

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, April 27, 2006:

Board Recognition The Board of Education recognized and congratulated the O.P.R.F.H.S. Varsity Drill Teammates Deirdre Almaguer, Gabrielle Arruda, Anke Bieler, Cassidy Bires, Carly Bresnahan, Asia Brusco, Emma Campbell, Alexandra Considine, Lucy Cowles-Costigan, Mallory Cybulski, Paige Fortado, Hannah Gillespie, Andrea Grober, Grace Gryzlo, Ivana Hill, Marissa Krawczyk, Lauren Lucchese, Emily McNeil, Anita Murad, Kristin Paluch, Nikeva Stapleton, Ashley Tabb, Maria Vasquez, Jane Zhukov, and their coach Melinda Novotny, as well as the Fourth Place Winner in the State Wrestling Competition, Ben Johnson and his coach Mike Powell.

Board Actions

- elected the following Board members to one-year terms of office:

Dr. Barry S. Greenwald, President
Yasmin A. Ranney, Vice President
Barbara Fernandez, Secretary
- approved the Consent Items: Open Minutes of March 9, 23, April 18, and 20, 2006 as presented; personnel recommendations; financial reports; renewal of the IHSA Membership; amended of Policy 20, Board of Education; Policy 1410, Rental of Facilities; and deletion of Policy 2130 Early Retirement (Administrators); first reading of Policy 3361, Petty Cash; first reading of Policy 4360, Acceptable Use of Technology—Personnel; first reading of Policy 5160, Acceptable Use of Technology—Students; an increase in substitute teacher/clerical pay rates for the 2006-07 school year; awarded the physical education uniform bid, awarded the xerographic paper bid; and approved the textbook *Love & Betrayal: A Catullus Reader*, for the World Languages Division, reviewed by Dr. Millard;
- accepted with gratitude a donation of \$300 to the O.P.R.F.H.S. T.E.A.M. program from Sheila Martinotti;
- adopted the FY 2005/06 Amended Budget, as presented;
- approved the closed minutes of March 9, 23, April 18 and 20, 2006, as presented; and approved the destruction of the closed session tapes of November 2004;
- approved the resolution appointing Linda Cada, Director of Special Education, as the O.P.R.F.H.S. representative to the DWC Governing Board and to appoint Dr. Bridge, Superintendent/Principal, as an Alternative Representative, as presented;
- approved State Representative Deborah L. Graham's request for the names and addresses of graduating students in order to send congratulatory letters;
- held in abeyance the expulsion of student EXP 04/27/06-16, as of April 27, 2006, for the remainder of the 2005-06 school year through the 2006-07 school year, contingent upon the superintendent/principal waiving PE and local requirements and that the student currently has 42.5 credits, enrolling in and completing an approved drug treatment program, and the student will be prohibited from participating in the commencement ceremony, prom and all senior activities; held in abeyance the expulsion of student EXP 4/27/06-17, as of April 27, 2006, for the remainder of the 2005-06 school year through the 2006-07 school year, contingent upon enrollment and regular attendance at an off-campus placement recommended by the Special Education Team through the 2006-07 school year, ongoing counseling, verification and maintenance of residency in the District; held in abeyance the expulsion of student EXP

4/27/06-18, as of April 27, 2006, for the remainder of the 2005-06 school year and through the 2006-07 school year, contingent upon completion of participation and regular attendance with a tutor for math and journalism classes required for graduation and the student will be prohibited from participating in the commencement ceremony, prom and all other senior activities; and

- removed from the agenda the Resolution Authorizing Reclassification of an Administrator.

Reports

Dr. Bridge reported that 1) Ian Flangan received a perfect score in the National Latin Exam; 2) O.P.R.F.H.S. celebrated the Plus One Students, who had increased their GPA 1.0 over the previous semester; 3) O.P.R.F.H.S. Mathletes qualified as 60th in the nation and student John Binder qualified to take a nine-hour national math exam; 4) the Huskie Boosters' Auction is Saturday, April 29, 2006; and 5) O.P.R.F.H.S. received a "Certificate of Financial Recognition" from the I.S.B.E.

Dr. Greenwald announced that one FOIA request was resolved.

A public hearing on the Amended Budget was held and no oral or written comments were received.

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

Personnel

Certified

Appointments **W. Terrell Burgess**, Mathematics Teacher, effective August 22, 2006
Jennifer Burkett, Mathematics Teacher, effective August 22, 2006
Danielle Delimata, Mathematics Teacher, effective August 22, 2006
Emily Foley, Science Division Head, effective August 10, 2006
Joseph Herbst, Dean Counselor, effective August 10, 2006
Terri Hightower, Mathematics Teacher, effective August 22, 2006
Douglas Hill, Special Education Teacher, effective August 22, 2006
Kenneth Jackson, Dean Counselor, effective August 10, 2006
Keith Luszczak, Fine & Applied Arts Industrial Technology Teacher, effective August 22, 2006
Andrea Neuman, Special Education Teacher, effective August 22, 2006
Joseph J. Parenti, Special Education Teacher, effective August 22, 2006
Ann Petrolionas, Special Education Teacher, effective August 22, 2006
Mark Valintis, Driver Education Teacher, effective August 22, 2006

Resignations **Stephen Lucas**, Dean Counselor, effective June 14, 2006
Jennifer Tyma, English Teacher, effective June 9, 2006

Call Backs **James Coughlin**, Special Education Teacher
Heather White, World Languages
Mary Vogel, World Languages

Leaves of **Nancy Bardo**, Applied Arts Business Teacher, effective for first semester of the 2006-07 school year

Absence **Jamie Bender**, Science Teacher, effective for the 2006-07 school year
Julie Patterson, World Languages/Spanish Teacher, effective for the 2006-07 school year

Non-Certified

Appointments **Karen Gruszka**, Discipline Center Secretary, effective March 20, 2006
Dana Onayemi, Huskie Pups Day Care Teacher, effective March 20, 2006

Requests for Retirement **Laura Fuelster**, Food Service Worker, effective June 9, 2006

The next regular Board of Education Meeting will be on Thursday, May 25, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.