

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, October 23, 2003:

**Board
Recognition**

- Board of Education members commended the following National Merit Scholarship Semi-finalists: Joseph Euler, Harriet Fertik, Matthew Fisher, Mason Gamble, Steven Hoover, Reid Johnson, Timothy Lingner, Zachary Lupei, Mary Clare Masters, Jennifer Mizen, Daniel Mokrauer-Madden, Ian Orr, Daniel Rasmussen, Abraham Riesman, Andrew Schouten, Sarah Spooner, Graham Troyer-Joy, Claire Vinyard, Ian Webster, and Anne Wootton; National Achievement Scholarship Semifinalists Justine Cruise-Roberson and Adrian LeCesne; and National Hispanic Recognition Scholars Michael Ptack and Rossi Vargas.

**Board
Actions**

- approved the consent items of Opened Minutes of September 25, October 7, October 14 and 16, 2003; the personnel recommendations; financial reports; and the Xerographic Paper Bid;
- amended Policy 4117, Professional Faculty Evaluation, as presented;
- amended Policy 4130, Resolution of Controversies between Faculty Members, as presented;
- approved Policy 3555, Attendance at Conferences and Workshops, for First Reading as presented;
- approved Policy 3360, Payment of Bills, for First Reading as presented;
- accepted with gratitude, a donation in the amount of \$217.10 from Continental Community Bank for the amount earned by the Affinity Cooperative Credit Card between July 1 through September 30, 2003; a donation of a skeleton from Paul Wright of Des Plaines, Illinois; a donation of a 1986 Toyota from John J. Coty of Oak Park; a donation of a Canon 35 mm SLR camera from Steve Miller for use by all departments and divisions in taking candid photos to be displayed in the halls; and donation of a 1990 Honda from Kelly Welindt of River Forest;
- renewed the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) Contract with Workplace Solutions for FY'04; and
- approved the closed minutes of September 25, October 7, October 14, and October 16, 2003.

Reports

Dr. Bridge reported that: 1) OPRFHS's faculty and staff were enjoying the newly opened garage; 2) the students who had participated in the MSAN Student Leadership Conference in Chapel Hill, North Carolina had made a presentation at the Instruction Committee; 3) The Annual Fashion Showcase sponsored by APPLE, Boosters, and PTO is Sunday, November 9, 2003; and 4) the Tradition of Excellence Dinner is Thursday, November 13 followed by convocations for students the next day. Dr. Bridge thanked the members of Student Council and the PTO parents for their tireless work in making the Homecoming Parade such a success. Dr. Bridge also thanked the Villages of Oak Park and River Forest for coordinating their efforts and allowing the parade to begin in River Forest and cross over Harlem Avenue. Dr. Bridge reported that Peter Kahn had orchestrated the Spoken Word Club's Poetry Slam which was held on Wednesday, October 22, 2003. Mr. Peter Kahn had arranged for the London team that had won the Inner London Teen Poetry Slam competition to visit OPRFHS and participate in this event. Dr. Bridge congratulated Mr. Kahn on this endeavor.

Mr. Prale presented the Fall Triton School Report.

Ms. Witham presented 1) a preliminary report on the 2003 levy report, 2) information on financing options for roof repair/replacement, and 3) the Aid-to-Needy Children Report for the 2002-03 school year.

Mr. Lanenga presented the October 1 Data Official Enrollment and School Year Statistics Report.

Mr. Edgcombe presented the following reports for the 2002-03 school year: 1) Certified Staff Seniority List Profile; 2) the Certified Personnel Report; and 3) the Educational Support Personnel Profile.

Ms. Stevens presented the following reports for the 2002-03 School Year: 1) Discipline; and 2) Student Withdrawals.

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

Personnel

Non-Certified

Appointment **Nicholas Poirier**, Special Education Teaching Assistant, effective 10/9/03

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