

**Oak Park and River Forest High School, District 200**  
**Board Briefs**  
**Thursday, January 25, 2018**

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**Board Actions**

Approval of the following items:

- Consent Items
  - Check Disbursements and Financial Resolutions dated January 25, 2018
  - Monthly Treasurer's Report
  - Monthly Financials
  - Acceptance with gratitude of a 2000 Ford Focus ZX3 to the Auto Shop from Mary Atkins; a monetary donation to the Best Buddies Program from Mary Jo and Stephen Schuler; a Canon SLR camera and assorted lenses to the Photography Class from Gabrielle Mulcahy; and 4 capes and a blue dress to the Theatre Department from Sheryl Roche;
  - Transfer of Operation and Maintenance Fund to Capital Improvement Fund
  - 2018 Summer School Budget
  - 2018-19 School Year Calendar (revised)
  - Policies for First Reading
    1. Policy 4:110, Transportation
    2. Policy 4:170, Safety
    3. Policy 5:90, Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
    4. Policy 5:200, Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal
  - Personnel Recommendations, including New Hires, Lateral Hires and Return from Leave of Absence
  - Approval of Open & Closed Minutes of December 18 and 21, 2017, and January 16, 2018, and a declaration that the closed session audiotapes of May 2016 are destroyed
- Policy 4:15, Identity Protection, for First Reading
- Certified the Mid-Year Graduates, as presented.

**Reports/  
Assessments**

Greg Johnson announced the following 1) The OPRF Tech Innovators of the Month are English teacher Liz Farrow and History teacher Dan Wolman. Using Mastery Manager assessment software, Ms. Farrow set up common writing assessments for teachers of more than thirty sections of English classes, so they can be on the same page when evaluating writing. Mr. Wolman worked with assistive technology leader Lisa Vincent to identify a text-to-voice website for his reading packets; now students struggling with reading can hear the packet read to them on the site; 2) Both of OPRF's Special Olympics basketball teams won their divisions at the area tournament and will play in the state tournament on March 16 and 17; 3) Stage crew took first place overall among 17 schools in the Annual Tech Olympics at the 43rd Annual Illinois High School Theatre Festival. Congratulations to members Lena Henry, Amelia Kersh, Emmet Norman, Jules Marshall, Phoenix Sullivan, and Allison Sorokin. In addition, crew members Brian Gallagher, Adele Henning, and Claire Parrell were part of the 40-member crew in the All State Production of "Big Fish," while Lucy Economos and Andrew Krueger were chosen to perform in the play; 4) Senior Kara Jackson won the 2017 Award for New Poets from Frontier Poetry, a selective online platform for new poets; 5) Missing first place by just one point, Jazz Ensemble placed second for Big Band and first for Honor Band in the jazz combo category at this year's Purdue Jazz Festival. This year the fest was the largest ever with 119 bands competing. 25 students competed in our ensemble and students Aaron Kaufman-Levine, Charlie Reichart-Powell, and Noah Sherman won outstanding soloist award scholarships; 6) Varsity cheer won first place in its division at the Illinois Cheerleading Coaches Association Invitational at Wilmington High School, while junior varsity took second. Both teams also qualified for the state meet with third place finishes; 7) Junior varsity drill team came in second place at the West Suburban Conference; and 8) Librarian Ann Carlson served as a judge for the 2018 Scott O'Dell Award for Historical Fiction, given annually to a new work of children's or young adult fiction. The winner this year was Lauren Wolk, for "Beyond the Bright Sea."

In addition, the status of FOIA requests and a Student Council Liaison report were provided to the Board of Education.

An update on the work of IMAGINE OPRF was delivered by the co-chairs Lynn Kamenitsa and Mike Poirier.

DLT members presented a quarterly report on the Strategic Plan. Some of the Strategic Plan's Accountability Oversight Committee members were in attendance for this update.

The results of a survey commissioned by the Village of River Forest communication were provided.

### **Personnel Report**

#### **New Hires**

**Gayle Wahlin**, Consultant, Interim Human Resources Director, effective January 17, 2018  
**Elimelec Cordero**, Painter Specialist, B&G Department, effective January 22, 2018

#### **Return from Leave**

**Jennifer Stinich**, Math Teacher, effective 2018-19 School Year

**The next regular Board of Education Meeting will be  
Thursday, February 22, 2018  
6:30 p.m. closed session & 7:30 p.m. open session  
Board Room**