

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, December 22, 2005 and the Special Board meetings in December:

**Board
Actions**

- approval of the Consent Items: open minutes of November 8, 10, 17, December 2, 2005, personnel recommendations, and financial reports;
- approval of Policy 1150, Students Publicity and Media Relations, and Acceptance of Procedures;
- amendment of Policy 5117, Tuition and Residential Status of Students;
- amendment of Policy 5125, Graduation Requirements;
- approval of Policy 2130, Early Retirement (Administrators), for First Reading and Deletion;
- approval of Policy 2130-1, District Early Retirement Provisions During TRS (5&5) Early Retirement Incentive, for First Reading and Deletion;
- approval of DuPage/West Cook Low Incidence Service Agreement/Articles Amendments;
- approval of the following textbooks: *NEFE High School Financial Planning Program*, reviewed by Mr. Conway for the Special Education Division; *Cracking India: A Novel*; reviewed by Dr. Millard for the History Division; and *A History of Asia, 5th Edition*, reviewed by Ms. Fernandez for History Division:
- approval of the course proposals as presented to the Instruction Committee on December 13, 2005;
- adoption of the resolution relating to tax levies for 2005;
- accepted with gratitude a donation of an HP Ink Jet Printer to the Technology Department from Edith Kooyumjian, and 90 tickets to the Chicago Bulls basketball game for the Best Buddy Program from James Zangrilli;
- approval of the closed session minutes of November 8, 10, 17, and December 2 declared that the closed session tapes be destroyed for the period January 1, 2004 through July 1, 2004;
- appointment of Sherlynn Reid, Robert Senechalle, and Martha Trantow to the District 200 Local Ethics Commission for the 2006 calendar year;

- approval of the 2005 preliminary levy for the dollar amount of \$50,200,101 excluding bond and interest and to place on display for no less than 20 days (approved 12/1/05);
- approval of Policy 5125, Graduation Requirements, for first reading (approved 12/2/05); and
- expulsion of student EXP 12/01/05-2 and student EXP 12/01/05-3 as of December 2, 2005, for the remainder of the 2005-06 school year, but held the expulsion in abeyance contingent upon completion of enrollment and regular attendance at an alternative school for the remainder of the 2005-06 school year, ongoing counseling and verification and maintenance of residency in district (approved 12/2/05)

Reports

Dr. Bridge congratulated Dr. Steven Goldberg for being selected to receive the 2005 National Council on Social Studies Award for Global Understanding given in honor of James M. Becker; his award will be housed in the Board Room. Dr. Bridge congratulated varsity softball coach, Mel Kolbusz for being selected as an Illinois Coaches' Association Coach of the Year for the 2004-05 school year. Dr. Bridge reported that O.P.R.F.H.S. awarded 130 students with Human Relations Awards on Thursday, December 8 and thanked Cindy Milojevic and Latonia Brown for making it a wonderful event. Dr. Bridge reported on Parent Pals, a pilot program in which 21 parents from the school's parent group organizations volunteered to partner with parents of freshmen. Dr. Bridge thanked Mary Confray Polk for helping with the logistics of this program. Dr. Bridge distributed a photo of the Special Olympics Team and congratulated Coach Gann and McCarthy on their first win.

A Truth in Taxation Hearing was held.

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

Personnel

Certified

Appointments **Allison Hennings**, Science Teacher, effective January 23, 2005

Non-Certified

Appointments **Georgia Tsagaris**, Part-time Food Service Employee, effective 11/30/05

Request for Retirement **Jonathan Weiser**, B&G Custodian, effective June 10, 2006

Resignations **Stephen Booth**, Special Education TA, effective 12/23/05
Jon Schultz, Special Education TA, effective 01/19/06

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be Thursday, January 26, 2006, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.