

Oak Park and River Forest High School
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This is a summary of the actions of the Oak Park and River Forest High School Board of Education at its last meeting of the Board on Thursday, September 26, 2002:

**Board
Actions**

- approved the consent items: minutes of August 22, September 4, September 9, September 17; and September 19, 2002; personnel recommendations; and financial reports; textbooks for the following divisions: English Division—*The English Patient*, reviewed by Mrs. Lucchesi, *The Stranger*, reviewed by Mrs. Leavy, Fine and Performing Arts Division, *Audition*, reviewed by Mrs. Peterson; and List of Activities Subject to Policy 5132, Activity Program;
- approved Policy 2120, Superintendent/Principal, for first reading;
- approved Policy 2121, Other Administrators, for first reading;
- approved Policy 2125, Vacations, for first reading;
- approved Policy 2140, Use of Credit Cards by District Personnel, for first reading;
- approved Policy 3361, Petty Cash Fund, for first reading;
- approved Policy 3362, Imprest Funds, for first reading;
- approved Policy 4160, Acceptable Use of Technology—Personnel, for first reading;
- approved Policy 4340, Use of Credit Cards by District Personnel (Faculty), for first reading;
- approved Policy 5129, Physical Education Exemption, for first reading;
- accepted with gratitude a donation of \$1,100 from the following alumni of the OPRF Newscene television program: Martin Baumgaertner (1986), Steve Brauneis (1985), Jim Crone (1998), Greg Gley (1987), Mark Guarino (1988), Jennifer Keiper Russo (1988), Andrew Lennie (1995), David Lennie (1988), Lisa Lennie Mehta (1991), Raif Palmer (1988), Eric Rasmussen (1999), Kevin Roy (1987), Jared Sirota (1996), Chris Tye (1992) to assist in the purchase of a professional earpiece listening/intercom system orchestrated by former faculty member, Don Lennie; and a donation of \$724.66 from the Target Company on behalf of OPRFHS families, teachers, and friends participating in the Target Take Charge of Education School Fundraising Program.
- accepted the Annual Textbook and Fee Report;
- ratified the purchase of four automobiles for the Drivers' Education Program;
- approved the request to obtain bids for netting on the west side of the Stadium Field, the Main Softball Field; and the two Baseball Fields;
- approved the 2002-03 Assurances for District Compliance; and
- certified the students who had met the graduation requirements of the State of Illinois and District 200 by participating in the 2002 summer session;

Reports

Dr. Bridge reported that 1) Mr. Edgecombe and Mrs. Smith-Kent have been very involved in orchestrating the MSAN Student Leadership Conference along with Evanston Township High School, which will take place from October 3-5, 2002; 2) there are 20 National Merit Semi-finalists; 7 National Achievement and Hispanic Semi-finalists; and 54 additional National Merit Commended Scholars—11% of the Class of 2003 are being honored by the

National Merit Society; 3) Homecoming is scheduled for October 5; the theme is “Whispers of the Sea” with an all community pancake breakfast, an extended parade with the community, and a rededication of the stadium scheduled; and 4) the 8th grade parent information nights schedule is follows:

Parochial School Night	October 16 – 7:30 p.m.	Little Theatre
Roosevelt Middle School	October 21 – 7:00 p.m.	Roosevelt
Percy Julian Middle School	November 13 – 7:30 p.m.	Percy Julian
Gwendolyn Brooks Middle School	November 18 – 7:30 p.m.	Gwendolyn Brooks

Mr. Prale presented a summary of External Test Results for the 2001-02 school year. Mr. Edgecombe presented Probationary Teachers Report by division and department. Mrs. Stevens reported one student was attending OPRFHS on a tuition basis, as the student began the 2000/01 year as a freshman and is continuing this year as a junior; and there are three foreign exchange students—one from Venezuela, one from Russia, and one from Poland.

The Board Members reported on their various Board committee and liaison representative responsibilities.

Personnel

Non-Certified Staff

Appointments **Jason Edgecombe, Jr.**, English/History Content Tutor, effective 9/16/02
Mary Ford, Special Education TA, effective 9/10/02
Maimiti Matthews, part-time Food Service employee, effective 8/19/02
Dauida Southworth, part-time Food Service employee, effective 8/19/02
Josephine Samson, part-time Food Service employee, effective 8/19/02
Mattie Thomas, part-time Food Service employee, effective 8/19/02
Douglas Weigmann, part-time Food Service employee, effective 8/19/92
Latoya Young, part-time Food Service employee, effective 8/19/02

Retirement **Arlene Fera**, Fine and Performing Arts, from 12/20/02 to 9/20/02

Change Request

Resignations **Christine Craig**, Food Service employee, effective 8/22/02
Amy Deptuch, Special Education Division Secretary, effective 8/30/02
Valerie Lee, Food Service employee, effective 8/27/02
Elizabeth Smith, Special Education TA, effective 8/22/02

The next regular Board Meeting will be on Thursday, October 24, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.