

**Oak Park and River Forest High School, District 200**  
**Board Briefs**  
**Thursday, May 28, 2015**

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**Actions**

Approval of the following items:

- Consent Items as follows:
  - Check Disbursements and Financial Resolutions dated May 28, 2015
  - Treasurer's Report
  - Monthly Financials
  - Hotel Contract for Prom 2016
  - NIIPC Rollover of Primary Vendor and Bread Supplier Contract
  - Resolution to Appoint School Treasurer
  - Audit Engagement Letter
  - Provisional Texts for Adoption
  - Personnel Recommendations including New Hires, Recognition of Teachers for Tenure, Resignations, and Leave of Absence
  - Amended Budget FY 2015
  - Abatement of Emergency Days for FY 2015
  - Policies for First Reading
    - Policy 4:45 Insufficient Checks and Debt Recovery
    - Policy 6:340 Student Testing and Assessment Program
  - Open and Closed Session Minutes of April 30 (retiring and organizational), May 5 and 18, 2015 and a declaration that the closed session audiotapes of November 2013 be destroyed.
  - Leadership, Athletic, and Activity Stipend Positions
- Supportive Learning Environment Team Proposal
- Parent Teacher Advisory Committee Recommendations
- Summer Construction 2016

**Reports**

Dr. Isoye reported that 1) "U.S. News & World Report ranked OPRF Number 19 in the state, out of 131 Illinois high schools that made its list; 2) 250 students were honored at the 2015 Outstanding Improvement and Human Relations Awards for raising their overall grade point average at least one full point during first semester, while Human Relations winners were nominated by faculty and staff for positively affecting OPRF's school culture; 3) the English Division choose 35 student heroes and held a reception to honor them; 4) "All about That Pride," a new student-created school-pride video, beat out 60 competitors to win first place for a music video at the Chicagoland Television Educators Council's annual festival. The video can be viewed at AllAboutThatPride.com.; 5) Out of 4,800 entries from grades K-12, Grace Fox won first place in the Ninth Annual Metra Safety Poster Contest. Sebastien Johnson placed second, and Johana Oldach placed third; 6) The 2015 OPRF Shakespeare Slam team beat 30 schools to take first place in Chicago Shakespeare Theatre's Battle of the Bard. The team performed the first scene of "Taming of the Shrew" and a seven-play ensemble mash-up piece entitled "The Seven Ages of Shakespeare."; 7) Rosaline Zucker, Marta Cortinovis, Kevin Farrell, Edoardo Catale, Sean Pawelko, and Jakob Zagone received the commendation summa cum laude and gold medal on the National Latin Exam; 8) Eliot Mack won not just one but two awards at the National Council for Education in the Ceramic Arts (NCECA), a juried show at which it is an exceptional honor to exhibit, for his bamboo and ceramic teapot. The award also honored his art teacher, Pennie Ebsen; 9) Senior Nora Kraft has been selected as one of the 12 finalists for the Broadway in Chicago Awards for her role as Reno Sweeney in the OPRF production of "Anything Goes." On June 1, she will compete against the best musical theatre actors in the state; 10) Sophomore Ted Loewenthal finished first and senior Marlena Wadley finished third in the national Sarah Mook Poetry Contest in the grade 9-12 division; 11) Marlena Wadley was a gold medal finalist for poetry/performance and a bronze medal winner for poetry/written in the NAACP Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics, or ACTSO and will compete this summer at the national level. In addition, Briana Williams won a bronze medal in the oratory competition; 12) Jordin Hale signed her National Letter of Intent to play water polo at Iona College; 13) Girls Track tied for third

at the state meet. Norma Abdur-Rafia (Amy Hill's daughter) was the first athlete in OPRF history to win four all-state medals in one meet. She and teammates Myia Jones, Komiyah Martin, and Chisom Nwoko won the 800-meter relay; among them, the girls broke every school record and scored the most points in OPRF girls track history; 14) Both boys' track and boys' tennis won their sectional tournaments and will compete at the state tournaments; 15) 78 senior girls attended the free Self-Defense Conference on May 28, which was organized by OPRF physical education teachers to prepare girls for post-high school by reviewing self-defense skills, self-defense and assault laws, resources, and personal safety tactics in cities and college campuses; 16) baseball and softball both won their West Suburban conference championships. Baseball hosts its regional meet, while softball is seeded No. 2 in its sectional match.

A Public Hearing was held on the Amended Budget. Reports on Informational Items included Student Discipline Retreat Update: Chicago VOYCE, Restorative Justice, Walkthrough Program, Reading Program, Contract Services with MENTA, and the CommunityUnity Mentor Program. Faculty Senate reported.

### **Personnel**

<b>New Hires</b>	<b>Helen Gallagher</b> , English Division Head, effective 2015-16 school year <b>Nikita Burnett</b> , Food Service Worker, effective 05/11/15
<b>Tenure for 2015-16</b>	<b>Kristen McKee</b> , RTI <b>Kevin McKittrick</b> , Science <b>Amy McGrail</b> , Science <b>Paul Collins</b> , Special Education <b>Joseph Curtis</b> , Special Education
<b>Resignation</b>	<b>Michael Fistler</b> , Custodian, Buildings and Grounds, effective 05/13/15 <b>Kathryn Poirier</b> , Math Tutor, effective 06/1/15 <b>Marisol Ward</b> , Human Resources, effective 06/05/15 <b>Tiffany Davis</b> , Special Education Secretary, effective 06/15/15
<b>Leaves of Absences</b>	<b>Kimberly Fotzler</b> , Math Teacher, effective 2015-16 school year <b>Special Education</b> , maternity leave, effective 05/11/15 until the end of 2014-15 school year

**The next regular Board of Education Meeting will be  
Thursday, May 28, 2015  
6:30 p.m. closed session & 7:30 p.m. open session  
Board Room**