

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, September 23, 2004:

**Board  
Actions**

- approved the Consent Items: Opened Minutes of August 10, 17, 26, September 3 and, September 14, 2004; personnel recommendations; Policy 5320, Student and Emotional Development & Procedures; and Policy 4370, Mandatory Reporting Responsibilities;
- adopted the FY '05 Budget, as presented;
- accepted with gratitude a donation of \$953.36 from the School Fundraising Program of the Target Take-Charge-of-Education Program and a donation of \$3,600 from James Zangrilli to be used to pay the C.I.T.E. Program's rent;
- approved the Cooperative Agreement Concerning Basic Nurse Assistant Program Between Triton College and O.P.R.F.H.S., as presented with a request that "sexual orientation" be added to Item A of the contract's General Provisions regarding nondiscrimination;
- approved the closed minutes of August 10, 17, 26, September 3 and 14, 2004;
- approved 2004-05 Assurances for District Compliance; and
- certified 2004 Summer Graduates.

**Reports**

Dr. Bridge reported that 1) the Math Department had a great response to its evening workshop for parents on math homework tips, as more than 60 parents participated; 2) English teacher Sue Donoghue was selected by the Chicago Shakespearean Theatre for its annual MVP award; 3) Dr. Bridge was participating in M.S.A.N.'s Governing Board meeting in Evanston, Ill., Thursday and Friday, September 23 and 24; 4) Jason Edgecombe and Monica Swope would chaperone Ramon Durazo, Adam Palmore, Louisa Shannon and Amanda Velazquez to M.S.A.N.'s Fifth Annual Student Conference in Princeton, New Jersey, September 30-October 2; 5) 25 members of the class of 2005 earned semi-finalist status in the National Merit Scholarship competition and will continue to compete for finalist status and potential scholarships, 6) 8 members of the class of 2005 earned semi-finalists status in the 2005 National Achievement Scholarship competition for students of African-American heritage; 7) 3 members of the Class of 2005 were named Scholars in the National Hispanic Recognition Program; 8) 47 students of the Class of 2005 were named Commended students in the National Merit Scholarship Competition; 9) Homecoming is Saturday, October 9 and "A Night at the Oscars" is its theme; 10) the Homecoming Parade will begin in River Forest at Jackson and Lake Streets; 11) O.P.R.F.H.S. has a total of eighteen Pertussis cases—a huge thanks is due to O.P.R.F.H.S.'s Health Office staff—Mary Ellen Sjostrom, Liz Dixon, and Marilyn Karrow—and to the Oak Park Health

Department's Dr. Mark Loafman and Dr. Georgeen Polyak; and 12) Eighth-grade transitions meeting are October 13 at the high school for parochial schools, October 25 at Roosevelt Middle School, November 1 at Brooks Middle School, and November 15 at Julian Middle School.

Mr. Prale presented the National College Entrance Exam Results. Mr. Edgecombe presented the Probationary Teachers by Division/Department. Ms. Stevens presented the student absence statistics, the Discipline Study Report and reported that O.P.R.F.H.S. has six foreign exchange students attending this year—one each from Chile, Italy, China, Venezuela, Bolivia and Japan.

A public hearing was held on District 200's FY '05 Budget.

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

## **Personnel**

### **Certified**

**Appointments** Yoko Hirikawa, World Languages Teacher, effective 09/07/04

**Resignation** Mark McPherrin, SOLO Program Teacher, effective immediately

### **Non-Certified**

**Appointments** Lillie Asbury, Computer Lab Teacher's Assistant, effective 08/24/04  
Stephen Booth, Special Education Teacher's Assistant, effective 09/07/04  
Dolores Edwards, part-time Food Service employee, 08/23/04  
Nancy Fletcher, part-time Food Service employee, effective 08/23/04  
Angela Franklin, part-time Food Service employee, effective 08/23/04  
Manoj Kannokada, Special Education Teacher's Assistant, effective 09/20/04  
Maimiti Matthews, part-time Food Service employee, effective 08/23/04  
Vicki Murphy, part-time Food Service employee, effective 08/23/04  
Ilker Ozkaymak, Informational Systems Technician, effective 08/24/04  
Dr. Carl Spight, Curriculum and Instruction Research Analyst, effective 09/01/04

**Resignations** Joan Hatchett, Library Study Hall Monitor, effective 08/24/04  
Joseph Parenti, Special Education TA, effective 02/17/04

**The next regular Board Meeting will be on Thursday, October 28, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.**