

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, March 25, 2004:

**Board  
Recognition**

- The Board of Education commended the following students for taking fifth place in the Illinois High School Association's state team competition in speech: Emily Asher-Perrin, Chris Barlow, Elliot Borg, Beth Cheney, Liz Dengel, Hillary Esqueda, Harriet Fertik, David Frederking, Jeff Goodsmith, Matt Heider, Billy Jackson, CheCarra Jackson, Anita Kavuu, Kate Merrick, Joe Muriell, Ian Orr, Abe Riesman, Meghan Rock, Sarah Spooner, and Dan Turca, as well as head coach Patt Cheney and assistant coaches Eileen McCormack-Nicodemus, Evan D. Cater, Tiffany Moore, Jonathan Saucedo, and Sarah Nowak. Abe Riesman was recognized for his double first place finishes as was Anita Kavuu for placing sixth.

**Board  
Actions**

- approved the consent items: Opened Minutes of February 25 and 26, March 10 and 16, 2004; financial reports; renewal of IHSA Membership; and accepted climbing wall bid from Cliffs and Cables in the amount of \$29,581;
- approved the Des Plaines Valley Region Intergovernmental Agreement;
- amended Policy 101, Cultural Diversity and Human Dignity, as presented;
- amended Policy 3535, Cafeteria and Bookstore, as presented;
- amended Policy 4110, Non-Discrimination in Employment, as presented;
- approved for first reading Policy 4211, Defining Non-certified Position;
- approved for first reading and deletion Policy 4230, Salaries, Benefits and Working Conditions;
- accepted with gratitude a donation of a Sears Craftsman tractor/mower from Daniel Garvey, an OPRFHS graduate; a donation of \$947.13 from the Target "Take Charge of Education" School Fundraising Program; \$100 donated in the name of Robin Canavan for soccer books for the OPRFHS Library from the Illinois Youth Soccer Association. Robin Canavan was selected as the 2004 Illinois Youth Soccer Association's Youth Soccer Referee of the Year.
- amended District 200's Budget for FY '04;
- approved the closed session minutes of February 25 and 26 and March 10 and 16, 2004;
- approved the Probationary Teachers Recommended for Tenure;
- approved the personnel recommendations;
- approved the Resolution Authorizing Notice of Dismissal of Probationary Teachers;
- expelled student EXP 3/25/04-16 for the remainder of the 2003/04 school year, 2004 summer school, the 2004/05 school year and 2005 summer school, but held the expulsion in abeyance contingent upon completion of enrollment and regular attendance at an off-campus placement recommended by the Special Education Team for the remainder of the 2003/04 school year, 2004 summer school, the 2004/05 school year, and 2005 summer school, and ongoing counseling. This student will be prohibited from prom and commencement participation. In the event that this student

fulfills all graduation requirements prior to the above-stated term of expulsion, the terms of the expulsion held in abeyance will be considered satisfied;

- expelled student EXP 3/25/04-17 for the remainder of the 2003/04 school year, 2004 summer school, the entire 2004/05 school year and 2005 summer school but held the expulsion in abeyance contingent upon completion of enrollment and regular attendance at an alternative placement for the remainder of the 2003/04 school year, 2004 summer school, the entire 2004/05 school year, and 2005 summer school, and ongoing counseling.

**Reports** A Public Hearing was held on the amendment of the budget.

Mr. Edgecombe presented the certified non-administrative personnel list for 2003-04. Mr. Lanenga presented the second semester class size and teacher loads.

Ms. Fisher notified Board of Education members that new officers would be elected at the April 22, 2004 meeting.

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

## **Personnel**

### **Certified**

**Appointment** **John Costopoulos**, Science Teacher, effective 08/23/04  
**Jennifer Roth**, Applied Arts/Driver Education Teacher, effective 08/23/04

**Requests for Leaves of Absences** **Patrice Prentis**, Mathematics Teacher, effective for the 2004-05 school year  
**Elizabeth Wright**, World Languages Teacher, effective for the 2004-05 school year

**Resignation** **Mary Socall**, English Teacher, effective 03/15/04

### **Non-Certified**

**Appointments** **Marilyn Ames**, Dean Counselor Secretary, effective 03/15/04  
**Cynthia Milojevic**, Director of Student Activities, effective 08/04  
**Manesa Peters**, part-time Food Service employee, effective 03/15/04

**Request For Retirement** **Frances John**, Food Service employee, effective 02/01/04

**Resignations And Terminations** **Lorean Kendall**, Food Service worker, effective 02/17/04

**The next regular Board Meeting will be on Thursday, April 22, 2004, at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.**