

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

**Thursday, October 23, 2008
Board Briefs**

Student Recognition The Board of Education recognized the following students who were selected the by Columbia University Scholastic Press Association as 2007-08 TRAPEZE STAFF Gold Medalists and congratulated their sponsor Elizabeth Fox for same:

Rachel Avcioglu
Michelle Brower
Charlie Carbery
Emma Heidorn
Harry Huggins
Emma Lewis
Meg Luther
Clare Kelly

Jeff Kirshman
Erinn McKune
Margarita Popova
Neal Rothschild
Dan Scherer-Emunds
Max Settle-Winick
Kim White

Board Actions

- approved of the following consent items: the Open and Closed Minutes of September 25 and October 14, 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 November · Check Disbursements dated October 23, 2008 · Monthly Treasurer's Report · FY 2006-07 Audit Report and Comprehensive Annual Financial Report · Medical and Dental Insurance Renewals · Life and LTD Insurance Renewals · FY '09 Application for the Illinois School Library Grant · Coca-Cola Bottling Company Contract · Renewal of Securatex Security Contract;
- approved of Monthly Treasurer's Report;
- amendment of Policy 5130, Interscholastic Athletics Program;
- amendment of Policy 5131, Intramural Athletics Program;
- amendment of Policy 5133, Student Smoking and Tobacco Use;
- amendment of Policy 5134, Student Attire;
- accepted with gratitude a donation of a 1982 Audi 400 Coupe to the Auto Shop from Lori T. Carey;
- renewed the EAP Contract with WorkPlace Solutions for the FY 2009, as presented; and
- approved the IASB Resolutions;

Reports

Principal Rouse reported that 1) the October 4 Inaugural Homecoming Block Party was a huge success as students, staff, parents, and community members of all ages participated. In addition, the Jesse White Tumblers performed in the Field House at the concluding spirit assembly. Mr. Rouse thanked the Booster Club for its generosity and support of this event;

and 2) over 8,507 conferences were scheduled by 1,584 parents for the Parent Teacher Conferences held Wednesday, October 16 and Thursday, October 17.

Superintendent Weninger reported that 1) for the 5th year in a row the National Forensic League recognized OPRFHS as one of the top 100 schools in the country in speech and debate activities; 2) OPRFHS received the SchoolSearch 2008 Bright A+ Award for academic excellence in education, an honor bestowed on only 60 of the 871 school districts in Illinois; 3) 40 students qualified for the Illinois Music Education Association or IMEA All-District band, choir, jazz, and orchestra and they will participate in the District I festival in mid-November; 4) Jose Sosa, a PE teacher and the varsity boys' cross country coach, as well as Glenn Cothorn, a former teacher and coach at OPRF, were voted into the Illinois Track and Cross Country Coaches Association; 5) the freshman Cross Country team defeated York to win the WSC CC Championship and for the first time in team history went undefeated; 6) as a part of CommunityWorks of the OPRF Community Foundation, a survey will be administered to students in Forest Park, Oak Park, and River Forest regarding their developmental assets, and it will also be used by the District to assist in its efforts in Defining Institutional Excellence, as the District identifies students' habits of achievement; 7) both Dr. Weninger and Jason Edgecombe, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, attended the national American Association of School Personnel Administrators conference. The conversations and the information gained at that conference regarding employee absences and substitutes, as well as the development of a leadership succession program will be particularly useful because of the number of administrators and division heads who will be retiring in the next two to three years; and 8) the IASB has designated November 15 as School Board Member Appreciation Day.

Mr. Rouse presented the October 1 Housing Report/Enrollment Data, the Student Transfer/Withdrawal Report 2007-08, and the School Profile. Mr. Edgecombe presented the 2008-09 Certified Employee Seniority List, the Employee Personnel Information and Profiles for 2008-09; and Probationary Faculty List 2008-09.

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

Personnel

New Hires **Thomas Demas**, Lead Residency Confirmation Officer, effective 07/01/08
 Frank Kennedy, Residency Confirmation Officer, effective 07/01/08
 Jeff Kennedy, Special Education TA, effective 09/29/08

Retirements **Sharon Jones**, Bookstore Secretary, effective June 2009

**The next Board of Education Meeting will be
Thursday, November 20, 2008
at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.**