

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

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**Thursday, March 20, 2008 Board Briefs**

**Board  
Actions**

- Certified the January 2008 mid-year graduates;
- Approved the following consent items: the Open and Closed Minutes of February 28 and March 11, 2008 · the Disbursement List of Vendors dated March 20, 2008 · the Ratification and Confirmation of the Execution of Certain Vouchers for March 2008 · the Resolution Authorizing Execution of Certain Vouchers for the Month of April 2008 · Awarded the Fall Uniform Bid to Salkeld Sports for Cross Country and Boys Soccer, Girls' Tennis and Volleyball, Boys' Basketball warm-ups, and Wrestling singlets · the textbooks *Stats: Modeling the World*, for the Math Department and *Sports & Entertainment Marketing* for the Business Education Department, as presented;
- Approved the personnel recommendations, as presented;
- Amended Policy 1100, Partnership with the Community;
- Approved the Retirement Requests under Personnel below;
- Approved an Application for Sabbatical Leave for Kristin Knake for the 2008-09 school year;
- Approved the following Certified Staff for Tenure: Brandi Ambrose (Counseling), Toni Biasiello (History), Doug Brown (Drivers Education), Annamaria Carparelli (World Languages), D. James Chichester (Science), John Costopoulos (Science), Merci Diverde (World Languages), Jane Graham (Physical Education), Peter Hostrawser (Business Education), Kristine Johnson (Counseling), Eleanor McGuire/O'Keefe (History), Gary Miller (Special Education), Stephanie Oliver (World Languages), Jennifer Roth (Drivers Education), Sara VenHorst (Counseling), and Mary Young (Special Education); and
- Approved the Resolution Authorizing the Dismissal of Probationary staff.

**Reports**

Interim Principal Vogel congratulated 1) the students inducted this past Tuesday into the World Language Division Honor Societies; 2) the Gospel Choir for being featured by Art Norman of Channel 5; 3) the Boys and Girls Track teams for placing second at the West Suburban Indoor Track Championships; 4) Kristen Kwakwa who finished first in the 55-meter dash and the 200-meter dash; 5) Katherine Rack who finished first in the 3200-meter run and the 1600-meter run; 6) Kaniece Pitts for placing first in the Long Jump; 7) Brittany Smith for placing first in Shot Put; 8) Lauren Yeske for placing first in Pole Vault; 9) Peter Geraghty for setting a WSC Indoor record in the Pole Vault and for setting a York Fieldhouse record in the 4 x 200 relay. In addition, Mr. Vogel reported on the Code Red Drill in conjunction with the Oak Park Police Department. The District will also work with the Village of Oak Park in May on an emergency preparedness drill which is a part of the Homeland Security drill.

Dr. Weninger 1) distributed information on a movement of viewing young people as assets in a community and how that can be enriched; 2) provided an update on the principal search.

Ms. Bobbie Raymond, president of the Alumni Association made a presentation on the organization. Dr. Collins, superintendent of District 97, and other District 97 staff members, gave a presentation on their strategic plan. Dr. Weninger provided an update on the Fall 2008 Student Achievement Initiatives. Mr. Lanenga provided the semi-annual report on semester class size and teacher loads. Mr. Vogel presented the First Semester Discipline Report. Mr.

Edgecombe provided a summary of the second semester Certified and Non-Certified FTE personnel.

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

### **Personnel**

- New Hire**     **Janel Bishop**, Assistant Principal for Student Health and Safety, effective 07/01/08  
**Dale Craft**, Physical Education and Driver Education Division Head, effective 08/18/08  
**William Grosser**, Science Division Head effective 08/18/08  
**Peter Hasiakos**, Science Teacher, effective 08/25/08  
**Lafaye Tucker**, Food Service cashier, effective 02/28/2008  
**Mark Wilson**, Assistant Principal for Student Services, effective 07/01/08  
**Nisha Wise**, Science Teacher, effective 08/25/08
- Retirement Requests**     **Marsha Blackwell**, Reading/English Teacher, effective 06/2012  
**Patricia Crane**, Special Education Teacher, effective 6/2012  
**James Goodfellow**, Dean and Special Education Teacher, effective 6/2013  
**Catherine Marshall**, Guidance Counselor, effective 06/2012  
**Richard Thompsen**, History Teacher and Special Education Teacher, effective 06/2013
- Resignations**     **Peaches Barker**, Food Service Cashier, effective 02/20/07  
**Anthony Bush**, Dean, effective 06/11/08  
**Jamie Bender**, Science Teacher, effective February 28, 2008  
**Keith Luszack**, Auto Technology Teacher, effective 06/06/08  
**Jennifer Kumi Burkett**, Mathematics Teacher, effective 06/06/2008  
**Julie Patterson**, World Languages Teacher, effective 02/28/08  
**Katrina Sewell**, Food Service Cashier, effective 02/25/2008  
**Deborah Taylor**, Food Service Cashier, effective 02/25/2008

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**The next Board of Education Meeting will be  
Thursday, April 24, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.  
in the Board Room.**