

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, November 20, 2003:

**Board
Recognition**

- Board of Education members celebrated with the OPRFHS Girls' Field Hockey Team on being the new Illinois State Champions! The members of the team are: Leah Ansell, Stephanie Bernthal, Analisa Brady, Hannah Colestock, Kara DeWalt, Gillian Fred, Tess Jasinski, A. J. Karsten, Tori Karsten, Miriam Kopelow, Caitlin Morocco, Kelsey Rosenquist, Samantha Pehlke, Christine Politis, Alissa Pullos, Elizabeth Seegers, Stacy Sommerfield, Jorrie Weigel, and Elaine Zelby. Congratulations to Coaches Barb Liles and Linda Carlson!

**Board
Actions**

- approved the consent items of Opened Minutes of October 23, November 6 and 13, 2003; the personnel recommendations; the financial reports; the textbook Freedom: A History of Us for the History Division; a bid from UTS Global Inc. for mall gates; a Resolution of Support Against Sweatshops; the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for Itinerant Services with C.A.S.E.; and the termination of the Absentee Management System contract;
- amended Policy 3555, Attendance at Conferences and Workshops, as presented;
- amended Policy 3360, Payment of Bills, as presented;
- approved for first reading Policy 20, Board of Education, as presented;
- approved for first reading Policy 4123, Voluntary Affirmative Action in Employment—Certified and accepted its Procedures, as presented;
- approved for first reading and deletion of Policy 4223, Voluntary Affirmative Action in Employment—Educational Support Personnel, as presented;
- approved for first reading Policy 5136, Student Travel, as presented;
- approved for first reading, Policy 5127, Credit through Extension and Correspondence Study, as presented;
- approved the IASB resolution as presented;
- accepted with gratitude, a donation of four albums of Christmas songs performed by the OPRFHS choir from Loretta Gudz; a donation of umbrellas for the OPRFHS golf team purchased by Rob and Sarah Euler; a donation of a large supply of golf tees and golf markers to the OPRFHS Golf Team from Pete Economos; a donation of \$720 from the OPRFHS Alumni Association whose members participated in a golf tournament held at the Oak Park Country Club; a donation of a Sharp VCR and RCA TV for use in the Special Education Division's Emotional Adjustment/On Campus Department by Joel Runyon (OPRFHS faculty member); and a donation of 19 new novels to the OPRFHS library from Kathy Tsilimigras (OPRFHS faculty member);
- approved the purchase of the Skyward Finance and Student Management System;
- adopted the 2004 regular Board of Education dates as follows: January 22, February 26, March 25, April 22, May 27, June 24, August 26, September 23, October 28, November 18, and December 16, 2004;
- approved the closed session minutes of October 23, November 6, and November 13 and declared the closed session minutes of May 1, 2003 through November 1, 2003 shall remain closed.
- Expelled one student for the remainder of the first semester of the 2003-04 school year, but held the expulsion in abeyance contingent upon completion of receipt of tutoring for the remainder of the first semester of the 2003-04 school year and ongoing counseling; upheld the ten-day out-of-school- suspension of one student; and expelled two students for the remainder of the 2003-04 school year, but held the expulsions in abeyance contingent upon completion of

enrollment and regular attendance at an alternative placement for the remainder of the 2003-04 school year and ongoing counseling.

Reports Dr. Bridge reported that 1) student Harriet Fertik is a recipient of the 2003 National Council of Teachers of English Achievement Award in Writing; 2) a special thanks was due to K. L. Robertson Daly for organizing and emceeing the successful senior fashion show held on Sunday, November 9; and 3) Kay Foran, Kathi Kyrias and Don Vogel were to be congratulated for arranging an evening for current and future parents to share their thoughts on how to further improve the transition experience for students.

Mr. Lanenga presented the Enrollment Projections for five years beginning with the 2004-05 school year.

A Public Hearing for issuing Life Safety Bonds from Cash-Out Refunding was held.

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

Personnel

Certified

Appointment Gary Miller, Special Education Pre-Vocational Coordinator, effective 11/17/03

Non-Certified

Appointments Jacqueline Charette-BassiriRad, Bookstore Manager, effective 11/03/03
Linda Gross, Part-time Food Service employee, effective 10/15/03
Lauren Litowsky, Special Education Transition Specialist, effective TBD
Jeffrey Plane, Security Monitor, effective 10/27/03
Clarence Townes, Security Monitor, effective 10/27/03
Jossie Wraggs, Security Monitor, effective 10/27/03

Request for Retirement Marcia Harms, Computer Lab TA, effective 06/11/04

Request for Family Medical Leave Lori Cerceo, Purchasing Coordinator

Rescind Leave of Absence Leah Carlin, Special Education TA, originally granted 2/27/03

Termination/Resignation Duane Watts, Security Monitor, effective 11/06/03
Natalie Ziemba, Security monitor, effective 12/19/03

The next regular Board Meeting will be on Thursday, December 18, 2003, at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.