

Oak Park and River Forest High School, District 200
Board Briefs
Thursday, December 16, 2021

- Public Hearing** A Public Hearing was held on the Tax Levy.
- Student Showcase** The students showcased at this month's meeting were Best Buddies, Girls Swim and Dive Program, and the Girls and Boys cross country teams
- Employees of the Month** Congratulations to: Teacher of the Month – Liliana Boyce and Employee of the Month – Michael Goodman

Board Actions

- Approval of the Following Consent Items
 - A. Approval of Open and Closed Minutes of November 17 and 18 and December 2 and 7, 2021 and declaration that the audiotapes of the closed session minutes of May 2020 be destroyed.
 - B. Approval of Personnel Recommendations, including new hires, transfers, leaves of absences, retirements and resignation.
 - C. Approval of Board of Education Meeting Dates for the 2022 School Year
 - D. Approval of Community Council Member
 - E. Check Disbursements and Financial Resolutions
 - F. Presentation of Monthly Financials Report
 - G. Presentation of Monthly Treasurer's Report
 - H. Project 1 Remaining Classrooms
- Adoption of the 2021 Tax Levy

Superintendent Announcements

Dr. Johnson announced 1) Senior Sofia Wardzala was the tournament champion in Impromptu Speaking at the annual Let's Give Thanks Speech Tournament. 2) English teacher Laura Young who recently signed an audio book deal for her novel, "The Butcher." Respect the Mic," which celebrates more than 20 years of students' writing from the OPRFHS Spoken Word Club, and was co-written by spoken word teacher Peter Kahn, received a glowing review from Kirkus. "Respect the Mic" is slated to be published on Feb. 1, 2022. 3) The varsity girls' swim and dive team made a strong showing at State. The team finished 26th overall. Teagan Osga broke her own school record in the 100 Back to place 7th, and Sadie Murphy set the Frosh/Soph record in the 200 Free; and 4) Junior Brad Huseby was named an Outstanding Academic All-American by USA Water Polo for the 2020-2021 academic year, while freshman Greg Huseby was named to the USA Water Polo's Cadet Olympic Development Program Team.

Reports

A State of the District report was given as well as a Student Council Liaison Report and a FOIA Report

Personnel Recommendations

New Hires

Creola Thomas, Special Education Teacher & Permanent Substitute, effective Second Semester
Noelle Berry, Spoken World Aide, effective 01/03/2022
Thomas Hover, Food Service Worker, effective 01/03/2022
Jose Vasquez, Safety & Support Office, effective 01/03/2022
Timothy Bannon, Girls Track Pole Assistant Coach, effective 01/17/2022
Kirsten Weismantle, Boys Track Pole Vault Assistant Coach, effective 01/17/2022

Transfers

Kara Alvarado, Substitute, World Languages,, effective 01/03/2022

Leaves of Absence

Oliver Carnate, Faculty, Extension of Leave of Absence for 2nd semester

Retirements

John Costopoulos, Faculty, effective 06/01/2022

Fred Preuss, Director of Buildings and Grounds, effective 06/30/2026

Resignations

Brad DeFauw, Mathematics Teacher, effective 12/17/2021

Latonia Jackson, Community Outreach Coordinator, effective 01/07/2022

Michael Goodman Safety & Support Officer, effective 12/31/2021

Laura Turk, Girls Soccer Coach, effective 11/30/2021

Latonia Jackson, MSAN Sponsor, effective 01/07/2022

**The next regular Board of Education Meeting will be
Thursday, January 27, 2022
6:30 p.m. closed session & 7:30 p.m. open session**