

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 22, 2005:

**Board  
Actions**

- approved the Consent Items: open minutes of August 9, 16, and 25, 2005; personnel recommendations, and financial reports;
- accepted with gratitude, a donation from Florence Miller to the O.P.R.F.H.S. Huskie Pups Program—a construction set, Cozy Coup bike with training wheels, crab sandbox, Little Tykes chair, rocking chair, art standing easel, drum set, Lego set, and assorted games, toys, blocks and puzzles; and a donation from John Condne to the O.P.R.F.H.S. Huskie Pups Program of a bookcase and forty children’s books;
- adopted the FY’06 Budget as presented;
- approved an increase in the fee for services to the Collaboration for Early Childhood Care and Education Request in the amount of \$15,000;
- approved the 2005-06 Assurances for District Compliance;
- certified the 2005 Summer School Graduates;
- approved the activities of Policy 5132 for the 2005-06 school year;
- appointed the following persons to Citizens’ Council to a two-year term beginning September 2005—Cecilia Bacom (Bannon), Sue Foran, Patricia Jacobs, Merry Beth Kowalczyk, Marcia Sligh Mitchell, Kathleen Shaw, and Gwen Tonino;
- approved the closed session minutes of August 9, 16, and 25, 2005; and
- dropped residency student RES 09/22/05-01 from the rolls of Oak Park and River Forest High School as of September 22, 2005, due to nonresidency and will charge for tuition accrued in the amount of \$1436; dropped residency student RES 09/22/05-02 from the rolls of Oak Park and River Forest High School as of September 22, 2005, due to nonresidency and will charge for tuition accrued in the amount of \$1436; dropped residency student RES 09/22/05-03 from the rolls of Oak Park and River Forest High School as of September 22, 2005, due to nonresidency and will charge for tuition accrued in the amount of \$27,332.76; dropped residency student RES 09/22/05-04 from the rolls of Oak Park and River Forest High School as of September 22, 2005, due to nonresidency and will charge for tuition accrued in the amount of \$25,896.76.

**Reports**

Dr. Bridge reported 1) Jason Edgecombe and Monica Swope would be accompanying the following students to the 7<sup>th</sup> annual M.S.A.N. Student Leadership Conference in Cambridge, Massachusetts, September 28-October 1—Sarah Bunch, Nicolas Marquez,

Marie Harton, Philip Peery, and Christina Perez; 2) Phil Prale, Richard Mertz, Cathy McNary, and Debbie Neuman will participate in M.S.A.N.'s biannual Teachers Conference to be held in Cleveland October 18-20; 3) A total of 61 students in the class of 2006 have been acknowledged for high academic achievement—17 students have earned National Merit semi-finalist status, 6 students have earned semi-finalist status in the 2006 National Achievement Scholarship Competition for students of African American heritage; 3 students have been recognized in the National Hispanic Recognition Program, two as Scholars and one Honorable Mention; and 35 National Merit commended scholars; 4) the theme for Homecoming will be Rain Forest; 5) Hogan McLaughlin, Gannon O'Brien, Grant O'Brien, Nick Loafman, and Selena Poznak were selected to be a part of this year's 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Illinois High School Theatre Festival All-State production of "A Chorus Line"; and 6) Dr. Bridge presented Board of Education president Rigas with the 2005 Bright Red Apple Award of Excellence awarded by the SchoolSearch organization to those school districts in Illinois who have exceeded in five important factors: academic performance, pupil/teacher ratio, expenditure per pupil, educational level of faculty, and average teacher salary.

A Public Hearing on the O.P.R.F.H.S. FY' 06 Budget was held.

The Foreign Exchange Students Report was given. O.P.R.F.H.S. has five foreign students enrolled. A sixth canceled due to the inability of the home country's non-approval of the visa. A list of probationary teachers by division was presented. Forty-one percent of the faculty is nontenured. The Board of Education held a discussion on the administrative structure of the District. A list of Board of Education meeting dates for the 2005-06 school year was presented.

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

## **Personnel**

### **Certified**

**Appointment Bokum, John**, Special Education Teacher and TA, effective August 23, 2005

### **Non-Certified**

**Appointments Brezell, Connie**, part-time Food Service employee, effective August 23, 2005

**Brown, Chantile**, part-time Food Service employee, effective August 26, 2005

**Del Rio, Manuel**, part-time Auditorium custodian, effective September 7, 2005

**Lenoir, Gia**, Fiscal Clerk, effective September 12, 2005

**Price, Colletta**, part-time Food Service employee, effective August 26, 2005

**Resignations/ Griffin, Tina**, Special Education TA, effective September 22, 2005

**Terminations Kannokada, Manoj**, Special Education TA, effective September 10, 2005

**Merriner, James**, Attendance Clerk, effective September 23, 2005

**Ritacco, Elaine**, Attendance Clerk, effective September 23, 2005

**The next regular Board of Education meeting will be Thursday, October 27, 2005 beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.**