

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

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**Thursday, March 26, 2009  
Board Briefs**

**Student Recognition**      The students who achieved in the following areas were honored at the Board of Education meeting:

- IHSA Class 3A Wrestling State Championship Team
- Annual German Day Competition, Poetry – First Place
- Area Regional Math League Team
- S.C.O.T.I.E. Tournament of Champions, Prose – First Place

**Board Actions**

The Board of Education approved the following consent items: • 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 March • Check Disbursements and Financial Resolutions dated March 26, 2009 • Monthly January 2009 Treasurer's Report • Award of Photography Services Contract to HR Imaging • Extension of two-year agreement with Grand Prairie Bus Service • Textbook, *Algebra 2: Concepts and Skills*, for the Mathematics Division

- the following items under Finance were tabled: C) Consideration of selection of vendor to provide custodial services; D) Consideration of Direction to staff to negotiate Agreement with Selected Vendor and Present Contract to Board of Education for final approval and under Human Resources A) Resolution of Reduction in Force of Custodial Employees, after a review of the RFP for Custodial Services;
- approved the Open Minutes of January 22, February 12, 17, and 26, 2009, and the Closed Session Minutes of January 22, February 12, and 26, 2009, and a declaration that the Audiotapes of the closed sessions in July and August 2007 be destroyed;
- approved the personnel recommendations, as presented;
- adopted Policy 3363, Student Activity Accounts and accepted its Administrative Procedures, as presented;
- adopted Policy 3551, District Property, as presented;
- accepted with gratitude a Jazzy Power Wheelchair for the nurses' office by Cathy Duke, an Oak Park resident;
- approved the resolution authorizing the dismissal of Probationary Teachers, as presented;
- approved the recognition and congratulated the certified staff to achieve tenure on June 12, 2009: Devon Alexander, Douglas Allee, Michael Byars, Eleanor Crawford, Jason Dennis, Elizabeth Fox, Jessica Greenberg, Yeni Hart, Glynis Kinnan, Katherine Moran, Ryan Mulvaney, Peter Nixen, Stephanie Oliver, Raffaella Spilotro, Carolina Schoenbeck, Anthony Svejda, and Tyrone Williams;

- approved retirement requests for Vanessa Hughes (June 2013), Colleen Biggins (2014), Barbara Kenning (June 2014), Larry Montagno (June 2014); and
- approved the School Improvement Plan (SIP) Report, as presented.

## Reports

Principal Rouse reported: 1) Plus One Award Ceremony honoring those students who gained 1.0 or more on their cumulative GPA from the last semester; 2) Gwen Walker-Qualls coordinated a wellness intervention program that included the Oak Park Township Youth Services, Oak Park Public Health Department, Parenthesis, Family Services, etc.; 3), a voluntary assembly aimed at inspiring youth is scheduled after school on April 8; 4) in lieu of valedictorians speaking at commencement, those students receiving the Scholarship Cup Award will be receive their diplomas first and have their pictures accompany their 500 to 700 word statements in the commencement program; 5) Marcus Winfrey, a student, had recently passed away; and 6) another student had been hit by a car earlier that week and surgery was to take place the following day.

Superintendent Weninger reported 1) Matt Maloney was Basketball Coach of the Year of the West Suburban Conference; 2) Counselor Joe Herbst worked to setup peer mediation which will help students settle differences positively; 3) the Village of Oak Park has sent out 3000 letters to the community, including the high school, regarding a parking plan about which public hearings will be held on April 6, 7, and 13. Dr. Weninger reported that after reading the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Oak Park about student and staff parking, he concluded that the high school's fees cannot be raised; 4) a pilot tutoring program for students in In-School Suspension will begin the later part of the school year; 5) the University of Illinois will hold its spring practice on Saturday, April 11 at OPRFHS from 1 to 4:00 p.m.; 6) the Presidential Marine Corps Marching Band and Silent Drill Team will perform at the high school on May 12 at 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Bishop presented the discipline report for first semester.

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

### Personnel

**New Hire** **Debra Mittleman**, Outreach Coordinator, effective 06/06/09  
**Alegra Quane**, Special Education TA, effective 02/23/09

**Resignations** **Sharon Bole**, Mathematics Teacher, effective 03/03/09  
**Timothy Hague**, Industrial Technology/Automotive Teacher, effective 03/13/09  
**Amy McGrail**, Science Teacher, effective 02/22/09  
**Margaret Collins**, Special Education Secretary, effective 06/17/09

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**The Retiring Board of Education Meeting  
followed by the  
Organizational Board of Education Meeting will be  
Thursday, April 30, 2009  
at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room**