

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

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**Thursday, December 18, 2008  
Board Briefs**

**Student Recognition**     The Board of Education recognized the following students on their scholastic achievements:

Matthew Monson	ACT Perfect 36 April 2007
Wilson Ho	ACT Perfect 36 June 2008
Wilson Ho	SAT Perfect Score in Critical Reading and Math
Eliot Abrams	SAT Perfect Score in Math and Writing
Sam Linder	SAT Perfect Score in Critical Reading and Math
Rebecca Bloch	SAT Perfect Score in Writing

**Board Actions**

- approved the following consent items: the Open and Closed Minutes of November 13, 20, December 9, and 11, 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 December · Check Disbursements dated December 18, 2008 · Monthly Treasurer's Report · Emergency Pipe Repair;
- awarded the landscaping bid to Ellington Landscape Group;
- approved Policy 3361, Petty Cash, for first reading;
- accepted with gratitude a donation of several gallons of paint from Regina Kwan Peterson to the Theatre Department;
- adopted the 2008 Levy, as presented;
- appointed to the Local Ethics Commission: John McCulloh, Sherlynn Reid, and Martha Trantow;
- approved the adoption of the revised course proposals for the 2009-2010 Academic Catalog;
- appointed Gail A. Kalmerton as the designated election representative to handle the receiving and filing of nominating petitions for the election to be held for District No. 200 on April 7, 2009, and gave further authority to her to delegate authority to carry out these duties when she is absent;
- approved the loan agreement with the GSA for the 32 WPA artworks on site, as submitted;
- approved the engagement agreement with Pugh, Jones, Johnson and Quandt for legal services;
- approved the Calendar Waiver Application regarding Veteran's Day;

- approved the Memorandum of Understanding with Faculty Senate;
- expelled student EXP 12/18/08-03, as of December 18, 2008, for the remainder of the 2008-09 school term, restitution, and that the expulsion be held in abeyance predicated on enrollment at an alternative placement; the school will seek to conduct a re-evaluation of special education handicapping conditions and placement during the expulsion period; and
- expelled student EXP 12/18/08-04, as of December 18, 2008, for the remainder of the 2008-09 school term but to hold the expulsion in abeyance predicated on enrollment at an alternative placement, anger management counseling as part of that placement, and evaluation for the purposes of determining special education eligibility.

## Reports

Principal Rouse reported on 1) his continued discussion regarding the commencement ceremony including the graduation dress; and 2) OPRFHS's late start on Friday, December 19, due to inclement weather.

Superintendent Weninger reported that 1) a December 16 *Tribune* article stating that recent research from ACT indicates that only 2 of 10 8<sup>th</sup> grade students nationally are academically prepared for the rigors of high school, and when unprepared, it is unlikely that they can make up that ground; 2) Dr. Lee and he met regarding the superintendent's evaluation instrument and timeline, and another draft and recommendation will come to the Board in January; 3) recommendations for co-curricular stipends, both academic and athletic, will be brought to the Board of Education in the spring, along with a presentation about the co-curricular programs; and 4) the Boards of Education of District 97 and 200 would like to meet with two District 200 Board of Education volunteers to discuss transition activities from 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade in January.

Sophia Lloyd, OPRF Community Foundation Executive Director, spoke to the Board of Education about the Foundation's receipt of the Grand Victoria Grant and its CommunityWorks Program's aspirations of environmental sustainability and success of all youth through quality education.

A hearing on the 2008 Levy was held.

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

## Personnel

**Appointment Robert Collins**, Buildings and Grounds Custodian, effective 12/15/08

**Resignation Michael Siegel**, Safety and Support Officer, effective 01/05/09

**The next Board of Education Meeting will be  
Thursday, January 22, 2009  
at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.**