

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 Retiring Oak Park and River Forest High School Board of Education at its last meeting on Tuesday, April 8, 2003:

Board Recognition Retiring Board members Regina Kwan Peterson, Nancy A. Leavy, and John R. McCulloh were recognized for unselfishly giving years of dedicated service to the OPRFHS Board of Education and given a heartfelt thanks and farewell.

Board Actions

- approved the consent items: opened/closed minutes of March 18, 19, and 20, 2003; personnel recommendations; financial reports; textbooks for the following divisions: Special Education Division—*Master the Deck*, *The Interactive Reader/American Literature* and Teacher’s Guide, *The Interactive Reader/British Literature* and Teacher’s Guide, *The InterActive Reader/9* and Teacher’s Guide, *The InterActive Reader/10* and Teacher’s Guide, and *Daredevils*; Math Division—*Algebra I*; History Division—*Current Issues in American Democracy*, Applied Arts Division—*West’s Business Law*;
- *adopted* the recommendations for the reorganization of Community Support Services provided by Room 308 as considered in the discussions of the Instruction Committee of the Whole on April 3, 2003;
- continued the SOLO Program for the 2003-04 school year as discussed at the Instruction Committee of the Whole meeting on April 3, 2003;
- approved the creation of the Spoken Word Poetry/Black Literature Educator and Project Coordinator position for the 2003-04 school year as described in Mr. Kahn’s proposal and as discussed at the Instruction Committee of the Whole meeting on April 3, 2003;
- approved the proposal to eliminate Freshman Seminar at the end of the 2002-03 school year and incorporate identified valuable activities and services into other freshman programs in the 2003-04 school year as discussed at the Instruction Committee of the Whole meeting on April 3, 2003;
- adopted Policy 1105, Corporate Sponsorship, as presented;
- amended Policy 5136, Student Travel, and accepted its procedures, as presented;
- authorized the submission of an Application for Modification of School Code 105 ILCS 5/27-23 for the authority to raise driver education fees to a cap of \$350 over the next five years;
- accepted with gratitude a donation in the amount of \$150 to the Theatre Arts Division from William M. Folberth; a donation of \$50 to the drama program from Mrs. P. Seelbach; and a donation of a 1994 Pontiac to the auto shop from Mr. Gregory Schrobilgen;
- renewed the IHSA membership by certifying that the Board of Education has voted to adopt and abide by the Constitution, By-laws, Terms and Conditions, and Administrative Procedures, Guidelines, and Policies of the Association for the 2003-04 school term;
- authorized W. F. Gurrie to conduct the audit for the fiscal year 2003;
- approved the Resolution for Canvassing and Declaring the result of the Consolidated Election held on April 1, 2003;
- found that the condition in its March 11, 2003 motion regarding the Garage Intergovernmental Agreement has been satisfied and declared that the letter is not required;
- approved resolution authorizing NOTICE OF DISMISSAL of Probationary Teachers; and
- expelled student EXP 4/8/03-44 as of April 8, 2003 for the remainder of the 2002-03 school year, but to hold the expulsion in abeyance contingent upon completion of course requirements through tutoring for the remainder of the 2002-03 school year, (Note: in the event that all credit requirements are satisfied, student 4/8/03-44 will be a June graduate, thus satisfying the terms of the expulsion); ongoing counseling for anger management; the student will be prohibited from

participating in Prom and the commencement ceremony; and that arrangements be made per the closed session discussion.

Reports Dr. Bridge announced that 1) Faculty Follies' rehearsal would take place Wednesday, April 9 and that all were to attend the final production on Friday, April 11 at 8:00 p.m., as the event's mission is to raise funds for student scholarships; 2) The Boosters' Dinner Dance and Auction is Saturday, April 26, 2003; 3) Illinois State University hosted 29 students at its campus for a day during spring break—it provided transportation, tours, and food for the students; 4) Donna Stevens, Sarah Staszak, Mark Vance and parents chaperoned these students; 5) OPRFHS was again chosen by School Search to receive the Bright A+ Award; 6) OPRFHS received the SchoolMatch "What Parents Want" Award; 7) IHSA honored OPRFHS because 9 out of the 10 fall sports athletes had a GPA of 3.5 or greater; and 8) IHSA honored OPRFHS for having the highest number of attendees in the state at its Pack The Place when it completed against York High School in Boys' and Girls' Basketball.

A public hearing was held on the Application for Modification of Drivers' Education Fees. Mr. Prale reported on the Spring '03 Foreign Exchange Trips.

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

Personnel

Certified

Appointment **Jaime Burbano**, Mathematics Teacher, effective 08/03
Louis Giovanetti, Mathematics Teacher, effective 08/03
Kimberly Hushka, Mathematics Teacher, effective 08/03
Daniel Kleinfeldt, Applied Arts/Driver Education Division, effective 08/03
Michael Kosciuk, Mathematics Teacher, effective 08/03
Ryan VenHorst, Applied Arts/Industrial Technology Teacher, effective 08/03
Mary Wiltjer, Mathematics Teacher, effective 08/03
Paul Wright, Mathematics Teacher, effective 08/03

Teachers Recommended For Tenure

Carmen Avalos , Mathematics	Scotty Jones , Fine & Performing Arts/Music
Michelle Bayer , Science	Christian Ledbetter , Physical Education
Colleen Biggins , Special Education	John Lesniak , Special Education
Marsha Blackwell , English	Christine Mondragon , Mathematics
Virginia Brent , English	James Nudera , Physical Education
Dale Craft , Physical Education	Luis Perez , World Languages/Spanish
Pamela Erickson , Applied Arts/Family & Consumer Science	Monica Swope , History
	Elizabeth Wright , World Languages/Spanish

Resignations **Patrick Gaffney**, Special Education Teacher, effective 06/06/03
Gary Novak, Fine and Performing Arts Division, effective 06/06/03
Thomas Newman, Mathematics Teacher, effective 06/06/03
Keith Taylor, Science Teacher, effective 06/06/03

Non-Certified Staff

Appointment **Linda Catalano**, Special Education Secretary, effective 03/31/03
Resignation **Kimberly Simpson**, part-time Security Monitor, effective 04/01/03

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 the Organizational meeting on Tuesday, April 8, 2003.

Board Members Board members Barbara P. Fernandez, Barry S. Greenwald, and Yasmin A. Ranney were officially seated for four-year terms.

Board Actions

- elected the following Board members to one-year terms of office:

Valerie J. Fisher—President
Carlotta L. Lucchesi—Vice President
Paul I. Wolfman—Secretary
- approved the following Board meeting dates for 2003-04, August 28, September 25, October 23, November 20, December 18, January 22, February 26, March 25, April 22, May 27, and June 24; and
- approved the check-signer plate

The next regular Board Meeting will be on Thursday, May 22, 2003, at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.

[OPRFHS Home Page](#) [School Information](#) tcieplak@oprfs.org