

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, January 22, 2004:

**Board
Recognition**

- The Board of Education commended the following students who had been selected to participate in the Illinois High School Theatre Festival at Illinois State University and who were in either the all-state production of “Arabian Nights” or in OPRFHS’s own production of “Story Theatre”: Emily Asher-Perrin, Ali Barthwell, Beth Cheney, Monty Cole, Thomas DeMedici, David Frederking, Jeff Goodsmith, Billy Jackson, Che’Carra Jackson, Drew King, Rachel Kirshenbaum, Elena Levenson, and Kate Merrick. The Board of Education offered its congratulations to their coach, Patt Cheney.

**Board
Actions**

- approved the consent items of Opened Minutes of December 18, 2003, January 12, 13, and 15, 2004; the personnel recommendations; the financial reports; the following textbooks for the Science Division, *Holt Science Spectrum: A Physical Approach*, reviewed by Ms. Fisher; *The Living Great Lakes: Searching for the Heart of the Inland Seas*, reviewed by Mr. Wolfman; *Tropical Nature: Life and Death in the Rain Forests of Central and South America*, reviewed by Ms. Lucchesi; *Silent Spring*, reviewed by Dr. Greenwald; and for the History Division, *The Awakening*, reviewed by Ms. Ranney; and *The Jungle*, reviewed by Ms. Lucchesi; the NSFF’s LIFT (Leadership in Fitness Training) American Fitness Equipment Proposal; and the Pupil Transportation Resolution, as presented;
- approved the Summer School 2004 tuition, fees, salaries, and dates—Summer School will begin on Wednesday, June 16, 2004 and end on Friday, July 23, 2004.
- amended Policy 4360, Acceptable Use of Technology, as presented;
- approved for first reading, Policy 4153, Sabbatical Leave, as presented;
- accepted the Citizens’ Council Bylaws, as presented;
- accepted with gratitude a monetary donation in the name of Thomas K. Shay from the staff at Percy Julian Middle School to be used by the Athletic Department; a monetary donation in memory of Tenny Shay by Michael Allen & Jennifer Keenan; a donation of a UMAX Astra 440 Scanner and a HP office Jet K-80XI Printer to the IT Dept. by James Goodfellow, OPRFHS faculty member; and a donation of a 1995 Chevrolet to the Auto Shop by Kasie & Michael Lee;
- accepted the Comprehensive Financial Audit Report of District 200 for FY’ 03, as presented;
- approved the revision of Section 125 Plan document;

- approved the 457(b) Plan and will now offer this plan to District employees;
- accepted Kellermeyer Godfryt Hart as the roofing consultant for the 2004-07 roofing project at OPRFHS;
- approved the following revisions to the 2004-05 School Calendar—Spring Break will occur March 28 through April 1, 2005; the first day of student attendance will occur August 25, 2004; March 4, 2005 will become a regular day of student attendance; and the national PSAT testing date will now be October 13, 2004;
- approved the closed session minutes of December 18, 2003, and January 12, 13, and 15, 2004; and
- approved the Pre-arbitration Settlement Agreement effective January 26, 2004.

Reports

Dr. Bridge reported on 1) the new and successful format of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Assembly that took place on January 14, 2004; 2) the changes that were made to New Directions, the academic and activities fair for the incoming Class of 2008, scheduled for Tuesday, January 27, 2004, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.; and 3) the 178 college and university representatives, as well as the four military representatives, who visited the District to speak with the 776 interested seniors during first semester.

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

Personnel

Non-Certified

Appointments **Theresa Lackey**, Business Office Fiscal Clerk, effective 01/14/04

Resignation **Tammy Hayes**, Duplicating Room Coordinator, effective 01/11/04
Alex Partida, Computer Room TA, effective 19,2003
Nikodem Walkowiak, Special Education TA, effective 01/15/04

The next regular Board Meeting will be on Thursday, February 26, 2004, at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.