

This is a summary of the actions of the Oak Park and River Forest High School Board of Education at its regular Board meeting on Thursday, September 25, 2003:

**Board  
Actions**

- approved the consent items Opened/Closed Minutes of August 20, 28, September 16 and 18, 2003; the personnel recommendations; and financial reports; textbook, *The American Nation*, reviewed by Ms. Lucchesi for the Special Education Division, and the Activities List Subject to Policy 5132, Activity Program.
- deleted Policy 4146(3), District Early Retirement Provisions During TRS (5&5) Early Retirement Incentive, as presented;
- approved Policy 4117, Professional Faculty Evaluation, for first reading and acceptance of its procedures;
- approved Policy 4130, Resolution of Controversies between Faculty Members, for first reading and acceptance of its procedures;
- accepted with gratitude a donation in the amount of \$779.55 from the Target Take-Charge-of-Education Program; a donation from Phil Kotas, brother of Joan Kotas, of seven wooden modular desks with returns for use in the Technology Learning Center and his time to deliver and install the furniture; a donation of three employees' time and use of moving vans from the Villa Park Office Supply to deliver furniture purchased by the District from another vendor; and a donation from Russell Lorraine of a 1991 Chevrolet Blazer that will be used as a dock vehicle by the District;
- approved the Life Safety Amendment in the amount of \$7,855,080 to repair/replace roofs;
- certified the 16 students who had met the graduation requirements of the State of Illinois and District 200 by participating in the 2003 summer session;
- approved the 2003-04 Assurances for District Compliance; and
- expelled student 9/25/03-03 for the first semester of the 2003-04 school year, but held the expulsion in abeyance contingent upon completion of the enrollment and regular attendance at an alternative placement for the first semester of the 2003-04 school year and ongoing counseling.

**Reports**

Dr. Bridge reported that: 1) OPRFHS will honor the semifinalists of National Merit Scholarship, National Achievement Scholarship and National Hispanic Recognition at the October Board of Education meeting; 2) Director of Communications and Community Relations, Kay Foran, received an award of merit from the Illinois Chapter/National

School Public Relations Association for OPRFHS's *Annual Report*; 3) Homecoming's pancake breakfast is scheduled from 8:00 to 10:30 a.m., its parade, with floats, will start at 11:00 a.m. at William and Lake Streets in River Forest, and the garage's ribbon-cutting ceremony will follow immediately after the parade on Saturday, October 4; and 4) middle school Information Nights are scheduled as follows: October 15 at OPRFHS for parochial parents at 7:30 p.m., October 27 at Roosevelt Middle School at 7:30 p.m., November 3 at Brooks Middle School at 7:30 p.m., and November 17 at Julian Middle School at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Edgecombe presented the probationary teachers listed by division and/or department.

Ms. Stevens reported that District 200 has three foreign exchange students, one from each of the following countries of Spain, Japan, and Serbia attending this year.

Ms. Witham gave a status report on the transition to the new bus company.

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

## **Personnel**

### **Certified**

**Appointment Toni Milak**, English Teacher, effective 09/02/03

### **Non-Certified Staff**

**Appointments Alex Brunet**, part-time Food Service employee, effective 09/02/03

**Nockamury Coleman**, Discipline Dean Secretary, effective 09/10/03

**Jason Edgecombe, Jr.**, Buildings and Grounds Custodian, effective 09/09/03

**Greg Hyppolite**, Special Education TA, effective 09/08/03

**Jeannie Mallory**, part-time Food Service employee, effective 09/16/03

**Kimberly Asbury**, Dean Counselor Secretary, effective 09/29/03

**Resignations/ Scott Hellen**, Transitional Specialist, effective 9/25/03

**Terminations James Stockdale**, Security Monitor, effective 09/08/02

**Scott White**, Security Monitor, effective 09/08/03

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