

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, October 27, 2005:

Board Recognition The Board of Education recognized and congratulated the following students for achieving the status of 1) National Merit Semi-Finalists—Caitlin Bray, Dara Carroll, Amanda Corcos, Elizabeth Dengel, Erin Dudek, Victoria Gillet, Franklin Guenthner, Samuel Kaplan, Elena Levenson, Brian Libgober, Lauren Lucchese, Jonathan Monroe-Cook, Jane Papke, Clo Pazera, Kathryn Risher, Adam Schaal, and Simon Schneider; 2) National Achievement Semi-Finalists—Alison Barthwell, Allison Brackley, Nicholas Demorest, Janel Higgs, Andrew Peel, and Kyra Pulliam; and 3) National Hispanic Scholars—Leonard DeFranco, Hillary Esqueda, and Angela Rivera.

Board Actions

- approved the Consent Items: open minutes of September 13, 15, 22, 28 and October 18, 2005; personnel recommendations, and financial reports;
- accepted Vending Machine Supply Bid from Vistar/VSA;
- approval of Policy 3430, Accounts, for first reading;
- approval of Policy 3431, Fiscal Year, for first reading;
- approval of Policy 3432, Audits, for first reading;
- accepted with gratitude, \$300 from Dr. Mary Tobin’s honorarium for speaking at O.P.R.F.H.S. in memory of Marcus Henderson; a donation of the lettering for the 2005 State Championship softball banner and 2004 Field Hockey Banner in the Fieldhouse from J & M Triangle Sign and Awning, per Larry Olive; a donation of \$100 to Best Buddies from Dorothy Faulds, community member; a donation of a 1992 Pontiac Sunbird to the Automotive Department from Mr. William Rosenquisi, community member; and a donation of a 1986 Buick Rivera to the Automotive Department from Mr. Stannard, community member;
- Renewed the EAP Contract effective November 1, 2005 through October 31, 2006;
- Accepted the terms and conditions of the negotiated Collective Bargaining Agreement with SEIU Local 73, Security;
- approved the closed session minutes of September 13, 15, 22, 28 and October 18, 2005; and
- expelled student EXP 10/27/05-1 as of October 27, 2005, for the remainder of the first semester of the 2005-06 school year, but to hold the expulsion in abeyance contingent

upon completion of enrollment and regular attendance at an alternative school for the remainder of the first semester of the 2005-06 school year and ongoing counseling.

Reports

Dr. Bridge reported on 1) the successful Homecoming which included an expanded parade with the combining of the Village of River Forest's 125th year celebration, a longer parade route, and the most well-attended Homecoming dance in recent years—1500 students; 2) the Boosters approval of all but two of the technology deferred items that had been submitted to the Booster Club last spring; 3) Patt Cheney's sponsorship of the O.P.R.F.H.S. Forensic Team which was named one of the nation's "top 100 schools" in speech and debate activities by the National Forensic League of which Oak Park and River Forest High School ranked 94th out of 2,700 schools across the nation; and 4) Aaron Podolner being honored with a check for \$2,000 and a plaque by ING Financial Advisors in recognition of his innovation and excellence in education and acknowledging him as one of its ING Unsung Heroes awards winners for developing a program with PE teacher Jim Nudera that connects physics and human movement as a means to explain and illustrate the essential laws of physics. The school also received a companion plaque that will be displayed in the Board Room.

Mr. Edgecombe had prepared the 2005-06 Certified Staff Seniority List Profile, the List of Certified Personnel for the 2005-06 School Year, and the Educational Support Personnel Profile. Ms. Stevens presented the Student Withdrawals Report. Mr. Lanenga presented the October 1 Data Housing Report and School Year Statistics. Dr. Bridge presented the 2005 School Report Card. Ms. Hill presented the 2005 School Profile.

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

Personnel

Non-Certified

Appointments **Jammie Clayton**, part-time Food Service Employee, effective 09/02/05

Elaine Ritacco, full-time Special Education TA, effective 10/14/05

Maria Zepeda, part-time Food Service Employee, effective 09/02/05

Resignations/ Terminations **Triplett, Marilyn**, Pupil Personnel Administrative Assistant, effective 10/21/05

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be Thursday, November 17, 2005 beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.