

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

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**Thursday, December 20, 2007 Board Briefs**

**Board Recognition** Board of Education members recognized the following first *Courage Huskie Award* recipients:

J.P. D'Amico, O.P.R.F.H.S. Junior  
Joseph Beard, O.P.R.F.H.S. Safety & Security Team Member

This award is given to students, staff, parents, or community members to recognize their integrity, courage, and/or conviction in successfully overcoming life's difficult challenges.

**Board Actions**

- Approved the following Consent Items: Open and Closed Minutes of November 15 and December 3, 2007 · Personnel Recommendations · Financial Reports · Ratification and Confirmation of the Execution of Certain Vouchers for December 2007 · Disbursement List of Vendors Dated December 20, 2007 · Copy Machine Vendor Lease.
- Accepted with gratitude donations for the Autoshop from Judith Hazelden, a 1995 Dodge Intrepid, and from Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schoen, a 1998 Ford Escort.
- Approved Life Safety Amendments and the Ten-Year Safety Survey Report, as presented.
- Authorized the submission of an Application for Modification of School Code 105 ILCS 5/27-23 for the authority to raise driver education fees to a cap of \$350 over the next five years.
- Authorized the submission of an Application for Modification of School Code 105/ILCS 5/27-24.3 for the authority to allow 20 hours of practice driving in a simulator system in lieu of 2.8 hours of instruction in a dual controlled car.
- Adopted the Resolution relating to Tax Levies for 2007.
- Appointed John McCulloh, Sherlynn Reid, and Martha Trantow to the District 200 Local Ethics Committee.
- Approved the course proposals, as presented.

**Reports**

The Board of Education selected the following dates to have discussions about raising student achievement: Saturday, January 26; Saturday, February 9; and Saturday, March 15, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Principal Vogel announced that over 2,000 students attended Pack the Place on November 30 and the Huskie Athletic Council Winterfest and over \$300 was raised for cancer charities; Students and staff adopted 48 families from the Township's Adopt-A-Family Program, enough gifts to fill a yellow school bus; Tau Gamma made and donated Welcome Baskets for Sarah's Inn for families entering the shelter; Lillashawn Coleman was selected as the Toyota Athlete of the Week from which the high school will receive a \$500 donation in recognition of this honor; and Edith Kooyumjian, mother of Bob Gauger, retired Applied Arts teacher who passed away last year, established an annual college scholarship within the OPRFHS Foundation in Mr. Gauger's memory.

Superintendent Weninger reported on 1) his proposal of Associate School Articulation with Districts 90 and 97 to be kicked off and implemented second semester. The River Forest Board of Education Committee of the Whole invited him and administrators to a meeting in February on articulation; 2) recruitment brochures and processes have been created for the

positions of principal, assistant principal, and PE division head; 3) accountability discussions were held with the Early Childhood Collaboration for the annual grant plus the recent one time grant for planning/research; 4) effective January 2, the Village will run a 90-day test and charge parents, community, and visitors \$5 for each vehicle to park in the garage after 4:00 p.m., modifications may be made after that time which could include raising the fee; and 5) the Village notified the school yesterday that due to budget cuts, the Oak Park Police Department would no longer provide police officers to direct traffic at the beginning of the school day.

Hearings were held on the following items: 1) Drivers' Education Fee Waiver; 2) Drivers' Education Waiver (Behind-the-Wheel Hours); and 3) 2007 Tax Levy.

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

## **Personnel**

### **Certified**

**Appointments** Kyle Farley, Science Teacher (Biology), effective 01/17/08  
Andrea Krueger, Science Teacher (Chemistry) effective 01/17/08  
Timothy Schuett, Science Teacher (Physics) effective 01/17/08

**Return from Leave** Melinda Novotny, Art Teacher, effective 2008-09 School Year

**Resignations** Raef Meves, Science Teacher, effective 10/30/07

### **Non-Certified**

**Appointments** Michelle Fletcher, Food Service Cashier, effective 11/21/07  
Denise Hicks, Food Service Cashier, effective 11/25/07  
Katrina Sewell, Food Service Cashier, effective 11/19/07

**Retirement** Sadie Daughtrey, Buildings & Grounds, effective 12/1/07

**Resignations** Donal Collins, Special Education TA, effective 12/21/07

**Terminations** Donna Giacalone, Daycare Worker, effective 01/04/08  
Lee Johnson, Food Service Worker  
Rickey Prince, Jr., Food Service Worker, effective

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**The next Board of Education Meeting will be  
Thursday, January 24, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.**