

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, November 17 2005:

**Board Recognition** The Board of Education recognized and congratulated 1) the members of the Girls' Varsity Field Hockey Team for achieving the status of State Runner-Up as follows: Mara Blesoff, Analisa Brady, Alana Breen, Amanda Burns, Alison Colucci, Morgan Flint, Emma Jasinski, Christine Karsten, Victoria Karsten, Mattie Prodanovic, Alissa Pullos, Kelsey Rosenquist, Meghan Scotty, Grace Shirreff, Margaret Sinnott, Hannah Stephens, Katherine Todd, Allison Vogel, and their coaches Barbara Liles, Linda Carlson, Jane Graham, Warren Dorn, and Courtney Breen; and 2) Elizabeth Dengel, the recipient of a 2005 National Council of Teachers of English Award for excellence in writing and the teacher who submitted her work, Peter Quinn.

**Board Actions**

- approved the Consent Items: open minutes of October 27, 2005, personnel recommendations, and financial reports;
- amended Policy 3430, Accounts;
- amended Policy 3431, Fiscal Year;
- amended Policy 3432, Audits;
- approved Policy 1150, Students, Publicity and Media Relations and its procedures, for First Reading;
- approved Policy 5117, Tuition and Residential Status of Students, for First Reading;
- approved Policy 5125, Graduation Requirements, for First Reading;
- approved the IASB Resolutions as recommended by B.A.T.;
- approved the State Library Grant Application;
- approved the Winter Construction Projects, as presented;
- approved the Preliminary Levy tax rate of \$3, subject to receiving direction from the administration and faculty regarding specific initiatives designed to address the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), the State of Illinois graduation requirements, special education needs, and initiatives which address the achievement gap with specific dollar amounts attached;

- accepted with gratitude a donation of a 1985 Buick Regal to the Auto Shop from Antonio Lopez and a donation of a 1992 Chevrolet Lumina to the Auto Shop from Mary Dwyer;
- accepted Don Williams and Associates as O.P.R.F.H.S.'s collection agency;
- approved TeleCheck as O.P.R.F.H.S.'s new check processing server;
- approved the closed session minutes of October 27, 2005 and declared that the Closed Minutes from May 1, 2005 through November 1, 2005 shall remain closed and that the closed session tapes be destroyed for the period January 1, 2003 through November 1, 2003; and
- approved the Board of Education regular meeting dates for the 2006 calendar as follows: January 26, February 23, March 23, April 27, May 25, June 22, August 24, September 28, October 26, November 16, and December 21.

## Reports

Dr. Bridge reported that O.P.R.F.H.S. would participate in a live ABC Channel 7 two-hour broadcast designed to showcase O.P.R.F.H.S.! This "School Days" segment from 5:00 to 7:00 a.m. on November 18, which would feature students and staff, as morning host Roz Varon highlights performers, student clubs and activities, unique classes, athletes, etc. Dr. Bridge also reported that Best Buddies raised the necessary funds through bake sales at the Farmers' Market to throw a Halloween Party on October 28 for 35 Buddies and 45 students, most of who are in the T.E.A.M. program.

Ms. Witham presented the Aid to Needy Children Report. Ms. Hill presented the Report on Standardized Testing. Ms. Stevens presented the Quarterly Discipline Study Report and the Report on Dropouts. Mr. Lanenga presented the enrollment projections.

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

## Personnel

### Non-Certified

**Appointments** **Hayes, Linda**, full-time secretary for Community Relations/Summer School, effective 11/1/05  
**Christine Majkzrak**, part-time Bookstore Inventory/POS Specialist employee effective 11/1/05

**The next regular Board of Education meeting will be Thursday, December 22, 2005 beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.**