

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 23, 2006:

Board Recognition The Board of Education recognized and congratulated the Forensics State Champion of Impromptu Speaking, Elizabeth Dengel and her coach, Patt Cheney, and the 2005 Illinois Softball Coach of the Year, Melvin Kolbusz.

Board Actions

- approved the Consent Items: Open Minutes of February 14, 16, 23, March 2, 7, 14, and 16, 2006; personnel recommendations; financial reports; renewal of the IHSA Membership, amendment of Policy, 4117, Professional Faculty Evaluation; amendment of Policy 4118, Certified Personnel; and Deletion of Policy 4119, Certified Staff Retention; First reading and action of Policy 20, Board of Education, first reading and action of Policy 1410, Rental of Facilities; and first reading and deletion of Policy 2130 Early Retirement (Administrators); and Transportation Bid proposals from R&D and Grand Prairie
- approved the School Improvement Plan for the 2005-06 School Year;
- accepted with gratitude from Target Stores' "Take Charge of Education School Fundraising Program" a check for \$1,035.98, which will be used to purchase books for the O.P.R.F.H.S. Library; a donation of puzzles, Lego blocks, dolls, and Disney Characters from Debbie Neuman; a donation of puzzles, books, train tracks from Christine Daggett; books, toys and Beanie Babies from Don Vogel; and a donation of little girl purses from Carmen Avalos—all to the Huskie Day Care Center;
- accepted the Comprehensive Financial Audit Report of District 200 for the 2005 Fiscal year as presented;
- adopted the Resolution Authorizing NOTICE OF DISMISSAL of Probationary Teachers;
- approved the retirement request of Niall Collins effective June 2009;
- approved the following teachers for tenure: Tiffany Allison, Special Education; Linda Burns, History; Manuel Gonzalez, World Languages/Spanish; Kara Kabat, Science; Kirsten Leiman, World Languages/Spanish; Steven Lucas, Guidance; Rena Mazumdar, World Languages/French; Allison Myers, English; Leigh Remack, Science; Yoko Schmadeke, World Languages/Japanese; Steven Schwartz, History; Lauren Smith, Mathematics; Cheryl Rulis, Science; Patti Warren, Mathematics; and William Young, Special Education;
- approved the closed minutes of February 14, 16, 23, March 2, 7, 14, and 16, as presented; and approved the destruction of the closed session Tapes of October 2004;
- approved the amended calendar for the 2006-07;
- approved the proposal to install lights on the O.P.R.F.H.S. Stadium Field and to send the proposal to the Village of Oak Park subject to restrictions concerning lighting technology, game start times, number of games, practice times, the establishment of a neighborhood advisory committee, preparation of a comprehensive security plan in conjunction with the Villages of Oak Park and River Forest, a litter control plan, a traffic and safety plan and related matters, and the limitation of use by non OPRF teams (approved 03/09/06);
- held in abeyance the expulsion of student EXP 03/02/06-10, as of March 2, 2006, for the remainder of the 2005-06 school year, summer school and the first semester of the 2006-07 school year, contingent upon completion of enrollment and regular attendance at Ombudsman through the remainder of the 2005-06 school year, summer school, and first semester of the

2006-07 school year, ongoing counseling, and verification and maintenance of residency in the District (approved 03/02/06);

- dropped residency student RES 03/02/06-05 from the rolls of Oak Park and River Forest High School as of March 2, 2006, due to nonresidency and charge for tuition accrued in the amount of \$7,107.81 (approved 03/02/06);
- held in abeyance the expulsion of student EXP 03/07/06-11, as of March 7, 2006, for the remainder of the 2005-06 school year and the first semester of the 2006-07 school year, contingent upon completion of enrollment and regular attendance at an off-campus placement recommended by the Special Education Team through the first semester of the 2006-07 school year, ongoing counseling, and verification and maintenance of residency in District (approved 03/07/06); and
- held in abeyance the expulsion of student, EXP 3/9/06-12 as of March 9, 2006, for the remainder of the 2005-06 school year and the first semester of the 2006-07 school year, contingent upon completion of enrollment and regular attendance at Harbor for the remainder of the 2005-06 school year and the first semester of the 2006-07 school year, ongoing counseling, and verification and maintenance of residency in District (approved 03/09/06);
- held in abeyance the expulsion of student EXP 3/23/06-14 as of March 23, 2006, for the remainder of the 2005-06 school year, summer school and the 2006-07 school year, contingent upon completion of enrollment and regular attendance at an alternative school for the remainder of the 2005-06 school year and the 2006-07 school year; ongoing drug and alcohol counseling and verification and maintenance of residency in the district (approved 03/23/06).

Reports

Dr. Bridge reported that 1) O.P.R.F.H.S. will have 17 valedictorians at commencement; 2) German students garnered honors at the University of Illinois German Day on March 1; 3) O.P.R.F.H.S. students won first place honors at the Business Professionals of America's state competition which qualifies them to advance to the national competition in Orlando, Florida, May 10-14; 4) O.P.R.F.H.S. received the Bright A+ Award for the 8th year in a row. Only the top 5% of Illinois high schools receive this honor; and 5) the Spoken Word Club competed in one of the largest national poetry slams in Chicago, "Louder than a Bomb" and finished second.

Mr. Edgecombe presented the plans of certified personnel currently on leave and the proposed calendar for the 2007-08 school year. Mr. Lanenga presented the Board of Education with the second semester class size and teacher load report.

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

Personnel

Certified

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| Returning from Leaves of Absence | Elizabeth Wright , World Language Teacher, effective 2006-07 School Year |
| Resignation | James Chochola , World Language Teacher, effective 06/09/06 |
| Continuing Leaves Of Absence | Heidi Lynch , History Teacher, effective the 2006-07 School Year Craig Slocum , Mathematics Teacher, effective the 2006-07 School Year |

Non-Certified

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| Resignation | Litowsky, Lauren , Transition Specialist in the DHS, effective 06/16/06 |
| Termination | Woods, Kim , Director Huskie Pup Day Care, effective 03/15/06 |

The next regular Board of Education Meeting will be on Thursday, April 27, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.