

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, August 24, 2006:

**Board
Actions**

- approved the Consent Items: Open Minutes of June 7, 13, 15, 20, 22, July 25, and August 16, 2006, as presented; personnel recommendations; financial reports; ratification and confirmation of the execution of vouchers of August 24, 2006; Resolution Authorizing Execution of Certain Vouchers for the Month of September 2006; disbursement list of vendors dated August 24, 2006; an Intergovernmental Agreement with District 97 to provide food service to Oak Park Elementary District 97 Schools; the purchase of eight copiers and the Master Lease Agreement between American Capital Financial Services and O.P.R.F.H.S.; and a contract between Peters and Associates to assess O.P.R.F.H.S.'s current technology infrastructure and provide detailed recommendations for the design and investment required for migration from the current Novel based environment to an environment based on Microsoft Active Directory 2003 and Exchange 2003 technologies; and the contract between O.P.R.F.H.S. and Triton College for its 2006-07 Evening School Session;
- approved the Closed Session Minutes of June 7, 13, 15, 20, 22, and August 16, 2006 and the destruction of closed session tapes of February 2005;
- approved the splitting of the superintendent and principal positions beginning in the 2007-08 school year; and
- approved the District Goals for the 2006-07 School Year as follows:
 - Goal I: Intensify the campaign to use data with increasing effectiveness and efficiency to eliminate the academic performance and discipline gap within O.P.R.F.H.S. and to assure that it sustains the programs supporting the maximum achievement of each and every student served.
 - Goal II: Hire a new superintendent and determine the administrative structure for the 2007-2008 school year.
 - Goal III: Continue to identify and implement all available and appropriate means of sustaining District 200's financial stability well into the future to assure the fair and equitable use of district resources to achieve the main goals of the district.
 - Goal IV: Complete the research and development phases of several key projects and implement them, as appropriate and possible, during the 2006-07 school year.
 - Goal V: Through a variety of events throughout the school year, engage the students, staff, and communities in wishing this handsome, vintage building a very Happy 100th Birthday!

Reports

Dr. Bridge announced that Gloria Ladson-Billings had been selected as the Minority Student Achievement Network's interim executive director, M.S.A.N. would be headquartered in Madison, Wisconsin and has an official collaboration with the University of Wisconsin. Dr. Bridge presented the Board of Education with the five-year-summary of O.P.R.F.H.S.'s ACT test scores. The summary shows that O.P.R.F.H.S.'s composite scores and scores in each content area are being maintained while the state and national scores are not. Senior Charles M. Muller is one of only 25 Illinois students, out of approximately 30,000, who took the ACT last April and achieved the highest possible composite score. Dr. Bridge announced that O.P.R.F.H.S. has twenty-one National Merit Semi-Finalists this year, versus last year's 16. Dr. Bridge expressed her gratitude to the Villages of Oak Park and River Forest for once again supporting the School's Resource Officers' Program.

Ms. Hill presented the AP Exam Scores Report for the 2005-2006 school year.

The Board of Education received the Post Secondary Plans of the Class of 2006, prepared by the Dean Counselor Division.

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

Personnel

Certified

Appointments Cheryl Biggs, History Teacher, effective 08/22/06 (approved 07/25/06)

Anthony Bush, Dean of Discipline, effective 08/17/06 (approved 07/25/06)

Kelly Diaz, World Languages/Spanish Teacher, effective 08/22/06 (approved 08/16/06)

Diana Dominikow, Fine and Applied Arts Teacher (Speech), effective 08/22/06 (approved 07/25/06)

Michelle Scimeca, World Languages Teacher, effective 08/22/06 (approved 07/25/06)

Thomas Shallenberger, Business Education Teacher, effective 08/22/06 (approved 07/25/06)

Gwendolyne Walker-Qualls, Special Education Psychologist, effective 08/22/06 (approved 7/25/06)

Resignations Rebekah Hoffman, World Languages (Spanish), effective immediately (approved 7/25/06)

Michelle Scimeca, World Languages (Italian), effective immediately (approved 08/24/08)

Non-Certified

Appointments Daniel Davy, Special Education Teacher Assistant, effective 08/22/06 (approved 07/25/06)

Samuel Gamboney, Special Education Teacher Assistant, effective 08/22/06 (approved 07/25/06)

Tim Keeley, Purchasing Coordinator, effective 08/14/06 (approved 08/16/06)

Gwendolyn McKenzie, Library Assistant (approved 07/25/06)

Jonathon Witham, Teacher Assistant, effective 08/22/06 (approved 7/25/06)

Resignations/ Tina McDonald, Child Care Teacher, effective August 7, 2006 (approved 08/16/06)

Terminations Marlene Scheibl, Supervisor of Finance, effective August 15, 2006 (approved 08/16/06)

Gerardo Vega, Security Monitor, effective 07/06/06 (approved 08/16/06)

The next regular Board of Education Meeting will be on Thursday, September 28, 2006, at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.