

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, May 25, 2006:

- Board Recognition** The Board of Education recognized and congratulated Aaron Baskin, Lenny DeFranco, Chris McCole, and Matt Kowalczyk as well as their sponsor, Nancy Bardo, for winning first place in the Business Professionals of America’s State Competition; I.H.S.A.’s All-State Academic Team Winner, Kathryn Gevitz, and her coach, Sarah McCabe; Vicky Lekovish as being selected as O.P.R.F.H.S.’s Volunteer of the Year; and Philip Cook as being the SEAstar Award Recipient.
- Board Actions**
- approved the Consent Items: Open Minutes of April 27, May 11, and 16, 2006, as presented; personnel recommendations; financial reports; first reading of Policy 1200, Board of Education; first reading of Policy 3310, Contracts and Purchases; first reading of Policy 3700, Wellness Policy; Amendment of Policy 3361, Petty Cash; amendment of Policy 4360, Acceptable Use of Technology—Personnel; amendment of Policy 5160, Acceptable Use of Technology—Students; Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Funds from the Bond and Interest Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund; the PTAB Resolution, bid proposals from R&D and Grand Prairie, as presented; the contract with Midwest Orthopedics; the yogurt proposal from General Mills; the water proposals from Nestles, Absopure, and Riptide; the cookie proposals from Otis Spunkmeyer, Country Home Bakers and Rich Products; specified products proposals from Lockwood Dairy, Becker’s Dairy, Marigold Dairy and Cloverleaf Dairy; the rollover bid with Alpha Baking Co. for the 2006-07 School year; the award of the audit Engagement Letter to WF Gurrie; the Family Services & Mental Health Center’s contracts for one Resource Manager and the Drug and Alcohol Counselor; and the Community Care Options’ contract for one Resource Manager;
  - accepted with gratitude a donation of four prints from former staffer, Jim Craig, to the Huskie Pups;
  - approved the determination of the prevailing wage rates for laborers and outside contractors in Cook County and to place a notice in the *Oak Leaves* regarding the Prevailing Wages and to serve notice as necessary that the wages are effective for the 2006-07 school year;
  - approved the Blue/Cross Blue/Shield, Drug Card and Delta Dental July 1, 2006 renewal of medical and dental insurances as presented;
  - approved the annual appointment of Division Heads/Dean Counselors/Athletic Director/Deans of Discipline, Special Education Director and Instructional Technology Director, as presented;
  - approved the Administrative Retirement Agreement and retirement requests as presented;
  - approved the resolution of NOTICE TO REMEDY;
  - approved the abatement of Emergency Days June 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16;
  - appointed the Citizens’ Council members for a two-year term, as presented;
  - approved the closed minutes of April 27, May 11, and May 16, 2006; declared that the closed session minutes from January 1, 1989 through May 1, 2006 shall remain closed, and approved the destruction of the closed session tapes of December 2004;
  - approved the exclusion of student EXP 5/25/06-27 as of May 25, 2006 for the remainder of the 2005-06 school year and the 2006-07 school year, but held the expulsion in abeyance contingent upon completion of enrollment and regular attendance at an off-campus placement recommended by the Special Education Team for the remainder of the 2005-06 and the 2006-07 school year, ongoing counseling, and verification and maintenance of residency in the District; and
  - Failed to approve the athletic trainer contract.

## Reports

Dr. Bridge reported that 1) O.P.R.F.H.S. has risen to the rank of being #478 in Newsweek's listing of the top 1000 high schools in America; 2) O.P.R.F.H.S. had a picture perfect prom on Saturday, May 27, 2006 with over 800 in attendance; 3) O.P.R.F.H.S. held a Memorial Day celebration earlier that day; 4) faculty members Jenni Hart, Jaime Bender and Matt Maloney supported students in raising \$5,000 to rebuild a school destroyed in Darfur; 5) O.P.R.F.H.S.'s Best Buddies Chapter was recognized as Best Buddies' "Best Illinois Chapter of the Year." Dr. Bridge also honored O.P.R.F.H.S.'s Volunteer of the Year --Vicky Lekovish.

Mr. Lanenga reported on commencement activities and that there were 16 valedictorians.

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

## Personnel

### Certified

**Appointments** **Marla Blair**, History/Psychology Teacher, effective August 22, 2006 (approved 05/25/06)  
**Rebecca Kucharski**, Business and Family & Consumer Science Teacher, effective August 22, 2006 (approved 05/25/06)  
**Laura Shanahan**, English Teacher, effective August 22, 2006 (approved 05/25/06)  
**David Bernthal**, Science Teacher effective August 22, 2006 (approved 5/11/06)  
**Rebecca Jacobsen**, Music Teacher effective August 22, 2006 (approved 5/11/06)  
**Jacqueline Hanson**, Dean Counselor effective August 10, 2006 (approved 5/11/06)  
**Sarah Dove Heider**, English Teacher effective August 22, 2006 (approved 5/11/06)  
**Brendan Lee**, English Teacher effective August 22, 2006 (approved 5/11/06)  
**Jeremy Lind**, English Teacher effective August 22, 2006 (approved 5/11/06)  
**James Messer**, Science Teacher effective August 22, 2006 (approved 5/11/06)  
**Yuko Schultheis**, World Languages/Japanese Teacher effective August 22, 2006 (approved 5/11/06)  
**Ann Slivinski**, Speech Language Therapist effective August 22, 2006 (approved 5/11/06)  
**Dana Tolomeo**, World Languages/Spanish Teacher effective August 22, 2006 (approved 5/11/06)

**Call Backs** **Lana Geselbracht**, Engaged Learning and Tech Prep Coordinator (approved 5/25/06)  
**Allison Hennings**, Science (approved 5/11/06)

**Leaves of Absence** **Elizabeth Caliendo Nash**, History Teacher, effective 2006-07 school year (approved 05/11/06)

**Retirement Requests** **Bill Boulware**, Fine & Applied Arts Division Head, effective June 2010  
**Linda Cada**, Director of Special Education, effective June 2010  
**Jason Edgecombe**, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, effective June 2010  
**Steve Gevinson**, English Division Head, effective June 2010  
**Donald Vogel**, Director of Business Education/ISIT, effective June 2010  
**Deborah Neuman**, Mathematics Division Head, effective June 2009  
**Marcia Hurt**, Physical Education Division Head, effective June 2008

**Retirement Change** **Bonnie Marks**, Special Education Teacher, rescinds her Retirement Request (approved 05/25/06)  
**Donald Hopkins**, rescinds his Retirement Request (approved 05/25/06)  
**Resignations** **Mary Confray-Polk**, Special Education teacher and Staffing Program Chair, effective June 9, 2006 (approved 05/11/06)

### Non-Certified

**Appointments** **Francine Cardascio**, Transition Specialist, effective August 2006  
**Humberta Magallanes de Ramirez**, Food Service Worker, effective April 7, 2006 (approved 05/25/06)  
**Gina Mann-Oby**, Food Service Cashier, effective April 7, 2006 (approved 05/25/06)

**Resignations/Terminations** **Mary Falkman**, Food Service cashier, effective April 21, 2006 (approved 05/25/06)  
**Karen Gruszka**, Discipline Center Secretary, effective March 2006 (approved 05/25/06)  
**Dana Onayemi**, Huskie Pups Day Care Teacher, effective March 20, 2006 (approved 05/25/06)  
**Rebecca Jacobsen**, Music TA, effective June 9, 2006 (approved 05/11/06)

**The next regular Board of Education Meeting will be on Thursday, June 22, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.**