

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, February 27, 2003:

Board Recognition The Board members commended Meghan Rock, Harrison Hallissey and Abe Riesman as well as their coach Patt Cheney on their participation in the All-State Illinois High School Theatre Festival production of *MacBeth*; and commended Ben Force, Michael Lawton, Lea Krivchenia, Amy Swanson, Ayane Kozasa, Emma Meade, Ted Rankin-Parker, Jeremy Fisher, and Rob Clearfield and the director of the music department, Steve Denny on their participation in the Illinois Music Educational Association All-State Festival.

Board Actions

- approved the consent items: minutes of January 8, 27, 29, February 4, and 17, 2003; personnel recommendations; and financial reports;
- approved the 2003 Summer School dates (Monday, June 16, 2003 through Wednesday, July 23, 2003), salary, tuition and registration fees;
- adopted the FY '03 Amended Budget as presented;
- approved the application process for a Drivers' Education waiver;
- approved District 200 Amended Budget for FY'03 which was placed on public display for 30 days beginning January 27, 2003;
- accepted with gratitude a donation from James Zangrilli, president of the Master Educational Assistance Foundation, of \$5,000—\$2,000 to be awarded to a senior from the Class of 2003, and \$3,000 to be used for a few members of the Class of 2007 for summer support programs and tutoring support during their freshman year; and from Kelly F. Welindt, a donation of a 1989 Toyota to the OPRFHS auto shop;
- approved the OPRFHS registration fees for the 2003-04 school year as follows: Freshmen \$45, Sophomores \$145, Juniors \$60, and Seniors \$65;
- directed the Tentative Budget for FY '04 to be prepared and placed on display, Monday, July 21, 2003, and to publish notices regarding the Tentative Budget in the *Oak Leaves* and *Wednesday Journal*.
- approved the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with the Village of Oak Park, Oak Park School District 97 and the Oak Park and River Forest High School pertaining to the TIF;
- certified 24 students as mid-year graduates as of January 21, 2003 as presented;
- approved the revision to the 2003-04 school calendar—spring break will occur the week of April 12, 2004 instead of the week of March 29, 2004; and
- expelled student EXP 2/27/03-33 as of February 27, 2003 for the remainder of the 2002-03 school year and summer school, but held the expulsion in abeyance contingent upon completion of enrollment and regular attendance at an alternative placement for the remainder of the 2002-03 school year and ongoing counseling.

Reports Dr. Bridge reported that the entire 30-member Math Team qualified for state competition; the Chess Team took second place in conference in both combined Silver and Gold Competition; Abe Riesman took 5th place in the Forensic state competition; Anita Kavuu

took 10th place in the Oratorical Declaration Competition; and senior, Kelly White, was chosen as one of the 100 students selected as Golden Apple Scholars.

Mr. Lanenga presented the Departmental Enrollment Trends and Staff Projections for the 2003-04 and 2004-05 school years.

Public Hearings were held on the Drivers' Education Waiver and the Amended Budget.

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

Personnel

Certified

Appointment **Catherine McNary**, English/Reading Teacher, effective August 2003
Mark McPherrin, School of Limitless Opportunities (SOLO) teacher, effective 1/17/03

Resignation **John Belser**, English Teacher, effective 12/02

**Leave of
Absence
Request** **Patrice Prentis**, part-time Mathematics Teacher, effective 2003-04 school year

Resignation **Lisa Luna**, Mathematics Teacher, effective June 6, 2003

Non-Certified Staff

Appointment **Arlene Osborne**, part-time Food Service employee, effective 02/03/03

Retirement **Ray Garza**, Buildings and Grounds Groundsman, effective 05/22/03
Requests **Joan Goodrich**, Library Assistant, effective 06/11/04

**Leave of
Absence
Requests** **Leah Carlin**, Special Education TA, effective first semester of the 2003-04 school year
Daniel Parker, Buildings & Grounds Custodian, effective 07/21/03 to 06/30/04

The next regular Board Meeting will be on Thursday, March 20, 2003, at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.

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