

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 24, 2005:

**Board
Actions**

- approved the Consent Items: Open Minutes of February 24, March 15 and March 17, 2005; personnel recommendations; financial reports; amendment of Policy 1120, Access to Student Records, Policy 3310, Contracts/Purchasing, Policy 5114-1, Student Discipline/Special Education, and Policy 5114-2, Use of Behavioral Interventions, the bid for xerographic paper for Royal Office Products; the bid for photography service from Visual Image Photography; the bid for landscape maintenance service from Ellington Landscape Group, Inc.; textbooks *Riot: A Novel* and *World Cultures and Geography* for the History Division.
- accepted with gratitude a donation of \$907.30 from the “Take Charge of Education Program” sponsored by Target Stores which will be used to purchase books for the school library; a donation of \$74.40 from “WaMoola for Schools” sponsored by Washington Mutual; and a donation of \$200 from Kevin Bry, President of Our Village Products, to the Miller/Cooke/Wood Scholarship Fund in appreciation of the use of the District’s facilities;
- approved the Intergovernmental Agreement between Triton Community College, District 504, and Oak Park and River Forest High School, District 200, as presented;
- approved the Sabbatical Leaves of Mark Collins and Richard Mertz for the 2005-06 School Year;
- approved the Resolution Authorizing NOTICE OF DISMISSAL of Probationary Teachers;
- approved the retirement requests effective June 2005 through June 2008, as presented;
- ratified the memorandum of agreement between the District and Faculty Senate pertaining to release time and responsibility reduction for non-classroom Chairpersons of Faculty Senate;
- approved the closed minutes of February 24, March 15 and March 17, 2005; as presented;
- approved the following teachers for tenure: Nimmi Baghri, Jamie Bender, Sharon Bole, Elizabeth Ebsen, Amy McGrail, Elizabeth Nash, Melinda Novotny, Lawrence Prystalski, and Sarah Rosas;

- approval of a tentative school calendar for the 2006-07 school year; and
- adopted a Resolution of Support for the Oak Park Park District's referendum;

Reports

Dr. Bridge announced that 1) O.P.R.F.H.S. has seventeen valedictorians this year; 2) the District received notification that out of the 100 students annually named as Golden Apple Scholars in the State of Illinois, two O.P.R.F.H.S. students were nominated this year; and 3) O.P.R.F.H.S. received the Bright A+ Award designating it as being in the top five-percent of all schools academically in the state. Dr. Bridge also reported the *Trapeze* staff had won individual awards in the Chicago Headline Club High School Journalism contest and took first place overall. Dr. Bridge noted that the students who successfully competed in the following competitions would be honored at the April 21 Board of Education meeting: Business Professionals of America, Louder Than A Bomb Poetry Slam, Mock Trial, Journalism, Radio Speaking at the State Speech Tournament, and All-State Wrestling, as well as the two Golden Apple Scholars.

A list of Certified Non-Administrative Release Personnel List for 2004-05, was presented. Plans for the 2005-06 school year of those faculty members currently on leave were presented. The Second Semester Class Size and Teacher Loads as of March 1, 2005, were presented.

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

Personnel

Certified

Return from **Christine Mondragon**, Mathematic Teacher, effective the 2005-06 school year

Leave of **Patrice Prentis**, Mathematics Teacher, effective the 2005-06 school year

Absence

Leave of **Heidi Lynch**, History Teacher, effective for the 2005-06 school year

Absence

Request

Resignation **Monica Giannone**, World Languages Teacher, effective at the end of the 2004-05 school year

Reesheda Graham, English Teacher, effective at the end of the 2004-5 school year

Michael Kosciuk, Mathematics Teacher, effective at the end of the 2004-05 school year

The next regular Board of Education Meeting will be on Thursday, April 21, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.