

Oak Park and River Forest High School, District 200

Board Briefs

Thursday, September 28, 2017

- Budget Hearing** A hearing was held on the OPRFHS FY 2018 Budget.
- Board Recognition** The Board of Education recognized the following Science Teachers who were recognized by the Institute of Science and Technology for their work with students competing in the Percy Julian Symposium: Aaron Podolner, Tom Kennedy, Ben Cain, Amy McGrail, Kevin McKittrick, Faith Nelson, Kelsey Kaiser, Ryan VenHorst, Jim Messer, John Costopoulos, and Allison Hennings
- Board Actions** Approval of the following items:
- Consent Items
 - Check Disbursements and Financial Resolutions dated September 28, 2017
 - Monthly Treasurer’s Report
 - Adoption of FY 2017-18 Budget
 - Gifts and Donations
 - Food Service Ovens Bid Results
 - Architect RFQ for Imagine OPRF
 - Mass Transit Exclusion Board Resolution
 - Reimbursement of Board Member Expense
 - Personnel Recommendations including New and Lateral Hires, Resignations and Leave of Absences
 - Policies for Second Reading and Action
 1. Policy 2:100, Board Member Conflict of Interest
 2. Policy 3:70, Succession of Authority
 3. Policy 4:15, Identity Protection
 4. Policy 5:120, Employee Ethics; and Conflict of Interest
 5. Policy 5:285, Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus and Commercial Vehicle Drivers
 6. Policy 5:300, Schedules and Employment Year
 7. Policy 6:70, Teaching About Religions
 8. Policy 7:100, Health and Eye Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students
 - Policies for First Reading
 1. Policy 2:260, Uniform Grievance Procedure
 2. Policy 6:80, Teaching about Controversial Issues
 3. Policy 6:210, Instructional Materials
 4. Policy 7:20, Harassment of Students – Prohibited
 5. Policy 7:725, Orders to Forgo Life-Sustaining Treatment
 6. Policy 8:70, Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities
 - Open and Closed Session Minutes August 15 and 22, and September 19, and 21, 2017 and a
 - declaration that the closed session audiotapes of January 2016 be destroyed
 - Resolution Recognizing National Merit Semi-Finalist and National Hispanic Scholars
- Reports** Grace Farnham, Evan Friedman, Erica Ramos, and Isaac Schaidler were selected as National Hispanic Scholars by the College Board. The distinction is for students scoring in the top 2.5% of Hispanic and Latino students taking the 2016 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) in our region.
- Based their scores on the 2016 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT), 39 students have been recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corp. as

Commended Students. They were among the 50,000 highest scorers out of the 1.6 million U.S. students taking the test.

Marching Band won the title of grand champions/first place overall at the Geneseo Maple Leaf Classic Marching Band Competition. For the second year in a row the Huskies took first in every category: best winds, best percussion, best color guard, and best drum majors. In addition, at the 38th Annual Stagg Jamboree Marching Band Competition the Huskies took third overall. This was the first time in school history that Marching Band placed at the Stagg Jamboree.

A Place for All, the OPRF gay-straight alliance sponsored by Special Education teacher Amy Stanis and Wellness and Prevention Coordinator Ginger Colamussi, and Triton College's Common Ground were chosen to share the 2017 Founders Award from the Oak Park Area Lesbian and Gay Association (OPALGA).

English teacher and social-emotional learning coach Avi Lessing wrote the proposal that won OPRF a \$25,000 Social-Emotional Learning Innovation Grant from the Rockefeller Foundation. The funds will be used to create a web-based app to develop better communication across a student's educator network. Only 28 out of 300 applicants received the grant.

The Business Office, led by Chief School Business Official Tod Altenburg, received ASBO International's 2016 Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting, which recognizes achieving high standards in financial reporting and accountability.

Reports were given on Administrative/Teacher Compensation Report, FOIA, Student Council activities, and IMAGINE OPRF.

Personnel Report

New Hires	Renee Scott , Paraprofessional – SPED Teacher’s Aide, effective October 2, 2017 Bobby Mahaffey , Safety & Support Officer, effective October 2, 2017 Dana Callgreen , Food Service Worker – Part-Time, effective October 2, 2017 Asia Calcagno , Spoken Word – 2 nd Assistant, effective September 29, 2017 Allison Myers , Video Announcer – Sponsor, effective September 29, 2017 Allyson Troyanovich , Orchesis – Assistant – Fall & Spring
Lateral Hires	David Walksler , Interim Director of Campus Safety, effective October 2, 2017 Tracie Luckett , Safety & Support Officer, effective October 2, 2017 Donal Collins , Paraprofessional – Special Education, effective September 29, 2017
Resignation	Jennifer Hoffmann , Assistant Principal, effective June 30, 2018 Michael Farrar , Custodian Buildings and Grounds, effective September 12, 2017
Leave of Absence	Elaine Ritacco , Secretary, Discipline, effective September 4, 2017-January 7, 2018

**The next regular Board of Education Meeting will be
Thursday, October 26, 2017
6:30 p.m. closed session & 7:30 p.m. open session
Board Room**