

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, April 22, 2004:

**Board
Recognition**

- The Board of Education commended the following students for placing third in the State of Illinois Mock Trial competition: Whitney Allen, Anita Brubaker, Julia Chwasz, Emily Gilman, Sarah Gulezian, David Hirsch, Nicholas Liedtke, Alex McLeese, Nora Moore, and Peter Ribic, as well as Coach Richard Mertz. The Board of Education also congratulated Aaron Podolner for being awarded a Golden Apple.

**Board
Actions**

- elected the following Board members to one-year terms of office:

Carlotta L. Lucchesi—President
Paul I. Wolfman—Vice President
John P. Rigas—Secretary

- approved the Consent Items: Opened Minutes of March 18, 22, 25, 31 and April 5, 2004; personnel recommendations; financial reports; textbook for the Science Division, *Understanding Human Anatomy & Physiology*; National School Fitness Foundation Lease and Resolution; Child Care Fees Increase; LTD, Life, Dental and Medical Insurance renewals;
- amended Policy 4211, Defining Non-certified Positions;
- deleted Policy 4230, Salaries, Benefits and Working Conditions;
- accepted with gratitude from Joseph and Cory Cancila a donation of \$100 to Best Buddies; from Janet Ferguson a donation of \$60 to the Girls' Track and Field Program; from Evangeline Taylor a donation of \$25 to the Girls' Track and Field Program;
- approved a two-year Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oak Park Township Youth Services for FY' 05 in the amount of \$24,046.94 with a 3% increase for FY'06 in the amount of \$24,768.35;
- approved Substitute Teacher/Clerical Pay Rates for 2004-05;
- approved the closed session minutes of March 18, 22, 25, 31, and April 5, 2004;
- approved the Check-Signer Plate;
- approved the Resolution Authorizing NOTICE OF DISMISSAL of Probationary Teachers; and

- approved the Life Safety Amendment in the amount of \$162,960.

Reports Dr. Bridge reported that 1) Faculty Senate's "Faculty Follies" raised almost \$4,000 for student scholarships; 2) Plus One Students, those students who raised their GPA average a full point from one semester to the next, and their parents were celebrated at the high school on April 7, 2004; and 3) the National Merit Corporation reported that of the one million students who take its test, fifty thousand scored between 201 and the semi-finalist cut-off point. OPRFHS had 72 students who will be able to note this significant achievement on their resumes.

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

Personnel

Certified

Appointment **Douglas Brown**, Drivers' Education Teacher, effective 08/23/04
James Chichester, Science Teacher, effective 08/23/04
Julie Dill, Spanish Teacher, effective 08/23/04
Kimberly Stammel, Mathematics Teacher, effective 08/23/04
James Vokac, Science Teacher, effective 08/23/04

Request for Leaves of Absences **Craig Slocum**, Mathematics Teacher, for the 2004-05 school year

Resignation **Scott Ankeney**, Science Teacher, effective 06/04
Mary Crambes, World Languages Division Head, effective June 16, 2004

Non-Certified

Appointments **Donna Stachurski**, Physical Education Division Secretary, effective 08/04
John Stelzer, Assistant Athletic Director, effective 08/04

Resignations/ Terminations **Kevin O'Shea**, B&G Custodian, effective 04/08/04

The next regular Board Meeting will be on Thursday, May 27, 2004, at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.