

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, January 26, 2005:

**Board Recognition**

The Board of Education recognized Illinois State Theatre Festival participants Nick Loafman, Hogen McLaughlin, Gannon O'Brien, Grant O'Brien, and Selena Proznak and their coaches/chaperones Patt Cheney, Lucy Riner, Joe Hallissey and Hunter Evans.

**Board Actions**

- approved the Consent Items: Open Minutes of December 8, 13, 20, and 22, 2005; personnel recommendations; financial reports; Policy 2130-1 for deletion, District Early Retirement Provisions During TRS (5&5) Early Retirement Incentive; Summer Construction Projects; 403B Investment Documents; VEBA Plan Joint Powers Agreement; Early Childhood Collaborative Contract; Bank Resolution for Emergency Account; Bank Resolution for Student Activities Account, Vendor List; Resolution Appointing Assistant Township School Treasurer; Resolution establishing Student Activity and Convenience Accounts for the School District;
- approved the summer school salaries, tuition and dates, as presented. The dates of summer school are Wednesday, June 14, 2006 through Friday, July 21, 2006. No school will be held Monday and Tuesday, July 3 and 4, 2006;
- accepted with gratitude a 1992 Chevrolet Tacker vehicle to the Auto Shop at the high school from Cheryl Vargas;
- approved the Resolution for the Chief Financial Officer to prepare the FY 2007 Tentative Budget. The Tentative Budget will be placed on display Friday, August 18, 2006, and all public notices regarding the Tentative Budget will be published in the *Oak Leaves* and *Wednesday Journal*;
- approved the closed minutes of December 13 and 22, 2005, as presented; and
- appointed John McCulloh as replacement for Robert Senechalle to District 200 Local Ethics Commission for the 2006 calendar year

**Reports**

Dr. Bridge reported on 1) the memorable Martin Luther King Assembly in which Michelle Mbekeani, winner of the 2006 Martin Luther King Jr. oratorical contest, spoke and was the highlight of the assembly and who later went on to share her speech at DePaul University; 2) the 197 college and university representatives who visited O.P.R.F.H.S. first semester. The number of interested students in these schools increased from 600 students in 2004 to

over 900 students in 2005. There was one military representative; 3) Open House for the class of 2010 will take place on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.; and 4) Chris Ledbetter was named Area Coach of the Year by the Illinois High School Association Board of Directors.

Mr. Rigas reported that one F.O.I.A. request had been fulfilled.

Mr. Edgecombe informed the Board of Education that O.P.R.F.H.S. had received final approval of its waiver from the I.S.B.E. to not close school on Abraham Lincoln's Birthday each February. This waiver is from the school year 2006-07 through 2010-11.

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

## **Personnel**

### **Certified**

**Appointment**            **Dhvani Patel**, Mathematics Teacher, effective January 23, 2006

### **Non-Certified**

**Appointments:**        **Jonathan Adelman**, Special Education TA, effective 02/06/06  
                                 **Shirley Garrett**, part time Food Service Employee, effective 01/09/06

**The next regular Board of Education Meeting will be on Thursday, February 23, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.**