

Oak Park and River Forest High School, District 200
Board Briefs
Thursday, October 28, 2021

Employee of the Month

Teacher of the Month – **Christopher Baldwin**
Employee of the Month – **Gabriela Martinez**
Co-Volunteers of the Month - **Magda Piper and Sylvia Westmeyer**

Student Showcase

Two student groups were showcased: Senior Basma Raja and Junior Martha Brennan who participated in the state tennis tournament that day, and Healthy Youth Peer Educators (HYPE), which is a peer educator program where students model a healthy lifestyle and teach other students how to enjoy wellness..

Board Actions

1. Consent Items:
 - A. Open and Closed Minutes of September 20, 23, and October 14, 2021 and declaration that the audiotapes of the closed session minutes of March 2020 be destroyed
 - B. Policies for First Reading
 - Policy 2:240 Board Policy Development
 - Policy 7:220 Bus Conduct
 - Policy 7:230, Misconduct by Students with Disabilities
 - Policy 6:170, Title 1 Programs
 - C. Approval of Personnel Recommendations, including New Hires, Transfers, Resignations, and Retirements
 - D. 2022 Medical and Dental Insurance Renewal Recommendations
 - E. Presentation of Monthly Treasurer’s Report
 - F. Approval of Check Disbursements and Financial Resolutions
2. Freshman Curriculum Restructuring
3. 2022-23 Course Proposals
4. Board of Education General Goals for the 2021-22 School Year
5. Accepted with gratitude a donation from the Huskie Boosters in the amount of \$39,570 to be applied toward the Digital Wall near the Welcome Center and the Wall of Excellence in the Student Center.

Reports

Superintendent Announcements: 1) The Huskie Booster Club has announced it is providing more than \$20,000 Announcements in appropriations to support the four As at OPRFHS: athletics, academics, arts, and activities. Among the items included are beginner and advanced targets for boys’ lacrosse, portable goals for girls’ soccer, sewing machines and knives for Family and Consumer Science classes, microphones for Show Choir, and lab coats for Science Olympiad; 2) OPRFHS has been accepted as part of the 2021-2022 Illinois Green Schools Project cohort. These schools are charged to devise and implement creative no- to low-cost energy, water, and waste initiatives, and sustainable practices. Mentors Josh Czerniak and Mike Denz from FGM Architects, will be working with operations director Ronald Anderson and Environmental Club students and sponsor Cindy Wong to develop a project for the challenge; 3) Letters of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation were received by: Sophie Ball, Kellan Billadeau, Elizabeth Bollinger, Gabriela Celio, RC Davis, Michael Drobot, Brenden France, Samuel Gibbons, Sylvia Gimbel, Abigail Hoyt, Emily Hsieh, Cole Hunnewell, Leo Huppke, Marielle Jonosky, Audrey Johnston, Griffin Kelley, Alexandra Kocheny, Lauren Kocheny, Benjamin LaPorte, Samuel Layton, Luca Lissuzzo, Jahan Malik, Emily McCan, Timothy Mellman, Charlotte Meyer, Wes Morrison, Caelyn Pepler, Samantha Smith, Aidan Tijerina-Albury, Owen Willoughby, Catherine Wollmuth, Lev Working, Alexander Yu, and Winston Zwicky-Simon; and 4) Huskie boys golfers Nate Bibbey and Liam Spillane qualified to compete at the state finals. Out of 112 golfers, Nate finished in 7th place and Liam Spillane finished in 30th; 5) In girls golf, Ella Homrok, Faith Lee, Elle Tanner, Trinity Mosher, and Emerson Amstutz qualified for Sectionals. In girls

tennis, doubles team Basma Raja and Martha Brennan competed at their state finals. Leo Gonzalez and Jack Berleman-Paul have been selected to the all-state musical for theatre arts. They will be performing Cabaret one week before the same music educators conference in January; 6) Thirty-four Huskie musicians have been selected as all-district musicians, in the areas of band, orchestra, orchestra winds, jazz, and choir. They will perform at the district level for a chance to go on to perform at the annual Illinois State Music Educators conference in January; 7) English teacher Erika Eckart wrote a short that was published on Passages North!

Other reports included: Student Council and FOIA. Informational agenda items included the School Profile and the Facility Master Plan Update.

Personnel

New Hires

Naybeth Moreno, Secretary Student Learning, effective 11/1/2021
Christine Seretis, Secretary, Staffing Scheduler, effective 10/25/2021
Gwendolyn Roland, Temporary Safety & Support Officer, effective 10/27/2021-5/27/2022
Johanna Clark, Math Team Coach, effective 10/14/2021
Justin Reed de la Cruz, Vocal Jazz Assistant Director, effective 10/25/2021
Reginald Payne, Math Team Coach, effective 10/14/2021

Transfers

Khalil Basso, Substitute Teacher Assistant, effective 10/12/2021

Resignations

Earliana McLaurin, Instructional Technology Coordinator, effective 11/3/2021
Christian Robinson, Spoken Word Aide, effective 12/31/2021
Christian Robinson, Spoke Word Assistant, effective 12/31/2021

Retirements

Jeff Bergmann, Director of Construction, effective 04/15/2026
Carolyn Gust, Director of Transportation & Purchasing, effective 06/30/2026

The next regular Board of Education Meeting will be
Thursday, November 18, 2021
6:30 p.m. closed session & 7:30 p.m. open session