

## Oak Park and River Forest High School, District 200

### Board Briefs

Thursday, May 25, 2017

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**Board Recognitions** The Board of Education recognized the following students on their sponsors on their outstanding accomplishments.

State qualified for the World Tournament of Robotics: David Snyder, Tyler Yokoo, George Dickerson, Adam Potter, and Miles Kosik and their teacher Ben Cain

First place at the National 3P SPEECH Invitational for Informative Speaking: Elli Bourgikos and her sponsor Patt Cheney

BioGENEius 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner: Lillian Tushman and her teacher Allison Hennings

BioGENEius Runner Up: Lindsay Moore-Fields and her teacher Allison Hennings

**Board Actions** Approval of the following items:

- Consent Items
  - Check Disbursements and Financial Resolutions dated May 25, 2017
  - Monthly Treasurer's Report
  - Gifts and Donations
  - Board of Education Budget 2017-18 School Year
  - Audit Engagement Letter
  - Donations from Mr. & Mrs. Gene Armstrong of 3 vintage dresses to the Theatre Department and an oil painting by Carl Krafft titled "Village Road" to the Art Department from Ruth Fox
  - Amendment of Policies 5:100, Staff Development Program and 7:250, Student Support Services
  - Open and Closed Session Minutes April 27, May 2 (Retiring) and 2 (Organizational), and May 15 and a declaration that the closed session audiotapes of October 2015 be destroyed
- Monthly Financials
- Personnel Recommendations, including New Hires, Lateral Hires, and Resignation
- IMAGINE OPRF Contract
- Additional .2 FTE Math Request
- Appointment of Sara Dixon Spivy to the Tri-Board Committee for Equity
- Disapproval of the Memorandum of Agreement between OPRFHS District 200 and Faculty Senate, IEA/NEA

### Reports

Dr. Pruitt-Adams announced that more than 100 students were honored at OPRF's annual Student Recognition Celebration. Awards were given for Outstanding Improvement (for raising their semester grade point average by 1.0 or more), Student of the Quarter, Human Relations (for positively affecting school culture), and Academic Learning Program (for personal growth, leadership, and resiliency); The Junior-Senior Math Team placed ninth at the Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics State Competition; History teacher Ixtla Arceo-Witzl and English teacher Jessie Stovall were named the OPRF Technology Innovators for April, while counselor Joe Herbst and history teacher Matt McMurray won the awards for May; and Junior Ellie Bourgikos won the Ernest Hemingway Foundation of Oak Park's second annual student writing competition and will receive a \$1,000 college scholarship and a writing mentorship with the Foundation's 2017-2019 writer-in-residence during her senior year.

Students Lindsay Moore Fields and Kayla York had formed the group Students Advocating for Equity (SAFE) whose purpose was to create a way for students to share their stories in safe places. A status report on FOIA requests was given. Progress reports were also given on the IMAGINE OPRF Work Group and the Strategic Plan Moving Toward Full Implementation Committee work. Discussion was held on formalizing hiring protocols and the new Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) which replaces NCLB. Representatives from the Oak Park and River Forest park districts made a presentation about their entities and the Oak Park and River Forest High School entering into a memorandum of agreement to explore the possibilities of collaborating on a community recreational building that could include a pool.

Liaison reports were provided for the Huskies Boosters' Club, Alumni Association, and APPLAUSE!.

### **Personnel Report**

#### **New Hires**

**Andrew Brown**, English Teacher, effective 08/17/17  
**Melissa Godinez**, English Teacher, effective 08/17/17  
**Jazmen Moore**, English Teacher, effective 08/17/17  
**Christine Johnston**, Physical Education Teacher, effective 08/17/17  
**Katie Kralik**, Science Teacher, effective 08/17/2017  
**Lucas Pang**, Science Department, effective 08/17/17  
**Peter Ruzicka**, History Department, effective 08/17/17  
**John Costopoulos**, Summer School Teacher, effective 06/12/2017  
**Cathleen Holt**, Summer School Teacher, effective 06/12/17  
**Sara Myland**, Summer School Teacher, effective 06/12/17  
**Michelle Miller**, Summer School Teacher, effective 06/12/17  
**Elizabeth Nash**, Summer School Teacher, effective 06/12/17  
**Rashaad Singletary**, Summer School Teacher, effective 06/12/17  
**Christina Smith**, Summer School Teacher, effective 06/12/17  
**Tyrone Williams**, Summer School Teacher, effective 06/12/17  
**Brittney Youngblood-Boone**, Summer School Teacher's Aide, effective 06/12/17  
**Jameel Clark**, Summer School Teacher's Aide, effective 06/12/17  
**Nancy Kelly-Ristau**, Summer School Support Staff - Bookstore, effective 06/6/17  
**Nancy McGinnis**, Summer School Transition Program Assistant, effective 06/12/17  
**Andrea Riles**, Summer School Teacher, Tutoring Coordinator, effective 06/12/17  
**Dazorona Winfrey**, Summer School Lifeguard, effective 06/12/17

#### **Lateral Hire**

**Valda Yarrington**, SST Officer, effective 05/26/17

#### **Resignation**

**Harry Boland**, Summer School Teacher, effective 06/12/17  
**Kaitlin Giessler**, Summer School Teacher, effective 06/12/17

**The next regular Board of Education Meeting will be  
Thursday, June 22, 2017  
6:30 p.m. closed session & 7:30 p.m. open session  
Board Room**