

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

**Thursday, February 26, 2009
Board Briefs**

**Student
Recognition**

The Board of Education recognized the following students:

Jingyi Liu, First Place, Martin Luther King Oratory Contest
Elisa Epstein, Second Place, Martin Luther King Oratory Contest
Tequilla Thomas, Third Place, Martin Luther King Oratory Contest
Jonathan Darnell, Courageous Huskie Award Recipient
Hannah Belle Bloyd-Peshkin, Award Winning Kayaker
Lawrence Blake, Illinois Music Educators All-State Choir Competition, Bass 1
Spencer Brown, Illinois Music Educators All-State Honors Orchestra, Second in Tuba
Adele-Marie Buis, Illinois Music Educators All-State Honors Orchestra, Third in Oboe
Paul Whalen, Illinois Music Educators Honors All-State Jazz Band, Third in Piano
Nicholas Ellman, Illinois Music Educators All-State Jazz Band, Third in Lead Alto
MacKenzie Harris, Illinois Music Educators All-State Choir Competition, Bass II
Lukas Meyer, Illinois Music Educators All-State Choir Competition, Tenor I

**Board
Actions**

- approved the following consent items: · 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 January · Check Disbursements dated February 26, 2009 · Student Fees for the 2009-10 · Life Safety Amendment #19 · Monthly Treasurer's Report · Monthly Financial Reports · NIIPC Manufacturer Foods Contract · the African-American Christian Foundation Contract;
- certified the 23 mid-year graduates, as presented;
- approved the Baldrige Organizational Assessment Proposal and Contract, as presented;
- amended Policy 2120, Superintendent/Principal, as presented;
- approved Policy 20, Board of Education, for First Reading, as presented;
- approval of Policy 3363, Student Activity Accounts and Acceptance of Administrative Procedures, for First Reading, as presented;
- approval of Policy 3550, Reimbursement of Board of Education Member Expenses, for First Reading, as presented;
- approval of Policy 3551, District Property, for First Reading, as presented;
- approval Of Policy 3555, Attendance At Conferences And Workshops, for First Reading, as presented;
- accepted with gratitude from Arvind Nehraa a donation of \$2,000 in scholarship money which will help four students participate in the trip to India;
- approval of Costume Vendor Contract with Jeffrey Kelly;

- approval of Sabbatical Leaves for the 2009-10 school year for Linda Burns and Lucy Riner; and
- Denial of one grievance and remanding it to Step 2; tabling of and direction to the Superintendent to discuss mutual resolution of one grievance.

Reports

Superintendent Weninger reported that 1) OPRFHS would be hosting a mini-conference as part of the national Minority Student Achievement Network (MSAN) March 2 and 3, coordinated by Director of Assessment and Research, Amy Hill, with the topic being Training the Trainers: Leading Courageous Conversations about Race; 2) the 9th annual Black Professional Day was held Thursday, February 19 and 120 African-American students participated; 3) Speech Team competitor Steve Selwa placed first at the Regionals; in addition there were five third-place winners, three fourth-place winners, and three sixth-place winners; and one student qualified for state at the Sectionals; and 4) The OPRFHS Wrestling Team is number one in the state. At the Regionals, it won the team title and had six first-place winners, two second-place winners, and four third-place winners. It will go on to the state team tournament the weekend of February 28. There was one state champion in the individual wrestling tournament. These students will be recognized at the March Board of Education meeting.

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

A discussion was held regarding the Village of Oak Park TIF.

Personnel

Leave of Absence **Kirsten Leiman Vorobyov**, World Languages Teacher, effective the 2009-10 School Year (year two)

Resignation **Rhonda Siegel**, Special Education TA, effective 02/20/09 for personal reasons.

Retirement Requests **Olivia Swisher**, Buildings and Grounds Custodian, effective 06/30/09

Return from Leave of Absence **Marsha Shipley**, Library Circulation Assistant, effective the 2009-2010 school year

**The next Board of Education Meeting will be
Thursday, March 26, 2009
at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room**