

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, February 26, 2004:

**Board** The Board of Education commended the following students selected to participate

**Recognition** in the Illinois Music Educators' Association: Ian DeJong, Ben Force, Robin Hargardon, Marie Harton, Tessa Hermes, Rachel Hilbert, Emma Hiolski, Deborah Hoenish, Michael Lawton, Alex McLeese, Christine Nichols, Jacob Reccia, Mark Stickler, and Geoff Summers" and music teacher Scotty Jones. Senior Harriet Fertik for being the recipient of the 2003 National Council of Teachers of English Achievement Award in Writing. Michael Lawton for being named a Golden Apple Scholar for 2004.

**Board** approved the consent items: Opened Minutes of January 22, February 5, 12,

**Actions** and 17, 2004; the personnel recommendations; financial reports; the following textbook for the Mathematics Division, *Algebra 2*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition; CYLA Design Associates as the architect for the Summer 2004 Mall Renovation project; authorization for the Township Treasurer to transfer monies annually from the Life Safety Fund to the Bond & Interest Fund; and the bid from DeMoulin Bros. for the marching band uniforms;

amended Policy 4153, Sabbatical Leave, as presented;

approved for first reading Policy 101, Cultural Diversity and Human Dignity;

approved for first reading Policy 3535, Cafeteria and Bookstore, as presented;

approved for first reading Policy 4110, Non-Discrimination in Employment;

accepted with gratitude \$250 from a grant received from the Council for Exceptional Children Chapter 557 for modifications to bicycles for Adaptive PE classes; \$300 from Shirley Redmond to also modify bicycles for the Adaptive PE classes; \$1,000 from the OPRFHS Class of 1983 to the Minority Student Achievement Initiatives Fund; \$300 from the OPRFHS Class of 1953 for the purchase of the collage of school crests for display in the Staff Dining Room in honor of Lois Popken Sanders; and \$100 from Jerome & Marie Caruso in honor of Thomas Shay;

approved the public display of District 200's Amended Budget for FY '04 for 30 days beginning February 27, 2004;

directed OPRFHS's Chief Financial Officer to prepare the FY '05 Tentative Budget, to put it on public display beginning Monday, July 26, 2004, and to publish all public notices regarding it in the *Oak Leaves* and the *Wednesday Journal*;

accepted the District's registration fees for School Year 2004-05, as presented, including a \$15 Technology Fee;

approved the Resolution Authorizing Intent to Hire A Non-Certified Director of Student Activities;

certified twenty (20) students as mid-year graduates as of January 23, 2004, as presented;

approved the closed session minutes of January 22, February 5, 12 and 17, 2004;

**Reports** Dr. Bridge reported on 1) students Michael Lawton and Bill Jackson being named Golden Apple Scholars for 2004; 2) OPRFHS Food Service Director Micheline Piekarski being appointed as a representative from the Illinois School Food Services

Association to the American Commodities Distribution Association (ACDA) because of her knowledge in the field of child nutrition and the National School Lunch Program; 3) OPRFHS's Speech Team placing fifth in state competition and Abe Riesman taking two first places; 4) the PTO's spring fundraiser is March 6, 2004 with "Kiss Me Kate" being performed; 5) Orchesis being chosen for Illinois State Dance Festival, and 6) OPRFHS students' outstanding performance in the German Day competition.

Mr. Edgecombe reported that no sabbatical requests had been received for the 2004-05 school year. Mr. Lanenga presented the Departmental Enrollment Trends and Staff Projections for the School Years 2004-05 and 2005-06. Mr. Lanenga also restated student enrollment figures for the school years 2004-05 through 2007-08 because new information had been received and that OPRFHS's enrollment would increase by 200 more students beginning in the 2005-06 school year

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

## **Personnel**

### **Certified**

**Resignation** Jo Anne Roe, World Language Teacher, effective 02/13/04

### **Non-Certified**

**Appointments** Deloris Collins, Discipline Center secretary, effective 02/03/04

Lisa Evans, Special Education Secretary, effective 02/04/04

Patricia Gerwig, Duplicating Supply Coordinator, effective 02/17/04

Lorean Kendall, part-time Food Service employee, effective 02/03/04

Darnell Mansfield, Special Education TA, effective 01/27/04

Joseph Parenti, Special Education TA, effective 02/17/04

Katherine Schmidt, Special Education TA, effective 01/20/04

Lucille Webster, part-time Food Service employee, effective 01/30/04

**Resignations/** Rosie Gaiter, Food Service Worker, effective 01/27/04

**Terminations** Greg Hyppolite, Special Education TA, effective 02/06/04

Steve Miller, Supervisor of Finance, effective 02/20/04

Clarence Townes, Security Monitor, effective 02/11/04

**The next regular Board Meeting will be on Thursday, March 25, 2004, at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.**