

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 22, 2007:

**Board
Actions**

- approved the Consent Items: Open Minutes of February 19, 20, 21, 22, 26, and March 7, 13, and 15, 2007, as presented; financial reports; ratification and confirmation of the execution of certain vouchers for April 2007; disbursement list of vendors dated March 22, 2007; renewal of the Agreement for Services with the Ombudsman Program; Amendment of policies as follows: Policy 5112, Waiver of School Fees and Charges; Policy 5113, Student Accident Insurance; Policy 5116, Ombudsman Program for Alternative Education; Policy 5118, Special Education Tuition; and Policy 6135, Bookstore; The Services Agreement with Gatekeeper Administration LLC to provide certain review and recordkeeping services relating to O.P.R.F.H.S. 403(b) Tax Deferred Retirement Program, as presented; and the proposed settlement for the Tax Rate Objections of \$2,364.68 for 2001 and \$3,191.03 for 2002;
- accepted with gratitude a donation of \$300 to the India Travel Program from Nancy Clark, and 28 copies of the hardcover motivational book *A is for Attitude: An Alphabet for Living* from Yasmin Ranney for end-of-the year student recognitions;
- approved the Resolution to participate in “The Fund” with banking and investment services provided by Harris Bank, PMA Financial Network, Inc., and the Liquid Asset Fund;
- approved the Resolution Authorizing NOTICE OF DISMISSAL of Probationary Teachers;
- approved tenured contracts for the 2007-08 school year for the following probationary teachers: James Bell, Jaime Burbano, Ann Carlson, Michelle Carrow-Sever, Teresa Conrick, Lisa Faulkner, Kimberly Foltzler, Julie Fuentes, Louis Giovannetti, Naomi Hildner, Daniel Kleinfeldt, Lauren Lee, Avi Lessing, Catherine McNary, Anita North Hamill, Carolyn Ojikutu, Patrick Pearson, Michael Powell, Christine Rose, Amy Stanis, John Terretta, Mary Wiltjer, Kathleen Wirtz, and Paul Wright;
- approved the retiree requests as follows: Deborah Bluminberg (June 2010), Christine Daggett (June 2010), Mary Ann DeBruin (June 2010), Sue Donoghue (June 2010), Fred Galluzzo (June 2010), Elaine Glenn (June 2010), Donald Hopkins (June 2010), Laura Kiedaisch (June 2010), Donna Kottmann (June 2010), Bonnie Marks (June 2010), Shirley Redmond (June 2010), Patricia Staszak (June 2010), Roseanne Tenuta (2008), and Richard Zabransky (June 2010);
- approved the Closed Session Minutes of February 19, 20, 21, 22, 26, and March 7, 13, and 15, 2007, and the destruction of closed session audio tapes of September 2005;
- amended the 2007-08 school calendar, as presented;
- removed the “held in abeyance” and expelled student EXP 12/09/04-20; dropped residency student RES 03/22/07-12 from the rolls of Oak Park and River Forest High School, due to non-residency, and charge for tuition accrued in the amount of \$12,411.95; held in abeyance an expulsion of Student EXP 3/22/07-29, as of March 22, 2007 for the remainder of the 2006-07 school year through the first semester of the 2007-08 school year contingent upon completion

of enrollment and regular attendance at an alternative school for the remainder of the 2006-07 school year through the first semester of the 2007-08 school year, satisfactory academic progress at an alternative placement, ongoing counseling and verification and maintenance of residency in the District; held in abeyance an expulsion of Student EXP 3/22/07-30, as of March 22, 2007 for the remainder of the 2006-07 school year through the first semester of the 2007-08 school year contingent upon completion of enrollment and regular attendance at an alternative school for the remainder of the 2006-07 school year through the first semester of the 2007-08 school year; ongoing counseling and verification and maintenance of residency in the District; and rescinded the expulsion/exclusion of Student EXP 1/11/07-23 through first semester of the 2007-08 school year and remanded the student back to the Special Education division for placement with a written agreement to be drafted by legal counsel.

Reports

Dr. Bridge congratulated 1) the varsity wrestling team members who were state placers and their coaches; 2) those students who had been recommended for Student of the Quarter Awards; 3) Fine & Performing Arts Division Head Bill Boulware on receiving Life-Time Achievement Award from the Oak Park Area Arts Council and recent recipient of an award from NCECA National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts, as the Outstanding Ceramics teacher in the nation for 2006-07; 4) two O.P.R.F.H.S. students who were honored with an Award of Merit in the 2006-07 youngARTS program, sponsored by the National Foundation for the Advancement in Art; and 5) the Jazz Ensemble who won the first place trophy from the Mundelein Jazz Festival on March 10.

Ms. Ranney reported that Dr. Bridge was being honored twice—once by the Oak Park Educational Foundation on April 14 and once at the Concordia University of Chicago Community Leadership Awards Banquet on March 23, both events to be held at the Oak Park Country Club.

Mr. Edgecombe presented the First Semester Discipline Report. Mr. Lanenga presented the second semester class size and teacher load report. Mr. Edgecombe presented the Certified Non-Administrative Personnel List for 2006-07.

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

Personnel

Certified Personnel

Leave of Absence Request

Melinda Novotny, Art Teacher, effective 2007-08 school year

Leave of Absence Returns

Heidi Lynch, History Teacher, effective 2007-08 school year

Craig Slocum, Mathematics Teacher, effective 2007-08 school year

Continuing Leaves of Absence

Jaime Bender, Science Teacher, effective for the 2007-08 school year

Elizabeth Nash, History Teacher, effective for the 2007-08 school year

Julie Patterson, World Languages, effective for the 2007-08 school year

Resignations/ Terminations

W. Terrell Burgess, Mathematics Teacher, effective 02/23/07

Kenneth Jackson, Dean Counselor, effective June 13, 2007

The next regular Board of Education Meeting will be on Thursday, April 26, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.