

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, June 28, 2007:

Recognition Board members paid a heartfelt tribute to Dr. Susan J. Bridge for serving eight years as O.P.R.F.H.S.'s Superintendent/Principal.

**Board
Actions**

- approved the Consent Items: Open Minutes of May 15 and 31, and June 13, as presented; Financial Reports; Ratification and Confirmation of the execution of certain vouchers for July 2007; disbursement list of vendors dated June 28, 2007; the following textbooks, *Authentic Happiness*, reviewed by Ms. Fisher, for the History Division; *Emotional Intelligence*, reviewed by Dr. Millard, for the History Division, and Psychology: *Themes & Variations 7th Edition*, for the History Division, reviewed by Mr. Conway; renewed the District's Workers' Compensation Insurance with the Collective Liability Insurance Cooperative (CLIC); renewed the Property, Liability, Student Accident Insurance, and School Board Legal Insurance through Collective Liability Insurance Cooperative (CLIC), as presented; awarded the Security Services Bid to Continental Security; Renewed the Pupil Support Service Contracts with Community Care Options/Pillars and Family Services & Mental Health; accepted the amendment to the Food Service Intergovernmental Agreement between District 200 and District 97;
- approved the Professional Development Goals and Calendar for 2007-08;
- amended Policy 5127, Alternative Credit, with amendment;
- amended Policy 5152, Prohibition of Electronic Cellular Paging Devices, as presented;
- accepted with gratitude a donation of \$200 to the O.P.R.F.H.S. Celebration Books Program from the Winstein family and a to the following individuals who donated \$3,660 to the Latin Room Centennial Restoration Fund: Dede Minter, Nick McKenna, Cox Family, Devin Rusnak, Nirde Family, Bill and Ginny Cassin, David H. Wallis, Carol Whyte Hajic, Cynthia Maziarika, James Lock, Jim Perkins, Joan Kotas, John and Catherine Wirtz Lovey M. Shaughnessy, Donald Rehkopf, David Diedrick Frank and Theresa Lipo, Harry and Nancy Taylor, James Eitheim, Joe Granias, Philip and Leah Marcus, Boni Jensen in honor of Robert Jensen, Robert and Suzanne Zimmerman Thomas and Deirde Graziano, Sandra Price, *Vergil Level*, Claire V. Sullivan, Grace Staver Rarity, Linda Lindon, Graham Rarity, James and Kathleen Lencioni, Nancy and Richard Waichler, Patricia White Schmidt: *Odyssey Level*; Rees Family, Allen Becker, Marguerite Saecker, Seth W. Flanders; Glenn and Donna Gabanski; Harry and Jane Peterson; Mary and Leslie Wiberg; Jim and Brenda Schende; Grusecki Janell; Wenzel O'Barski, Sally Jacobson Frostic; *Flaxman Level*; Richard and Camille Deptuch, John and Theresa Rigas, Donald and Mary Vogel;
- accepted the Administrators' Continuing Education Plans as presented;
- certified the 791 graduates of the Class of 2007;
- approved the recommended changes to the *Code of Conduct*;
- approved the closed minutes of May 15, May 31 and June 13, 20097 and the destruction of the closed session tapes of December 2005;
- appointed the Citizens' Council Membership for 2007-08 as presented;
- approved the Tradition of Excellence Winners for the 2006-07 school year as follows:

Charles Carey, Class of 1979, Chairman of the Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT), a leading global futures exchange. CBOT member since 1978, also a partner in the firm Henning and Carey;

John Register, Class of 1985, Veteran of the Gulf War, a silver medalist at the 2000 Paralympics Games and a former Olympic Trials Athlete. Recipient of the 2007 Paul G. Hearne/American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD) Leadership Award.

James Thompson, Class of 1977, Scientist, researcher and creator of the concept for the Stem Cell process.

- approved State Representative Deborah Graham’s receipt of names and addresses of graduating seniors in order to send congratulatory certificates;
- approved GALA Fireworks to present the annual fireworks display on the property of O.P.R.F.H.S. as requested;
- accepted the End of the Year Report on the District Goals as presented; and
- denied the May 15, 2007 grievance of CPA pertaining to the posting of a vacancy.

Reports

Dr. Bridge reported: 1) Cynthia McGuckin received a grant of \$10,000 for writing a winning essay for the BP Program entitled “Energy Conversation—Less is More,” as well as scholarship to attend an Energy Education Training Conference and \$500 for classroom supplies; 2) Michelle Mbekeani competed in the 2007 Chicago ACT-SO Competition on Sunday, May 210 and won two gold medals; 3) Emily Goldberg, James Nardulli and Joe Watrach were selected to participate in the Illinois High School Theatre Festival at Illinois State University next January, and 4) eight colleagues, including Board President Conway, attended the M.S.A.N. Conference in Eugene Oregon.

Mark Wagner was honored as O.P.R.F.H.S. 2007 Volunteer of the Year for his tireless support of the high school and the Huskie Boosters.

Mr. Edgecombe presented the Residency and Discipline Reports. Mr. Perna presented the report from the Joint Committee on Behavior and Discipline.

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

Personnel

Certified Personnel

Call Backs

Maria Lombardo-Nitsche, World Languages/Italian

Retirement Requests

Jack Lanenga, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, effective June 2011

Resignation

Cheryl Biggs, History Teacher, effective June 19, 2007

Non-Certified Personnel

Appointments

Rebecca Bridges, Day Care Teacher – Pre-School, effective 08/16/07

Margaret Collins, Special Education LD/ED Secretary, effective 08/14/07

Resignations

Erica Cohen, Supervisor of Finance, effective 07/3/07

Lauren Ratliff, Day Care Teacher, effective 06/12/07

The next Board of Education Meeting will be on Thursday, August 23, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.