Oak Park and River Forest High School, District 200 Board Briefs

Thursday, February 25, 2016

Board Actions

Approval of the following items:

- Consent
 - Check Disbursements and Financial Resolutions dated February 25, 2016
 - Monthly Treasurer's Report
 - Personnel Recommendations (including New Hires, Resignations, Retirements, Returns from Leave)
 - FY 2015 Audit and Comprehensive Annual Financial Report
 - Visual Image Photography, Inc. Agreement 2016-17
 - Jostens Yearbook Contract Renewal
 - Legat Architects Contract for FY 2017
 - Pekron Consulting Proposal for FY 2017
 - E-Rate Wireless Access Points & Network Switch
 - Gala Fourth of July Fireworks Show Request
 - Amended the following Policies:
 - Policy 7:185, Teen Dating Violence Prohibited
 - Policy 7:10, Equal Educational Opportunities
 - Policies for First Reading:
 - Policy 5:330, Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves
 - Policy 6:20, School Year Calendar and Day
 - Policy 6:280, Grading and Promotion
 - Open and Closed Session Minutes of January 28, 2016, and a declaration that the closed session audiotapes of July 2014 be destroyed.
- Sabbatical Applications
- Enrollment Projections

Reports

Dr. Isoye congratulated the 9 out of 11 OPRF wrestlers who qualified to compete for individual titles at the state tournament last weekend and won All-State Medals. State Champions: Jason Renteria, 120 lbs, Isaiah White, 160 lbs, Allen Stallings, 220 lbs: Runners-up: Anthony Madrigal, 126 lbs, Jaime Hernandez, 138 lbs; Third Place: Robert Campos, 113 lbs, Gabe Townsell, 132 lbs, Rolliann Sturkey, 170 lbs; and Fifth Place: Michael Ordonez, 145 lbs. These students will also complete at the Dual Team Sectional and State Championships in Bloomington. Also congratulated were the Boys' Swimming and Diving teams that placed second at sectionals. Swim coach Clyde Lundgren and Diving coach Mark Pappalardo were named IHSA Sectional Coaches of the Year. The following athletes qualified for the state meet: Thomas Wolfe, JP Rotatori, Sean Pawelko, Josh Fluharty, and Max Razzino and divers Riley Conrady and Kenton Brennan qualified. Alyona Jochaniewicz qualified to compete in the IHSA State Girls' Gymnastics Tournament last weekend at Palatine High School in the all-around competition. In addition, Sage Degand placed second in the state for alto sax at the 2015-16 Illinois Music Education Associations All-State Music Conference. Speech Team member Isabelle Picciotti placed second in impromptu speaking at the recent sectional tournament and competed in the state competition. Jeremy Pesigan won OPRF's Seventh Annual Shakespeare Monologue Competition and will compete against winners from 20 area schools in the regional competition. Grace Philion and Grace Gleason submitted winning essays about George Mason's Declaration of Rights for the Congressional Seminar Essay Contest, which sends two high school students from every state to Washington, D.C., for an all-expense-paid week of citizenship education. Gaby Bascunan-Simone, Cam Bayer, Kara Jackson, and Gracie Farnham won top awards at the regional Scholastic Art and Writing Contest and will move on to the national competition. John Beck has been accepted into the juried K-12 exhibition at the National Council for Education in the Ceramic Arts in Kansas City. Out of more than 1,300 entries, John had two works selected for the exhibition. The following students have been selected and will be recognized at the IHSAE (Illinois High School Art Exhibition) at the Zhou Gallery in Chicago on Sunday, March 6 where the work from more than 100 high schools in Illinois will be displayed. 3-Dimensional: Paige Biggus, Drawing/Printmaking: Johana Oldach, Graphic Design: Rachel Nitzsche, Painting: Alec Rasmussen, and Photography: Jennifer Eisner. The following Huskie football players signed letters of intent to play at their chosen universities: Jahmari Moore—University of Wyoming, Allen Stallings—Indiana University, Breshawn Wilkerson—Davenport University, and Antonio Cannon—Northern Illinois University. In Girls' track, Chisolm Nwoko shattered the indoor pole vault record with a 12-foot vault at the year's first meet. In addition, at the recent Proviso West Indoor Relay meet, Norma Abdur-Rafia, Destiny White, Ella Rossa, and Chisolm Nwoko broke the school record in the 4x200 with a time of 1:46.

Discussion ensued about the Bookstore Policy and District Fees, the Long-term Facilities Plan, and a Board of Education study of equity policies and practices. Informational reports were received on the Spring Standardized Testing Plans and 2015 PARCC, the Leadership and Launch and SEL Coach Pilot Programs, and the draft compensation philosophy. Both representatives from Student Council and Faculty Senate gave reports. A FOIA status report was given.

Personnel Report

New Hires Tanya White, Business Office Fiscal Clerk, effective 02/29/16

Retirement Todd Black, Physical Education Teacher, effective the end of the 2020-21 school year

Myles Beckam, Buildings and Grounds Custodian, effective 02/28/16

Linda Spain, Educational Technology Administrative Assistant, effective 05/26/17

John Stelzer, Athletic Director, effective 06/30/2021

Resignation David Ruhland, Director of Human Resources, effective 03/16/16

Joshua Seldess, History Division Head, effective 06/30/16

Return from Danielle Dobias, Special Education Teacher, effective 2016-17 School Year

Leave Linda Burns, History Teacher, effective 2016-17 School Year

Leave Kristin Knake, History Teacher, effective 2016-17 School Year

Request Raffaella Spilotro, World Languages Teacher, effective 2016-17 School Year

The next regular Board of Education Meeting will be Thursday, March 24, 2016 6:30 p.m. closed session & 7:30 p.m. open session Board Room