

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, November 18, 2004:

- Board Recognition** Prior to the formal meeting, the Board of Education members recognized and celebrated Alex McLeese for being a winner of the 2004 National Council of Teachers of English Achievement Awards in Writing and the members of the Girls' Field Hockey team members for being the Runner-Up in the Girls' Field Hockey State Championship series—Ana Brady, Alana Breen, Amanda Burns, Hannah Colestock, Alison Colucci, Kara DeWalt, Tess Jasinski, Tori Karsten, Miriam Kopelow, Caitlin Morocco, Samantha Pehlke, Mattie Prodanovic, Alissa Pullos, Kelsey Rosenquist, Elizabeth Seegers, Alicia Stallings, Katherine Todd, Allison Vogel and their coaches Barb Liles, Jane Graham, Linda Carlson, and Courtney Breen.
- Board Actions**
- approved the Consent Items: Open Minutes of October 28, November 9 and 10, 2004; personnel recommendations; financial reports; amendment of Policy 5114, Student Discipline; IASB Resolution recommendations; creation of a payroll coordinator position; and adoption of P-Card Resolution;
 - accepted the Comprehensive Financial Audit Report of District 200 for the 2004 fiscal year completed by WF Gurrie and Company;
 - approved the Board of Education dates for the 2005 calendar year as follows: Thursday, January 27; Thursday, February 24; Thursday, March 24; Tuesday, April 12; (because of the election), Thursday May 26; Thursday, June 23; Thursday, August 25; Thursday, September 22; Thursday, October 27; Thursday, November 17 (3rd Thursday because of Thanksgiving); Thursday, December 15 (3rd Thursday because of winter break);
 - approved the closed minutes of October 28, November 9 and 10, 2004 and declared the closed session minutes from May 1, 2004 through November 1, 2004 shall remain closed; and
 - expelled Student EXP 11/18/04-8 as of November 18, 2004 for the remainder of the 2004-05 school year, 2005 summer school, and the entire 2005-6 school year; expelled EXP 11/18/04-09 as of November 18, 2004 for the remainder of the first semester of the 2004/05 school year, but held the expulsion in abeyance contingent upon completion of enrollment and regular attendance at HARBOR Academy for the remainder of the first semester of the 2004/05 school year, ongoing counseling, and continued counseling on O.P.R.F.H.S. campus; expelled student EXP 11/18/04-11 for the remainder of the 2004-05 school year and 2005 summer school, but held the expulsion in abeyance contingent upon completion of enrollment and regular attendance at Ombudsman for the remainder of the 2004-05 school year, 2005 summer

school and ongoing counseling; and dropped Student RES 11/18/04-03 from the rolls of O.P.R.F.H.S. as of November 18, 2004, due to non-residency.

Reports

Dr. Bridge reported that 1) O.P.R.F.H.S. will host a “summit meeting” on Monday, January 31, 2005 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. of all local and school organizations, i.e., A.P.P.L.E., the Alumni Association, B.O.S.S., F.R.E.E., MUREE, and Citizens’ Council, organizations that are either providing some form of mentoring or would like to do so; 2) A.P.P.L.E., P.T.O. and Boosters are co-sponsoring the Senior Fashion Show on Sunday, December 5 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the South Cafeteria; and 3) O.P.R.F.H.S. Jazz Band 1 was asked to open for the Rob Parton Jazztech Big Band at the Metropolis in Arlington Heights on Monday, November 15, 2004.

Ms. Hill reported on the Prairie State Achievement Exam Results. Ms. Witham presented the Aid to Needy Children Report. Mr. Prale presented a sabbatical report. Ms. Lanenga presented enrollment projections.

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

Personnel

Certified

Appointment Katherine Moran, Mathematics Teacher, effective 11/29/04

Request for Leave of Absence Christine Mondragon, Mathematics teacher, effective for the remainder of the 2004-05 school year

Non-Certified

Appointment James Coughlin, Special Education Teacher’s Assistant, effective 11/08/04
Mary Falkman, part-time Food Service employee, effective 11/08/04

The next regular Board of Education Meeting will be on Thursday, December 16, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.