

**Oak Park and River Forest High School, District 200**  
**Board Briefs**  
**Thursday, December 17, 2015**

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**Board  
Actions**

Approval of the following items:

- Consent
  - Check Disbursements and Financial Resolutions dated December 17, 2015
  - Monthly Treasurer's Report
  - Mary Rose Irons donated an extensive collection of music CD's and books
  - Construction Bids for Summer 2016
  - Calendar for 2016-17 School Year and Acceptance of 2017-18 Draft School Calendar
  - Auditorium Sound System Bid
  - Personnel Recommendations including New Hires, Resignations and Retirements
  - Employee Benefit Insurance Broker
  - Summer School Dates, Stipends, and Budget
  - Policies for First Reading
    - Policy 2:150 Committees
    - Policy 2:200 Types of School Board Meetings
    - Policy 4:170 Safety
    - Policy 5:90 Abused and Neglected Children Child Reporting
    - Policy 5:100 Staff Development Program
    - Policy 6:15 School Accountability
    - Policy 6:50 School Wellness
    - Policy 6:60 Curriculum Content
    - Policy 6:160 English Learners
    - Policy 6:310 High School Credit for Non-District Experiences
    - Policy 6:315 High School Credit for Students in Grade 7 or 8 (NEW)
    - Policy 6:320 High School Credit for Proficiency
  - Open and Closed Session Minutes of November 18 and 19, 2015, and a declaration that the closed session audiotapes of May 2014 be destroyed.
- The 2015 Tax Levy
- The Resolution abating the working cash fund of Consolidated High School District Number 200, Cook County, Illinois, and abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2015 to pay debt service on General Obligation

**Reports**

Dr. Isoye reported on that 1) 200 OPRF seniors, or roughly 25% of the class of 2016, have been named 2016-2017 Illinois State Scholars for outstanding academic achievement. Most high schools average only 10%; 2) Out of nearly 3,000 Chicago-area students who applied, senior Darrell Sanders has been named one of 10 Posse Scholars by the Posse Foundation and will receive a 4-year, full-tuition scholarship from Pomona College in Claremont, California; 3) Freshman Morgan Varnado was the winner of the annual MLK essay contest and will present his speech at OPRFHS's 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual MLK Assembly on Friday, January 15; 4) OPRF faculty, staff, and students adopted 50 singles or families and purchased gifts for them as part of the Community of Congregation's annual Holiday Food and Gift Basket program. Communications Secretary Linda Hayes organizes OPRFHS's contributions every year and the students help deliver the gifts; 5) James Bell's senior Shakespeare-elective class conducted a live-streamed Q&A with an actor from the theater Shakespeare's Globe in London. OPRF is the only school in the world that has this relationship with Shakespeare's Globe; 6) The Theatre Department's October production of Little Shop of Horrors has been chosen to perform the show during the Illinois High School Theatre Festival at Illinois State University on January 7-9, 2016; 7) The

following students made state and will compete for a top spot at the Illinois Music Educators Association All-State Conference/Competition in late January: Regina Miller, Sage Degand, Jacob Schaider, Ben Ellenbogen, and Allison Miller. In addition, Sage Degand and Mark Weissglass won multiple awards in the composition contest; 8) Swimmers Hanna Blankemeier, Genevieve Curry Alex Gill, Samantha M. Neilson, and Natalie Ungaretti placed sixth-place team at the Girls' State Swimming and Diving Competition. Five new school records were set. In addition, swimmer Natalie Ungaretti was named the Chicago Tribune's Athlete of the Month; and 9) The Huskie Booster Club has provided nearly \$60,000 in funds to 22 different student programs at Oak Park and River Forest High School as part of its annual appropriations of monies raised through parent fundraising efforts. This is a 10% increase over the amount awarded last year. Dr. Isoye also wished everyone a restful break.

Public Hearings were held on the 2015 Tax Levy and the Proposal to Sell \$17,500,000 in Working Cash Fund Bonds for the Purpose of Increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District. Reports were included in the packet on articulation and the new graduation requirement of civics. Faculty Senate and Student Council both reported. In addition, an update on the Park District of Oak Park Community center Feasibility Study was given.

### **Personnel Report**

- New Hires**     **Jennifer Cain**, School Nurse, effective 01/04/2016  
                  **Julie Elmiger**, PE Driver's Education Division Secretary, effective 12/14/15
- Retirement**   **Mary Ann Howie**, Counselor Secretary, effective 06/30/16  
                  **Jennifer Walstra**, Fiscal Clerk, Business Office, effective 02/01/2016
- Resignation**   **Marion White**, Food Service, effective 12/04/2015

The next regular Board of Education Meeting will be  
Thursday, January 28, 2016  
6:30 p.m. closed session & 7:30 p.m. open session  
Board Room