

**Oak Park and River Forest High School
District 200**

Thursday, January 24, 2008 Board Briefs

- Board Recognition** Board of Education members recognized the following *Courageous Huskie Award* recipient posthumously given to **Justin M. Martinez**. This award is given to students, staff, parents, or community members to recognize their integrity, courage, and/or conviction in successfully overcoming life's difficult challenges.
- Board Actions**
- Approved the Open and Closed Minutes of December 11 and 20, 2007, and January 15, 2008;
 - Approved the Personnel Recommendations, as presented;
 - Approved the Financial Reports, as presented;
 - Approved the Ratification and Confirmation of the Execution of Certain Vouchers for January 2008, as presented;
 - Approved the Disbursement List of Vendors dated January 24, 2008, as presented;
 - Approved the Resolution Authorizing Execution of Certain Vouchers for the Month of February 2008, as presented;
 - Approved the Indemnity Agreement for Trustee of Funds, as presented;
 - Approved the textbook *America: Past and Present, revised 7th edition (AP edition)* for the History Division, as presented;
 - Approved Policy 5115, Bus Conduct—Special Education Students, for First Reading;
 - Approved Policy 5117, Tuition and Resident Status of Students, for First Reading;
 - Accepted with gratitude donations of furniture for the theatre program from Will and Mariel Stitzel and Steve and Janet Rouse;
 - Approved 2008 Summer School Dates of June 11 to July 18, 2008, and tuition of \$180 per class;
 - Approved the Authorization to Prepare Amended 2008 Budget;
 - Approved the Authorization to Prepare FY '09 Tentative Budget;
 - Approved the Food Service NIIP Rollover Bids;
 - Approved the Resolution to Rebuke Board of Education member Ms. Patchak-Layman; and,
 - Disenrolled Student RES 1/24/08- due to non-residency as of January 24, 2008 and will charge for tuition in excess of \$30,000.
- Reports** Interim Principal Vogel reported on 1) the 29th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Convocation held on January 11, 2008; 2) the 24th Annual Oratorical Contest winners Laskshmi Sundaresean, Clare Mauney, and Gabrielle Cole; 3) the smooth running of final exam week; 4) the productive conversations at the Institute Day on defining institutional excellence; 5) the January 28, 29, and 30 transitioning of incoming freshman students; 6) the February 13 Class of 2012 Open House; 7) the Sporting A Winning Attitude Commendation to the Boys' Basketball Team and to Coach Al Allen by IHSA from an official who worked the Oak Park versus Evanston contest; 8) the Staff Appreciation Night at the Girls' and Boys' Basketball Double Header scheduled for February 1 where selected staff will be recognized at 7:15 p.m. Barb Liles and Al Allen will be recognized for their service to athletics.

Superintendent Weninger reported that 1) 105 OPRFHS students will utilize palm pilots in the 3rd and final year of a project on teenage smoking, Piece by Piece, Health Connections, conducted by the Institute for Health Research and Policy at UIC and funded by the National Institute of Health. Palm pilots will serve as an electronic diary, and at set intervals, students are signaled to respond to an assessment about their activities; 2) On Channel 5 NBC Today Show, Mrs. Colin Powell announced that Oak Park was one of the Country's 100 Best Communities for Young People as a part of a competitive grant. The Village will host a reception on Thursday, January 31 and the two students, Elliot Stoller and Uche Anigbogu, who wrote essays as contributing to the application, will be recognized; 3) The administration will bring forward a focused, smaller set of initiatives regarding student achievement for Fall 2008 at the February Instruction Committee and Regular Board Meeting; and 4) the Saturday meeting for the Board of Education to discuss student achievement has been canceled because a facilitator could not be identified and/or was available.

Mr. Edgecombe presented a status report on the searches for administrative positions for next year. Ms. Hill presented Board of Education members with the **Academic Catalog** for 2008-09.

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

Personnel

- Resignations**
- Emily Foley, Science Division Head, effective 06/11/08
 - Daniel Davy, Special Education Teaching Assistant, effective 01/18/08
- Appointments**
- Matilde Villagran, Food Service Driver, effective 01/07/08
- Retirement**
- Winifred Bowman, Administrative Assistant in the Superintendent's Office, effective 12/1/08

**The next Board of Education Meeting will be
Thursday, February 28, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.**