

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

Thursday, February 28, 2008 Board Briefs

**Student
Recognition**

The Superintendent and the Board of Education members recognized the following students:

- Eliot Abrams, Elliott Stoller, and Uche Anigbogu as contributing essayists for an award naming Oak Park as one of the 100 Best Communities for Young People;
- Gabriella Cole, winner of the MLK Oratorical contest;
- Ellis Coleman, IHSA State Wrestling Meet, 3rd Place; and
- Officers of Tau Gamma Maddie Slagle, Kelsey Rey, Cassie Pontone, Jam Morrow, Julia Martens, Julia Smith, and Lara Jabour, for their commitment, dedication, and service to the community

**Board
Actions**

- Certified the January 2008 mid-year graduates;
- Approved the following consent items: the Open and Closed Minutes of January 24, February 7, 9, and 19, 2008 · Personnel Recommendations · the Ratification and Confirmation of the Execution of Certain Vouchers for February 2008 · the Resolution Authorizing Execution of Certain Vouchers for the Month of March 2008 · the Childcare Fees for the 2008-09 school year · the Student Fees for the 2008-09 school year · the textbook *Exploring Biological Anthropology: The Essentials*, for the Science Division, as presented;
- the Disbursement List of Vendors dated February 28, 2008;
- Adopted Policy 5115, Bus Conduct—Special Education Students;
- Amended Policy 5117, Tuition and Resident Status of Students, and its procedures;
- Approved Policy 104, Philosophy of Grading, for First Reading;
- Approved Policy 1100, Partnership with the Community, for First Reading;
- Approved Policy 1120, Access to District Public Records, for First Reading;
- Approved Policy 1125, School Auxiliary Organizations, for First Reading;
- Approved Policy 1130, Use of Mailboxes and Mailing Privileges, for First Reading;
- Accepted with gratitude 75 recyclable grocery totes to the Special Education Department which were used as gifts to the parents of Special Education Students who attended the transition meeting from Krist Lockhart, Marketing and Community Outreach Director of Whole Foods Market in River Forest;
- Approved the Life Safety Amendment #18 for Turf Replacement of the Stadium Fields;
- Approved the contract to use the Jewish Council for Youth Services' conference center for Snowball;
- Approved Application for Sabbatical Leave for Sarah Rosas for the 2008-09 school year;
- Approved the recommendations to raise student achievement for the 2008-09 school year;
- Amended Board Resolution I Regarding Student Achievement; and
- Expelled Student SUS 02/28/08-05 through the end of first semester of the 2008-09 school year, but held the expulsion in abeyance predicated on enrollment and successful completion at an alternative school.

Reports

Interim Principal Vogel reported 1) as part of a new professional development program, the Athletic Department held a coaches symposium on building a team culture on February 23 and 73 coaches attended; 2) Jessica Smith placed fourth at the IHSA State Speech Tournament in Radio Speaking; 3) Eric Hallman placed 26th in the 200 and 500 meter freestyle events at the State Swim meet; 4) Phil Meyer placed 15th in the State Diving Meet; 5) Ellis Coleman placed 3rd at the IHSA State Wrestling Meet; 6) The Latin Club won 4 ribbons, including first place at the Junior Classical League convention; 7) the German Class placed first at the UIC German Day competition; 8) Patrick Clardy placed 4th in spelling and 3rd in Essay Writing; 9) Lakshmi Sundaesan was the top speaker at the S.C.O.T.I.E. Tournament of Champions at the College of DuPage; 10) 2500 spectators watched the 15th Annual TEAM Huskies vs. West Leyden basketball game Friday, February 22 where the Huskies defeated West Leyden 50-48; 11) students from the television program are serving as cast and crew in

the new Gen Y TV series on WTTW that premiered on February 17; 12) over 500 soup dinners were served in bowls made by the Art Club for the Empty Bowls dinner, which raised \$12,000 for PADS, the Global Alliance for Africa, and the Oak Park Food Pantry; and 13) over 150 parents attended the 13th Annual NAAPID dinner held on February 25 which featured students from Spoken Word, Gospel Choir, and Gabby Cole, winner of the MLK Oratorical contest.

Superintendent Weninger presented the Board of Education with the most recent demographic study for O.P.R.F.H.S. which will be used to help formulate the District's five-year financial plan and reported 1) he met with representatives of PING to find ways to continue student participation in music at the high school; and 2) the status of the principal's search. Information regarding the final three candidates is on the District's website.

A hearing was held on the Life Safety Amendment.

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

Personnel

- Leave–Year 1**
- **Kirsten Leiman Vorobyov**, Spanish Teacher, effective 2008-09
 - **Marsha Shipley**, Circulation Assistant in Library, effective 2008-09
- Leave–Year 2**
- **Sharon Bole**, Mathematics Teacher, effective 2008-09
 - **Amy McGrail**, Science Teacher, effective 2008-09
- New Hire**
- **Lindsay Ordman**, Special Education TA, effective 02/19/08
 - **Joycie Tucker**, Child Care teacher, effective 02/19/08
 - **Jennifer Walstra**, Fiscal Clerk in Business Office, effective 01/31/08
- Resignations**
- **Marilyn Ames**, Guidance Division Secretary, effective 06/11/08
 - **Pamela Van Natter**, Child Care Director, effective 06/10/08
- Retirement**
- **Rosalie Manzo**, Special Education TA, effective 06/06/08
- Return from Leave**
- **Christine Mondragon**, Mathematics Teacher, effective 2008-09
 - **Elizabeth Caliendo Nash**, History Teacher, effective 2008-09

**The next Board of Education Meeting will be
Thursday, March 20, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.**