

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

**Thursday, May 22, 2008
Board Briefs**

**Board
Officers**

The following Board of Education members were elected to one-year terms of office:

Jacques A. Conway	President
Dietra D. Millard	Vice President
Ralph H. Lee	Secretary

Student Recognition The Board of Education recognized the following students for their respective accomplishments:

- Brittany Smith for breaking the West Suburban Conference record for discus at the WSC Silver Division Girls' Track and Field Championship;
- Hannah Decker for placement on the Great Lakes Team for the National Girls' Lacrosse High School Tournament;
- Sophianna Banholzer, Peter Baumgarten, Rachel Brade, Helen Beilison, Erik Eggersten, Matt Goodsmith, Eric Hallman, James Hanley, Robin Jia, Sarah Streit, and Evangeline Zachose for their performance at the Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics State Competition;
- Christian Harris for his leadership in the presentation of the oral history of the Catholic Chicago exhibition at the Chicago History Museum;
- Lauren Gonzalez and Catherine Malin for their effort on behalf of the American Cancer Society Relay for Life; and
- Shannon D. Wyatt on achieving the Courageous Huskie Award for donating an organ to another person and saving that person's life.

**Board
Actions**

- approved the following consent items: the Open and Closed Minutes of April 17 and 24, 2008 · Personnel Recommendations · the Disbursement List of Vendors dated May 22, 2008 · the Ratification and Confirmation of the Execution of Certain Vouchers for May 2008 · the Resolution Authorizing Execution of Certain Vouchers for the Month of June 2008 · the Monthly Financial Reports · the Treasurer's Report · Institute Day Plans · PTAB Resolution · Printing Contract to MECK Printing · Spring Athletic Uniform Bids · Class Ring RFP to Jostens · The Resolution to Transfer Funds;
- the following textbooks: The Blind Side: Evolution of a Game; and Sports and Literature for the English Division; Refugee Boy, Skellig, and The Whale Rider; Invisible Allies: Microbes That Shape Our Lives, Flush, Clan, Apis, and Double Helix, Tears of a Tiger, Stargirl, and American Literature: Pacemaker for the Special Education Department; French: First Year workbook, French: Two Years workbook; French: Three Years workbook; L'enfant Noir; Eres Tu, Maria? video workbook, En Busca de la Verdad video workbook; Encuentro Inesperado!, La Casa Embrujada; Cajas de Carton: Relatos de la Vida peregrine de un Nino Campesino, La Catrina: El Ultimo Secreto video workbook, A Toda Vela! textbook and workbook, Graded German Reader, Grundlage Deutsch 2: Fundamentals of German, Emil und die Detektive, Der Kleine Prinz, and Grundlage Deutsch 3: Fundamentals of German, A Song of War, Everyday Listening in 50 Days I workbook, Crescendo for the World Languages Division; and The Art of Writing About Art, Gardner's Art Through the Ages, The Annotated Mona Lisa, Music in Theory and Practice, 7th Edition, Volume I and Parenting: Rewards & Responsibilities for the Fine & Performing Arts Division; and Ethnic Chicago: A Multicultural Portrait for the History Division
- resolution Appointing Special Education Director as OPRFHS's Representative to the DWC Governing Board
- approval of Policy 1140, Gifts to the District, for First Reading;
- approval of Policy 1200, Board of Education of Education, for First Reading;
- approval of Policy 1230, School Attendance on Days of Religious Observances, for First Reading;
- approval of Policy 1250, Internet Safety, for First Reading;
- approval of Policy 5114-4, Prohibition Against Bullying, Hazing, Harassment, and Cyberbullying, For First Reading;
- accepted with gratitude a monetary donation from the River Forest Library Board's personal fund, to the O.P.R.F.H.S. music program in recognition of the wonderful performance by the O.P.R.F.H.S. musicians at the reception for the new Library Director;
- adopted the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Amended Budget;
- approved the Intergovernmental Agreement with West 40 regarding the Regional Safe School Programs for 2008-09;

- approved the Space Sharing Agreement and the Childcare Services Agreement with the River Forest Community Center;
- adopted the Resolution for Prevailing Wage;
- appointed the Division Heads, Deans, Counselors, Athletic Director and Special Education Director for the 2008-09 school year;
- approved the Co-curricular Stipends for the 2008-09 School Year;
- approved the FY 2009 Salary Increases for Administrators and Non-Affiliated Employees;
- approved GALA Fourth of July Fireworks Show at the high school;
- approved the Abatement of Emergency Days- June 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, 2008;
- approved Superintendent Evaluation Instrument Option II;
- approved State Representative Graham's Request for Student Name and Address Labels; and
- dropped residency student RES 5/22/08-05 and residency student RES 5/22/08-06, from the rolls of O.P.R.F.H.S. as of May 22, 2008, due to non-residency and charge for tuition accrued (\$18,418.65 and \$11,883.00 respectively).

Reports

Don Vogel reported that 1) the Biology/Environmental Club adopted ten acres of the Osa Peninsula in Costa Rica to support the work of the Nature Conservancy to protect this land from future development; 2) OPRFHS students participated in the American Cancer Relay for Life and raised \$26,604.00; 3) Science teacher Jeremy Colquhoun was awarded the Distinguished Service Award from the Illinois School Health Association; 4) the Math Team placed 11th overall at the ICTM State Competition; 5) Brittany Smith placed 5th at the State Track meet in Discus with a throw of 143'2"- a new school record; she also finished 8th in the Shot Put with a throw of 41' ¾"; 6) Katherine Rack placed 8th place at the State Track meet in the 3200 meter run of 10:59.14, a new school record and finished 8th in the 1600 meter run with a time of 5:04.45; and 7) Jack Buckley and Seth Molke were selected first team All-Conference and Mike Slovak was selected first team All-Conference and All-State in Lacrosse.

Dr. Weninger reported 1) the Village was participating an Emergency Preparedness Drill at the high school on May 23, 2008; 2) Letters were sent to the Democratic House Representatives requesting a) full funding of mandated categoricals, especially in Special Education; b) a second year increase in reimbursements for Special Education personnel which were increased this fiscal year for the first time in 22 years; and c) an allowable increase in GSA funds toward the EFAB goal; 3) appreciation was in order for the DLT members who helped write a grant application to ATT, which, if awarded, will give O.P.R.F.H.S. \$100,000 for each of four years; 4) The District was working now on an application to the Work Force Investment Act Grant; and a formal application for a text amendment and a special use permit to have lights in the stadium was submitted to the Village, this will appear on the May 27 Village of Oak Park's meeting agenda; a Plan Commission Hearing will be held July 17.

SEASTAR Awards for 2008 were presented to John Gann, Meghan Kennedy, Daphne LeCesne, and Joe Parenti by the Supported Education Association (SEA) for making positive contributions to the education of students with special needs in Districts 97 and 200.

Mr. Vogel presented the Board of Education with details on the commencement ceremony. A hearing was held on the Amended Budget. An update was given on the SEIU negotiations.

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

Personnel

New Hires	Kristen Holtschlag , English Teacher, effective 08/25/08 Leandrew Wade , Driver Education Teacher, effective 08/25/08 Kristen Rademacher , Library Clerk, effective 08/25/08
Resignations	Mary Wiltjer , Mathematics Teacher, effective 06/06/08 Jonathan (J.P.) Witham , Special Education TA, effective 06/06/08
Retirement	Marlene Rubinow , Science Teacher, effective 06/2013 Margaret Downs , Director of Data Processing, effective 06/2009

**The next Board of Education Meeting
will be Thursday, June 26, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.**