

**Oak Park and River Forest High School**  
201 North Scoville, Oak Park, Illinois, 60302  
708-383-0700



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, October 24, 2002:

**Board Recognition** The Board of Education commended National Merit Semi-Finalists Louis Anderson, David Bach, Ritwik Banerji, Emily Barrett, Alan Bernstein, Lisa Furchgott, Sam Gilbert, Jenny Hines, Laura Klein, Lea Krivchenia, Nicholas Lilly, Joe Meade, Lewis Meineke, Leon Neyfakh, Christine Onayemi, Emma Rubin, Tekla Schmaus, Emily Schroeder, Kieran Shanahan, and Aaron Teitelbaum; National Achievement Semi-Finalists Christina L. Brown, Lindsey Butler, Wesley Leggette, and Christine Onayemi; and National Hispanic Recognition students Emilia Merchen, Lara Philipps, Emily Schroeder on their scholastic achievements.

**Board Actions**

- approved the consent items: minutes of September 26 and October 16, 2002; personnel recommendations; and financial reports;
- amended Policy 2120, Superintendent/Principal, as presented;
- amended Policy 2121, Building Administrative Team, as presented;
- amended Policy 2125, Vacations, as presented;
- amended Policy 3420, Use of Credit Cards by District Personnel (Administrators), as presented;
- amended Policy 3361, Petty Cash Fund, as presented;
- amended Policy 3362, Imprest Funds, as presented;
- amended Policy 4360, Acceptable Use of Technology—Personnel, as presented;
- amended Policy 4340, Use of Credit Cards by District Personnel (Faculty), as presented;
- amended Policy 5129, Physical Education Exemption, as presented;
- accepted with gratitude a donation of \$8.51 from Moola for Schools Program, which is sponsored by Country Morning Home Delivery and Oberweis Dairy;
- accepted the audit of District 200 for the 2002 fiscal year as presented;
- approved the Resolution to Authorize Intervention in Proceedings before the State of Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board;
- renewed the EAP Contract as presented;
- approved the Authorization for Issuing a Notice to Remedy to a certified personnel member; and
- accepted with appreciation the Village of River Forest President Frank Paris' proclamation that October 20-26, 2002 is America's Safe Schools Week in River Forest, Illinois;

**Reports** Dr. Bridge reported on 1) the school year's great start; 2) a successful homecoming; 3) the record number of students who attended the homecoming dance; 3) the school's celebration of those students who increased their GPA by 1 full point from one semester to the next at the Plus One Award ceremony; 4) the success of the Parent Visitation Day which allowed parents to have a taste of what it is like to be a student today; 5) the Senior Class Blood Drive in which 134 pints of blood were collected; and 6) River Forest Deputy

Chief Kendra Sullivan's procurement of a grant from the BADGE program for \$7,500 to support OPRFHS's newly formed Females Reaching for Educational Excellence (FREE) group. In addition, Dr. Bridge commended Mike Mitchell, for organizing the Homecoming Parade; Don Vogel for structuring the rededication ceremony of the stadium and modeling it after the original 1924 ceremony; and Jack Lanenga and Sandy Abbinanti for their overall efforts with Homecoming. Dr. Bridge also extended an invitation for all to attend the upcoming Senior Fashion Show, "Steppin' Up, Steppin' Out," which is sponsored by APPLE, Boosters, and the PTO on November 17, 2002 at 1:00 p.m. and to the Boosters Performing Arts Showcase on Saturday, November 2, 2002 at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Bridge presented the Board of Education with the *Annual Report/School Report Card*. Mr. Deptuch reported on Triton's Fall Semester of its Evening School. Mr. Lanenga gave an update on the construction both inside and outside of the building as well as the October 1 Data Official Enrollment and School Year Statistics Report. Mr. Edgecombe presented the Certified Staff Seniority List Profile for the 2002-03 school year, the Certified Personnel Report for the 2002-03 school year, the Sabbatical Leave Report, and the Educational Support Personnel Profile. Mrs. Stevens presented the Aid to Needy Children Report, the Student Withdrawal Report, and the Student Discipline Report. Mr. Prale presented the *School Profile*.

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

## **Personnel**

### **Certified Staff**

**Appointments**    **Lana Geselbracht**, Engaged Learning/Tech Prep Coordinator, effective 10/10/02

**Resignations**    **Naomi Jackson**, English Teacher, effective 9/30/02

### **Non-Certified Staff**

**Retirement Requests**    **Norma Dutter**, Dean Counselor Secretary, effective 6/11/03

**Resignation/Termination**    **Linnie Halton**, Food Service Cashier, effective 9/02  
**Jeremy Nichols**, effective during probationary period

**The next regular Board Meeting will be on Thursday, November 21, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.**