

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

**Thursday, April 24, 2008
Board Briefs**

**Student
Recognition**

The Board of Education recognized the following students for their respective accomplishments.

- Northern Illinois School Press Association awarded a Gold Certificate and 378 points out of 400 for general excellence to O.P.R.F.H.S.'s *Trapeze* Staff, as well as several Blue Ribbons –**Becca Bloch, Caroline Holkeboer, Aaron Lesser, Jenny Hedlund, Kyle Kurtenbach, Grant Nelson, Bethany Salmon, Erinn McKune, Annie Prossnitz, Tim McCole, Luke Mansour, Dan Scherer-Emunds, Adrian Mui,** and sponsor **Elizabeth Kaufman**;
- Irish Step Dancers – **Molly Gash, Saskia Kiell, Mary Kate Cassidy, Maggie Karlin, Meghan, Betsey, and Kelly Hickey, Katie English,** and **Caitlin Naureckas** and **Lauren Callahan**;
- Semi-finalist of “Louder Than a Bomb,” the Chicago Teen Poetry Slam—**Rocco Bulmer** and **Christina Santana** and sponsor **Peter Kahn**;
- Oboe Soloist on the NPR Radio Show “From the Top” – **Zoe Hilbert**; and
- 2008 Illinois State Achievement in Music Examination in Piano—**Eric Duwe, Abigail Lyons, Garrison Lyons, Arram Mandel, Pierce McClanahan, Faythe Missick, Kimberly Monks, Jamey Monks, Lauren Sloniger,** and **Katie Wilkes.**

**Board
Actions**

- Approved the following consent items: the Open and Closed Minutes of March 15, 20, April 1, and 15, 2008 · Personnel Recommendations · the Disbursement List of Vendors dated April 24, 2008 · the Ratification and Confirmation of the Execution of Certain Vouchers for April 2008 · the Resolution Authorizing Execution of Certain Vouchers for the Month of May 2008 · the Monthly Financial Reports · the Treasurer’s Report · the renewal of the membership in the IHSA by affirming its commitment to the IHSA’s Constitution, By-Laws, Terms, and Conditions, and Administrative Procedures, Guidelines, and Policies of the Association for the period July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009 · the Agreements for Consulting Services with the Collaboration for Early Childhood Care and Education, as presented · the Food Service RFP’s for Beverages to Coca Cola, Bread to Alpha Baking and Sara Lee, as presented, and the rollover of the Milk RFP for the SY 2008-09 school year · the increased cost for both breakfast and lunch for District 97 and O.P.R.F.H.S. for the year 2008-09, as presented · award of Ambassador Athletic Apparel the PE Uniform bid· textbook, *Practical Mathematics: Consumer Application* and *Pre-Apprentice Training: A Test Preparation Manual for the Skilled Trades* for the Special Education Department; *Integrated Chinese*, for the World Languages Division; and *Biology: Glencoe Science* for the Science Division;
- Amended Policy 104, Philosophy of Grading, as presented;
- Amended Policy 1120, Access to District Public Records, as presented;
- Amended Policy 1125, School Auxiliary Organizations, as presented;
- Amended Policy 1130, Use of Mailboxes and Mailing Privileges, as presented;
- Accepted with gratitude a donation in the amount of \$894.14 from Target’s Take Charge of Education Program and \$139.88 from the Washington Mutual’s WaMoola for Schools Program;
- Accepted the Proposal of the FY 2008 Audit Engagement Letter to perform the Audit for FY 2008 from Virchow, Krause & Company, LLP;
- Approved the employment of two additional contractual social workers for the 2008-09 school year;
- Approved the two-year Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oak Park Township Youth Services for FY 2009 in the amount of \$27,391.43 and for FY 2010 in the amount of \$28,993.85;
- Approved the Resolution Authorizing Disposal of Personal Property – Former Township School Treasurer’s Office;
- Appointed Nathaniel Rouse as Principal as of July 1, 2008;
- Approved the Resolution to Dismiss Non-Certified Staff ;

- Approved the Sabbatical Request for Lucy Riner for the 2008-09 school year;
- Approved the Receipt of the ISBE Grant in support of the Spoken Word Poetry Program; and
- Approved the School Year Calendar for 2008-09, as presented;

Reports

Don Vogel reported that 1) the April 20 *Chicago Tribune* featured O.P.R.F.H.S. Best Buddies students Jackie Finn and Rachel Foran in a *Metro* front-page article and he thanked Carolina Schoenbeck, sponsor of Best Buddies, for her support of this program; 2) Philip Sparks was the runner up in the Poetry for the selection of his poem “Hardcourt Kings and Snowflake Queens” in the Poetry Society of America Student Poetry contest; 3) Christian Harris was congratulated on his work with the Chicago History Museum Teen Council and for his performance at the Catholic Chicago exhibit opening; 4) O.P.R.F.H.S., District 97, the Historical Society of Oak Park and River Forest and the Oak Park Area Arts Council wrote in support of the Oak Park Public Library application to the National Endowment for the Arts to host the traveling exhibit from the Baseball Hall of Fame titled ‘Pride and Passion: The African American Baseball Experience. He also thanked the Oak Park Health Department, the Driver Ed Department, SADD, Margo Bristow and members of the Building Leadership Team who worked on the Teen Alcohol Summit and assembly for parents and students. It was a great first step to addressing this issue within our community.

Dr. Weninger presented an update on the District’s Goals and the Fall Initiatives · Mr. Perna presented a report on the FREE and MUREE Programs. Ms. Kathy Haney presented a report on Citizens’ Council. Cindy Milojevic & Lisa Moss presented an overview of the Post Prom Program. O.P.R.F.H.S. received a Certificate of Financial Recognition from the ISBE. The Board of Education was presented with the tentative School Year Calendar for 2009-2010. Board of Education members decided not to go out for an RFQ at this time but instead directed the administration to engage its current law firm in discussion about its services. The Board of Education set the date of Thursday, May 15, 2008 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. to continue its discussions about race and student achievement. The Board of Education discussed the superintendent evaluation process.

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

Personnel

Call Backs For the 2008-09 School Year	DePasquale, Katie	Mathematics Teacher (100%)
	Gajda, Joyce	Mathematics Teacher (100%)
	Lovaas, William	English Teacher (20%)
	Silver, Jonathan	History Teacher (80%)
	Soffer, Michael	History Teacher (90%)
	Strimple, Tracy	Fine & Performing Arts/Art and Speech (50%)
	Williams, Gini	English Teacher (20%)
Extension of Administrative Work Year	Milojevic, Cynthia , Assistant Principal for Student Activities	
New Hires	Burgdorff, Jennifer , PE/Driver Education Teacher, effective 08/25/08	
	Ponce, Ignacio, Jr , World Languages/Spanish Teacher, effective 08/25/08	
	Theen, Aviva , Science (Chemistry) Teacher, effective 08/25/08	
	Gregus, Nora , Food Service Cashier, effective 03/11/08	
	Perri, Oliva , Food Service Cashier, effective 03/10/08	
Resignations	Edgecombe, Jason, Jr. , Buildings & Grounds, effective 04/01/08	
Retirement	Pechacek, Georgiana , Assistant Cook in Food Service, effective 06/06/08	

**The next Board of Education Meeting
will be Thursday, May 22, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.
in the Board Room.**