

**Oak Park and River Forest High School**  
**District 200**  
**Board Briefs**  
**Thursday, May 26, 2011**

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**Student Recognition**

The Board of Education recognized the following students, coaches, and sponsors:

- Hanna Srajer, placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the Manningham National competition and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Oak Park Writers' Group's 2011 High School Poetry Contest in the freshman/sophomore category, and Raven Hogue placed 1st and Sherry Reuter placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3rd in its junior/senior category, mentor Peter Kahn;
- Alexandra Frisch, competed in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual OPRFHS Shakespeare Monologue Competition, was the Chicago Regional Champion, and performed Cleopatra at the Lincoln Center in New York, mentor James Bell;
- Will Hardwicke and James Hanley participated in the Tournament of Champions Debate Competition at the University of Kentucky, head coach David Gobberdiel and Co-sponsor Jeff Mertz;
- Ben Mildenhall and Greg Ramel, placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Junior/Senior Two-Person IHSA State Math competition, Head Coach Sheila Hardin, other coaches Kay Moran, Joe Kostal and Larry Prystalski;
- Northern Illinois Scholastic Press Association awards went to Sydney Wilcox and Abby Vogt for their Trapeze editorial, to Abby Vogt for ad design, and contributor Rachel Dranoff for editorial cartooning; sponsor Liz Fox;
- Emily Austin, Jesse Cornman, Landi Gu, Tom Jozefowicz, Ian Parks, Aaron Rowe and Luisa Vasquez, Robotic Club students, won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the state at the Exploratory/Engineer Division at Illinois State University's High School Research Symposium and 1<sup>st</sup> place at the Percy Julian Science Symposium, advisors were Dat Tran, President, DatCom Systems, Elliott Rouse, Biomedical Engineer, Northwestern University, Robert Parks, President, Communications Programming, Inc., Norb Teclaw, John Costopoulos, and Bill Grosser; and
- Ramie Bou-Saab, placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Midwest Chinese Teachers Alliance's Midwest Chinese Speech Contest, mentor AiLein Hung;

**Board Actions**

The Board of Education approved the following consent items: • the Check Disbursements and Financial Resolutions dated May 26, 2011 • April 2011 Financials • April 2011 Treasurer's Report • Wireless Phase 2 Bid • Physical Education Uniform Bid • Textbooks • Prevailing Wage Resolution

- approved a modified closed campus for the 2011-12 year. Juniors and seniors, in good standing as defined by the administration, with parental permission may be allowed to leave campus at lunch and the District will plan next year with students, staff and faculty to create a lunchtime environment that supports the educational goals of the high school and promotes social, emotional and physical health of students;
- approved the Summer 2012-2013 Construction Plans, as presented;
- adopted the FY 2011 Amended Budget;
- accepted with gratitude from OPRFHS Employee Pam Jansen, 7 semi formal dresses, 4 formal dresses and two suit coats to the Theatre Department;
- approved the one-year extension for 2011-12 with National School Towel Service;
- approved the amendment to the FAC Model;
- approved the Certified/Non-Certified FTE Summary for 2011-12 School Year;
- approved the Open and Closed Session Minutes of the Board of Education for March 24 and April 19, 2011 and declared that the Audiotapes of the August 2009 meetings be destroyed;
- approved the Indemnification Agreement; and
- approved the personnel recommendations, as presented.

**Reports**

Principal Rouse reported that 1) the Freshman/Sophomore Honor's Convocation was held May 17 and recognized the exception work of freshman and sophomore students, with Jack Lanenga, who is retiring at the end of this school year, giving powerful words of encouragement; 2) the Junior/Senior Honor's Convocation was held May 24 and 146 scholarships were presented to seniors totaling more than \$186,000, with 16 Scholarship Cup Awards presented; 3) OPRFHS was thankful to the OPRFHS Scholarship Foundation, the Community Foundation, and direct donors for making these scholarships available; 4) graduation is scheduled

for June 12; 5) commencement speech auditions were held Tuesday and the winner will be announced May 27; 6) the retirees' institutional knowledge will be a great loss.

Dr. Isoye reported that 1) he attended a joint meeting of the Oak Park & River Forest Council of Governments with the main focus on the work of Thrive Counseling Center; 2) about 84 parents, neighbors/or concerned Citizens' attended the Special Board meeting on May 4 about lunch hour options; others registered their written opinions; 3) on May 5, IMPACT held a forum where presentations were made on drugs and alcohol abuse by law enforcement, judges, counselors, social workers, rehabilitated drug users, and school personnel; 4) Ms. Patchak-Layman, Dr. Millard, and he participated in the Ethnic Day Parade on May 7; 5) he participated in a Community Leadership Program Planning on May 12 and a panel on May 20 with Dr. Roberts, Dr. Hagerman and Dr. Condon of Districts 97, 90 and Dominican University about educational leadership; 6) he attended Prom on May 14 at the Hyatt on Wacker in Chicago; and 7) he congratulated the retirees as well.

A public hearing was held on the FY'11 Amended Budget. Mr. Jacques Conway tendered his resignation as a member of the Board of Education meeting effective at the end of the meeting.

**Personnel Recommendations**

**New Hires**

Teacher  
**Christopher Cashman**, Spanish Teacher, effective 2011-2012

Food Service  
**Natalie Marin**, Server, effective 04/21/2011  
**Maria Zepeda**, Dishwasher, effective 04/19/2011

Buildings and & Grounds  
**Zachary Anderson**, Summer Painter, effective 06/13/2011  
**Amanda Collins**, Summer Painter, effective 06/13/2011  
**Margaret Collins**, Summer Custodian, effective 06/13/2011  
**Joshua Baer**, Summer Custodian, effective 06/13/2011  
**Roy Raggs**, Summer Custodian, effective 06/13/2011  
**Sarah Sadowski**, Summer Custodian, effective 06/13/2011  
**Jeremy Powell**, Summer Custodian, effective 06/13/2011  
**Anthony Ariola**, Summer Custodian, effective 06/13/2011

**Replacement**

**Tia Marr**, Director of Summer Transition Program, effective 06/15/2011  
**William Young**, Mentor Program Coordinator, effective 2011-12

**Stipend**

**Judith, Lopez**, Library Director, effective 2011-12 School Year

**Salary**

**Steven T. Isoye**, Superintendent, \$3,000

**Increase**

**Tenure Status**

<b>Barbara Harmon</b> , World Languages/Spanish	<b>Jessica Stovall</b> – English
<b>Dana Limberg</b> – History	<b>Joyce Gajda</b> – Mathematics
<b>Daniel Corcoran</b> – Mathematics	<b>Lauren Przyborowski</b> – Mathematics
<b>Danielle Dobias</b> – Special Education	<b>Meghan Kennedy</b> – Special Education
<b>Fawn Donatucci</b> – Special Education	<b>Octavius Bellamy</b> – Special Education

**Call Backs**

<b>Lana Geselbracht</b>	<b>Gisele Ramilo</b>
<b>Joseph Hallissey</b>	<b>Benjamin St. John</b>
<b>Jessica Howell</b>	<b>Jennifer Stinich</b>
<b>AiLien Hung</b>	<b>Tracy Strimple</b>
<b>Maria Lombardo-Nitsche</b>	<b>Leandrew Wade</b>

**Change in**

**Jennifer Stinich**, Mathematics/Test Prep, .20 to 1.0 FTE

**Status**

**Christine Mondragon**, Mathematics/Test Prep 1.00 to .20

**Change in Rate**

**Michol Douglas**, Dishroom Food Service

**Summer Student**

**Michael Warner, Carl Haas, Harry Kucharik, Harry McDonough, Alexander Botts, Tom Jozefowicz,**

**Workers**

**Topher Zheng**

**FLMA Leaves**

2 - **Fine & Applied Arts**, effective 04/18-05/31/11  
**Industrial Technology**, effective 04/11 – 05/09/11  
**Counseling**, effective 04/11-05/23/11  
**Special Education**, effective 05/16-06/10/11

**The next Board of Education Meeting will be Thursday, June 23, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room**