

Oak Park and River Forest High School
District 200
Board Briefs
Thursday, February 24, 2011

**Board
Actions**

The Board of Education approved the following consent items: • the Check Disbursements and Financial Resolutions dated February 24, 2011 • January 2011 Financials • January 2011 Treasurer's Report • the PTAB Resolution • the Architectural Services Contract • the Office Supply Contract Extension • Student Fees for 2011-12

- amended Policy 4122, Substitute Teachers;
- approved Policy 3310, Contracts/Purchasing, for First Reading;
- approved Policy 3820, Energy Management, for First reading;
- approved Policy 4105, Equal Opportunity and Minority Recruitment, for First Reading;
- accepted with gratitude 20 tickets for the 2011 Chicago Auto Show from James Sarno for students in the EAC II Program;
- the Special Education Bus Bid;
- the Field Trip and Activity Bus Bid;
- approved the Personnel Recommendations;
- approved Avi Lessing's sabbatical leave request for the 2011-12 school year;
- approved the Des Plaines Valley Education for Employment Regional Delivery System Intergovernmental Agreement;
- approved the open and closed session minutes of the Board of Education for January 27, February 8, and February 15, 2011 and declared that the Audiotapes of May 2009 be destroyed; and
- approved the B&G Letters of Agreement

Reports

Assistant Principal for Student Services Jeremiah Wiencek spoke about the school's activities during African American History Month, e.g., the annual NAAPID Dinner, the 11th annual Black Professional's Day, etc. He also reported that 1) the T.E.A.M. basketball squad would compete against the Eagles of Leyden High School on February 25; 2) Counselors held individual academic planning meetings for the current sophomores and juniors and are meeting with the current freshmen to review their four-year plans; 3) the course selection process will conclude March 11; and 4) enrollment forms for incoming eighth-grade students are due now.

Dr. Isoye reported on 1) the closing of the high school for two days due to the 20 plus inches of snow that Chicago received; 2) the heroic efforts by the Buildings and Grounds staff in readying the school for students and staff over those two days and the dedication the Safety & Support Staff; 3) the collaboration among the associate superintendents of Districts 90 and 97 as well as the Village of Oak Park to determine the best courses of action; 4) the work that was done to successfully reschedule the Open House, an opportunity for eighth-graders to learn about OPRFHS's many opportunities, due to the blizzard; 5) the Association of School Business Officials International for the second time in a roll honored OPRFHS with its Meritorious Budget Award for 2010-2011 and he

congratulated Ms. Witham and her staff; 6) his attendance at a presentation at Boeing in partnership with the Naval Academy on minority recruitment and retention within the Academy along with representatives from the Chicago Public Schools, other suburban superintendent and IMSA; 7) faculty members were invited to meet with him during their lunch periods to talk about the school; 8) his attendance at the annual meeting of the Community Foundation where students Stephanie Strahler, Kate McCole, Haley Hammond, and Katie Williams were honored with the 2010 Youth Excellence in Philanthropy Award; 10) his attendance at a meeting with area superintendents to discuss Diane Ravitch's current book, *The Death and Life of the Great American School System*, and the ability to speak personally with her on the telephone; 11) his attendance at the AASA Conference where Michael Fullan presented on motion leadership, Doug Reeves presented on focus leadership, Alan November presented on technology in the classroom, and the father of Rachael Scott, the first student killed at Columbine, who talked about the need for schools to work with students about understanding others, respect, and kindness. Dr. Isoye also thanked all those who attended the community forum, especially the neighbors, the parents and community leaders who were interested in the drug conversation occurring within the community.

Personnel Recommendations

New Hires	Mary Beth Erickson , Business Office Support, effective 02/07/2011 Andre Harris , Monitor for Safety & Support, effective 02/07/2011 Kimberly Gasow , Safety & Support Monitor, effective 02/07/2011
Mandatory Leaves	FMLA, Math, effective 01/31/2011 to 2/25/2011 FMLA, B&G, effective 02/03/2011 to 03/02/2011 FMLA, Business Office, effective 02/14/2011 to 02/25/2011
Leaves	Climent Edmond Jr. , Safety & Support, effective 02/11/2011

**The next Board of Education Meeting will be
Thursday, March 24, 2011
at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room**