

Oak Park and River Forest High School, District 200
Board Briefs
Thursday, August 26, 2021

Board Actions

1. Consent Items:
 - A. Open and Closed Minutes of June 24, July 22 and July 27, and August 12, 2021 and declaration that the audiotapes of the closed session minutes of January 2020 be destroyed
 - B. Culture, Climate and Behavior Committee Membership for the 2021-22 School Year
 - C. Policies for First Reading
 - 1:01, School District Legal Status
 - 1:20, District Organization, Operations, and Cooperative Agreements
 - 1:30, School District Philosophy
 - 3:30, Organizational Structure
 - 6:100, Using Animals in the Educational Program
 - 7:220, Bus Conduct
 - 2:10, School District Governance
 - 2:130 Board-Superintendent Relationship
 - 2:240 Board Policy Development
 - 2:30 School District Elections
 - 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
 - 6:145 Migrant Students
 - 6:160 English Learners
 - 6:235 Access to Electronic Networks
 - 6:255 Assemblies and Ceremonies
 - 6:260 Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs
 - 7:280 Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease
 - 8:90 Parent Organizations and Booster Clubs
 - D. Additional Community Council Member
 - E. Personnel Recommendations, including New Hires, Transfers, Retirements and Resignations
 - F. Check Disbursements and Financial Resolutions
 - G. Monthly Treasurer's Report
 - H. Monthly Financials Report
 - J. AthletiCo Athletic Trainers' Service FY2022 and FY2023
2. Certified the 2021 OPRFHS Graduates
3. Approved the creation of a Community Finance Committee
4. Accepted with Gratitude from Robert Spadoni 19 prom dresses to the Special Education Department

**Superintendent
Announcement**

- Dr. Johnson made the following announcements:
- 1) OPRF will host a session with Dr. John Marzano, a world-renowned researcher and leader in the field of education on the September 3 staff development day. He will present on the intersection among the assessment philosophy, design, practices, and equity. Dr. Patrick Hardy, who led the first-certified Marzano Academy High School in the nation, will co-facilitate.
 - 2) A Superintendent Advisory committee is being formed to continue the District's commitment to listening to student voice. The committee will be comprised of students that are diverse in terms of grade level, race/ethnicity, gender, etc. Two Board of Education members will participate
 - 3) Senior RC Davis was named a 2021 National Student Poet, the highest honor in the nation for youth poets presenting original work. He is one of only five high schoolers chosen and will serve in the role for a year representing the Midwest region.

- 4) Sophomore Paul Nelson is featured on Special Olympics of Illinois/SOIL/Dunkin' Donuts billboards and yard signs around the Chicago area.
- 5) 2021 graduate Talib Becktemba-Goss was one of five Chicago-area students, selected from more than 300 applicants, named to this year's class of Bank of America Student Leaders in Chicago.
- 6) Theater directors Teslen Sadowski, Michelle Bayer, Linda Burns, James Bell, Chris Scholtens, Avi Lessing, Ixtla Arceo-Witzl, Avi Lessing, and Patt Cheney each received the EDTA President's Award for their theater contributions last year.
- 7) English teacher Laura Young's novel, "The Butcher," will be published in the fall of 2022. "The Butcher" is a post-apocalyptic, Shirley-Jackson-influenced, Deep South horror examining justice and fatal social conformity.

Reports

Additional reports included: Student Council Liaison Report, Status on FOIAs, IGOV plans, Organizational Lessons Learned during the COVID 19 Pandemic, Mitigation plans, Fourth Quarter Variance Report, 2021-2022 New Hire Demographics, and Extracurricular Program Evaluation.

Personnel

New Hires

Angelica Rodriguez, Adm. Asst. for Student Learning, effective 08/30/21
Kennedy Coffie, Teacher's Assistant, effective 08/12/2021
Ashley Talley, Teachers' Assistant, effective 08/12/2021
Julisa Galvan, Food Service Worker, effective 08/30/2021
Claire Downs, Special Olympics Soccer Assistant Coach, effective 08/12/2021
Kimberly Galloway, Drill Team Assistant Coach, effective 08/16/2021
Julia Stenger, Girls Cross Country Assistant Coach, effective 08/16/2021

Transfers

Khalida Himes, Social Worker – Student Services, effective 09/06/2021
Jessica Cells, Safety & Support Officer, effective 08/23/2021-05/31/2022
Millison Cooper, Safety & Support Officer, effective 08/23/2021
Socorro Carrasco, Food Service Worker, effective 08/30/2021

Retirements

Sheila Houston, 10-month CPA Secretary, effective 05/31/2022

Resignations

Ahnquajj Kahmanne, Director of Data Systems & Infrastructure, effective 08/25/2021
Dana Callgreen, General Worker, effective 07/30/2021
Tracy Hoang, General Food Service Worker, effective 08/19/2021
Michael Ashford, Speech Team, effective 08/11/2021
Jennifer Kanwischer, Orchesis Sponsor, effective 08/09/2021

The next regular Board of Education Meeting will be
 Thursday, September 23, 2021
 6:30 p.m. closed session & 7:30 p.m. open session