

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

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**Thursday, September 25, 2008  
Board Briefs**

**Student Recognition**     The Board of Education recognized the president of the Oak Park Area Arts Council, Garrett Glass, and the following students for participation in the Oak Park Area Arts Council's Off-the-Wall Program:

Brendan Burke	Kasey Dionisio	Julianna Dubin
Drew Linne	Elle Ferdinand	Andrea Ivy
Lexi Nowak	Michael Thomas	Jessica Marrow
Amanda Moen	Sarah Abarbanel	Eric Irizarry
Tricia Richert	Emily Whitehead	

The Board of Education recognized Alexandria Frisch as having been selected as a Jack Kent Cook Foundation Young Scholar and Isaac Sinnot for his accomplishment in the area of eco-entrepreneurship, starting a rain barrel business.

**Board Actions**

- approval of the following consent items: the Open and Closed Minutes of August 28, September 16 and 18, and the Closed Session Minutes of August 28 and September 18, 2008 · Personnel Recommendations · Resolutions Ratifying and Confirming Execution of Certain Vouchers and Payment of Certain Bills and Expenses · Resolution Authorizing Execution of Certain Vouchers for the month of September · Check Disbursements dated September 25, 2008 · Independent Worker Contracts for Physical Therapist, Occupational Therapist, and Social Worker · Citizens' Council members;
- approval of Monthly Treasurer's Report;
- approval of 2008-09 Assurance for District Compliance;
- certification of Summer Graduates;
- amendment of Policy 1140, Gifts to the District;
- amendment of Policy 1150, Student, Publicity and Media Relations;
- amendment of Policy 1230, School Attendance on Days of Religious Observances;
- amendment of Policy 1250, Internet Safety;
- amendment of Policy 3610, Automated External Defibrillator Use;
- approval of Policy 5130, Interscholastic Athletics Program, for First Reading;
- approval of Policy 5131, Intramural Athletics Program, for First Reading;
- approval of Policy 5133, Student Smoking and Tobacco Use, for First Reading;
- approval of Policy 5134, Student Attire, for First Reading;
- accepted with gratitude a donation of 10 weight machines from the Oak Park Tennis and Fitness Centre, which will be used in the first floor weight/fitness center;
- adopted the FY 2009 Budget; and
- approved the Tradition of Excellence nominee Joe Cantafio.

**Reports**     Principal Rouse reported on 1) the smooth opening of the school; and 2) Homecoming events scheduled for Friday and Saturday, October 3 and 4, 2008; 3) the 2008 Non-graduates and Summer 2008 Graduates; and 4) OPRFHS's six foreign exchange students, one from France, Spain, Finland, Thailand, and two for Germany.

Superintendent Weninger reported that 1) the District was optimistically waiting to hear if it were successful in its grant applications to AT&T and to the ISBE; 2) information would be

sent to the Board of Education regarding the proposed Illinois Constitutional Convention (endorsed by the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB); 3) the first Board of Education workshop this year on race and student achievement, scheduled for Thursday, November 13, facilitated by Bill Gregory, executive director of the Indiana University Northwest's Center for Management Development; 4) the District looks forward to the first Leadership Roundtable hosted by All District Administrators and members of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (FSEC) on October 28; 5) approximately 80 parents visited the high school on Tuesday, September 23 for Parent Visitation Day; 6) he and Jan Pate, Oak Park Village Trustee and vice president of the YMCA, will bring together a representative group of community leaders to identify how to survey middle school and high school students from Forest Park, Oak Park, and River Forest, as a follow-up to the Assets Rich presentation last spring; 7) the Annual Triple I (IASB, IASBO, and ISBE) Conference will be in Chicago, November 21-23; 8) a legislative breakfast with several area House and Senate legislators is scheduled for October 10 at the high school; 9) Jason Edgecombe and he will attend the annual AASPA Conference in Seattle on personnel matters, including recruitment; 10) the Oak Park and River Forest Community Foundation was awarded the CommunityWorks Phase 3 Grant from Grand Victoria Foundation, a \$1 million endowment and \$1 million operating endowment. The Foundation is now eligible for the \$2 million challenge grant over the next three years. The primary goals of the application are education and sustainability—Ensuring the Success of All Young People through Quality Education and Achieving an Environmentally Sustainable Community. The high school will play a role with other community agencies in leveraging the grant towards this goal.

A hearing was held on the budget. Ms. Hill presented a summary on AYP. Dr. Weninger and Cheryl Witham gave a TIF Update.

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

### **Personnel**

**New Hires**    **Maria Antunez**, Food Service Cashier, effective 09/05/08  
**Joyce Simiyu**, Food Service Cashier, effective 8/25/08

**Resignations**    **Maria Felton**, Food Service Cashier, effective 08/29/09  
**Margaret McDermott**, Special Education TA, effective 09/12/08  
**Louise Roshangar**, Food Service Cashier, effective 08/29/08

**Retirement**    **Edward Halsted**, Science Lab Aide, effective 08/31/09

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**The next Board of Education Meeting will be Thursday, October 23, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.**