was mythological. The Board of Education needs to pay attention to the communities' input. That was reiterated at the community forum and by the members of Citizens' Council.

Ms. Ranney found it helpful to have the previous minutes and agendas distributed. In the future, there will be a discussion about discipline and both Dr. Greenwald and Ms. Ranney volunteered to be at that meeting.

P.T.O.— Dr. Millard reported that two meetings had occurred since the last Board of Education meeting. At the August meeting, a discussion was lead by Ms. Kyrias, Division Head for Guidance, about tutoring opportunities available to all students. A question and answer period followed. At the September meeting, Mr. Perna, Coordinator of Student Safety, discussed O.P.R.F.H.S.'s pupil support services and distributed handouts on different opportunities for students. The high school is doing what it can to give students what they need to help them achieve. She was grateful to Ms. Nelson for scheduling this discussion.

P.T.O. has also revised its newsletter format. It will be published four times this year. Ms. Kalmerton will receive copies of the newsletter for distribution to the Board of Education. The P.T.O. calendar should be available in October.

At its September meeting, discussion also included homecoming activities, collaborative sponsoring of a motivational speaker with A.P.P.L.E., scheduled for November 8, at 8:00 p.m. Students will be invited to attend this evening program.

While giving the Board of Education report, she received two comments from P.T.O. members about their preference for holding Board of Education committee meetings in the evenings, rather than in the mornings. She continued that these

comments were unsolicited and suggested that the Board of Education consider them as they relate to the Policy Committee and the Instruction Committee meetings.

ED-RED—Ms. Ranney reported that ED-RED had scheduled many meetings. Ms. Witham planned to attend its finance meeting the following day. Ms. Ranney will attend the meeting Saturday, September 30 when State Representatives Roger Eddy and Jerry Mitchell will host with Wight & Company a discussion about state aid. Thus, Ms. Ranney will not be able to attend homecoming.

Alumni Association—Ms. Fernandez reported that the Alumni Association met on September 11 and a detailed discussion ensued about the upcoming homecoming. The highlights of its event will be the alumni of 1946 will serve food on the mall. The cost will be \$5 per person and will include a sandwich, a soft drink, and chips. The Alumni Association was also proud of maintaining the funds it had granted to students and families. On Monday, October 16, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., a reception will be held for the students who received the enrichment grants to share how they benefited. Forty-three students received \$14,000 in grants in 2006. Ms. Fernandez also noted that the Alumni Association is using a laptop and hopes for a desktop computer when one becomes available.

Concert Tour Association—Ms. Ranney reported that the Concert Tour Association sponsored a music fest on September 8, 2006, as a fundraiser, organized by Sandy Williams. Mr. Lanenga was acknowledged for his help in getting the lights to work. Attendance was sparse due to it being the beginning of the school year and there was competition from many other events occurring at the same time. Ms. Williams would like to repeat this event next year later in the season. They were successful enough to make a few hundred dollars, however. The Concert Tour Association was having an event in the auditorium that evening. The Marching Band will perform October 5-9 in Orlando at an instrumental showcase.

Concert Tours fundraising endeavors include the following:

- 1) Selling a coupon book that supports area restaurants and vendors. The cost is \$20.
- 2) Shop and share coupons at a local food store;
- 3) The marching band will man two water stations at the “half marathon” and will receive a \$500 donation. The

sponsors of the marathon will pay for transporting the students.

**Approval of
Closed Session
Minutes**

Ms. Ranney moved to approve the Closed Session minutes of August 24, 30, September 6, 12, 19, 20, and 21, 2006, as presented; and declared that the closed session audiotapes of March 2005 be destroyed; seconded by Ms. Fisher. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

Closed Session

Ms. Ranney moved to enter closed session at 8:45 p.m. on Thursday, September 28, 2006, for the purpose of discussing the litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular District has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the District finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the closed meeting minutes 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11); The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), as amended by PA.93—57; seconded by Ms. Fisher. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

The Board of Education reconvened its open session at 11:00 p.m., on Thursday, September 28, 2006.

Student Discipline

Mr. Rigas moved to expel student EXP 09/28/06-10, as of September 28, 2006, for the remainder of the 2006-07 school year, but to hold the expulsion in abeyance contingent upon completion of enrollment and regular attendance at an off-campus therapeutic placement recommended by the Special Education Division for the remainder of the 2006-07 school year, ongoing counseling, and verification and maintenance of residency in the District; seconded by Ms. Fernandez. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

Ms. Ranney moved to extend 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); seconded by Dr. Millard. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

Adjournment

At 11:10 p.m. on Thursday, September 28, 2006, Ms. Ranney moved to adjourn the Board of Education meeting; seconded by Ms. Fernandez. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

Dr. Barry S. Greenwald
President

Barbara P. Fernandez
Secretary