

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 on Thursday, December 19, 2002:

**Board
Actions**

- approved the consent items: minutes of November 18, 21, and December 4, 2002; personnel recommendations; and financial reports; a textbook for Applied Arts Division—*Housing Decisions*; and a textbook for the Science Division—*Anthropology*; ratified contracts for services for the Community Support Program and a contract for Minority Student Achievement Network research;
- approved the Proposed Changes for the *Academic Catalog 2003-04*;
- approved Policy 5114-2, Discipline Pertaining to Psychostimulant Medication, for first reading as presented;
- approved Policy 5157, Use of Student Names and Addresses, for first reading as presented;
- adopted the Resolution Relating to Estimated Tax Levies for 2002;
- accepted with gratitude a donation of a large number of 3-ring binders to the faculty and staff from John Houren; and a cash donation of \$18.96 from the K-Mart School Spirit Program;
- appointed Cheryl L. Witham as the designated representative, or her designee, to handle the receiving and filing of nomination petitions for the Board of Education to be held in and for District No. 200 on April 1, 2003;
- accepted the Audit and Administrative Proposal for the Section 125 Plan;
- dissolved OPRFHS's relationship with West 40—B.E.A.C.O.N.S. ACADEMY;
- approved the on-campus alternative school proposal as presented;
- appointed Sherlynn Reid, Robert Senechalle, and Martha Trantow to the District 200 Local Ethics Commission for the 2003 calendar year;
- approved the Security Staff Contract, as presented; and
- expelled student EXP 12/19/02-22 as of December 19, 2002, for the remainder of the 2002/03 school year, summer school and first semester of the 2003-04 school year, but held the expulsion in abeyance contingent upon completion of enrollment and regular attendance at an alternative placement recommended by the special education team for

the remainder of the 2002-03 school year and first semester of the 2003-04 school year, and ongoing counseling; and expelled student EXP 12/19/02-23 as of December 19, 2002, for the remainder of the 2002-03 school year, but held the expulsion in abeyance contingent upon completion of tutoring for the remainder of the first semester of the 2002-03 school year, which would result in sufficient credits and requirements to graduate in January 2003, thus satisfying the terms of expulsion (Note: in the event that all credit requirements are not completed by the end of the first semester of the 2002-03 school year, student EXP 12/19/02-23 must enroll and regularly attend a District 200-approved alternative placement for the remainder of the 2002-03 school year), on going counseling, and the student will be prohibited from participating in prom and the commencement ceremony.

Reports Dr. Bridge reported on 1) the Human Relations Awards ceremony in which 111 students were honored for a wide variety of outstanding deeds and thanked Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Lanenga, Mr. Demos, Ms. Sellars, and Mrs. Clark for their effort in this endeavor; 2) the Turtle's Run in which \$15,000 was raised for the Kevin Bolin/John Cooper Scholarship Fund and reported that a plaque had been presented to the school in appreciation of its support of this event; 3) the *High School Reunion* Show which will air on Sunday, January 5 at 8:00 p.m., on Channel 9 featuring OPRFHS alumnus from the Class of 1992; 4) Pack the Place Pasta Dinner which will be held on Friday, January 10, 2003; and 5) the 11 outstanding students who were honored at the Student of the Quarter ceremony for the first quarter of this academic year.

The Board of Education acknowledged receipt of a request for retirement.

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

Personnel

Certified

Appointment Lauren Lee, English Teacher, effective January 17, 2003

Resignation Kimberly Steffen, English Teacher, effective January 16, 2003

Non-Certified Staff

Retirement Virginia Short, Physical Education Division Secretary, effective June 2004

Requests Patricia Tarzon, Assistant to the Athletic Director, effective June 2004

Termination Davida Southworth, part-time Food Service employee, effective December 4, 2002

The next regular Board Meeting will be on Thursday, January 23, 2003, at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.