

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

**Thursday, November 20, 2008
Board Briefs**

Student Recognition The Board of Education recognized the following students who placed second in the Illinois High School Field Hockey Association's state championship and congratulated the coaches Jane Graham, Lauren Przyborowski, and Selema Rogers:

Lauren Gonzalez	Annie Quinn
Taylor Tencate	Jackie Huntley
Nicole Cordero	Ali Brozek
Josie Rey	Alyssa Lisle
Hannah Weigel	Kristin Wirtz
Micheline Figel	Olivia Thompson
Kaitlin Lisle	Sara McCall
Jenny Haas	Megan Rogers
Emily Tharp	Audrey Reardon
Erin McKay	Maryann Kwakwa
Ashley Egeberg	Kristin Binder

Board Actions

- approved the following consent items: the Open and Closed Minutes of October 13 and November 12, 2008 and a Declaration that the Closed Session Minutes dated January 1, 1989 through November 1, 2008 shall remain closed · 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 November 20, 2008 · Monthly Treasurer's Report · *The Crying of Lot 49* for the English Division; Contract with Jewish Council for Youth Services · Approval of 403 (B) Plan Document and Board Resolution;
- accepted with gratitude a donation of infant swing, infant seat, play station and infant toys to the day care center from Cheryl Witham, OPRFHS Chief Financial Officer, and a donation of a camcorder to the Special Education Team class to film social stories and the students displaying appropriate social behavior in various settings from Mr. Wright, parent of a TEAM student;
- accepted the 2008 Preliminary Levy, as presented, and approved for Display in the Business Office;
- approved the submission of the applications for Specialized Instruction Provided by Non-Certificated Persons;
- approved the 2009-10 school calendar for second reading;
- approved the 2010-11 school calendar for first reading; and
- approved the Board of Education Dates for the 2009 Calendar Year as follows: January 22, February 26, March 26, April 30, May 28, June 25, August 27, September 24, October 22, November 19, and December 17.

Reports

Superintendent Weninger reported that 1) Principal Nathaniel Rouse welcomed a new addition to his family—a baby boy; 2) the Tradition of Excellence Award recipients both spoke fondly about the high school and Mr. Cantafio offered to do a benefit concert for free for the high school or a charity of the school’s choice; 3) Janel Bishop, Assistant Principal for Student Health and Safety, does fine work and most recently the dinner for the FREE and MUREE parents and students; 4) the OPRF Community Foundation will make a presentation at an upcoming committee meeting about the work it is doing with the money received from the Grand Victoria Grant and how the high school might work with that regarding student achievement initiatives; 5) he is working with Bill Planek, president of Rotary, to implement an International Rotary Program called “Job I,” as Rotary has identified the achievement gap at the high school as a program for this year. This program will help students get training and jobs this summer; and 6) OPRFHS will be closed Thursday and Friday of the week of Thanksgiving.

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

Personnel

Resignation Michelle Bayer, resigned stipened position of Science Co-Chair only, effective 10/31/08

**The next Board of Education Meeting will be
Thursday, December 18, 2008
at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.**