

Oak Park and River Forest High School

District 200

Thursday, May 28, 2009

Board Briefs

Student Recognition

The Board of Education honored the individual students who achieved in his/her respective areas.

- Keith Manson, Boys' Scout Eagle Scout Achievement
- 4th Place - The Illinois Council of Teachers State Math Competition (ICTM) Freshman Team
Kristin Binder, Rose Sloan, Greg Ramel, Stephen Skapek, Lucas Pritz, and Jack Belcaster
- Chicago Westside NAACP ACT-SO Gold Medalists:
 - Eli Hudson, Music Instrumental/Contemporary
 - Iman Carr, Visual Arts in Drawing and in Painting
- West Suburban Conference Track and Field winners:
 - Joe Hines, 3rd place, 50 meter dash, 1st place - long jump, and 1st Place Boys' 200 M Relay
 - Patrick Milburn, 1st place softball throw, 3rd place long Jump, and 1st Place Boys' 200 M Relay
 - Alex Stevic, 1st Place Boys' 200 M Relay
 - Patrick McCarthy, 1st Place Boys' 200 M Relay
 - Race Rice, 1st place Girls' Softball Throw
 - Dana Wax, Claire Piszis, Jackie Finn, and Jennifer Serratos - 1st place Girls' 200 M Relay

In addition, the following coaches and sponsors were recognized:

- ACT-SO – Daphne LeCesne, Michael Byars and Penny Ebson,
- Math – Danielle Delimata, Joe Kostal, Kay Moran, and Sheila Hardin
- West Suburban Conference Track and Field Meet – Linda Cada, Mary Young, and Peggy Markey

Board Actions

The Board of Education approved the following consent items: • the Open Minutes of April 30, May 13 and 19, 2009 and the closed session minutes of April 30 and May 19, 2009 • the destruction of the audiotapes of October 2007 • Personnel recommendations Resolutions Ratifying Expenses • Resolution Authorizing Execution of Certain Vouchers for the month of May • January Financial Reports • Check Disbursements and Financial Resolutions dated May 28, 2009 • March and April Treasurer's Report • March Financial Reports • Agile Mind Contract • SimplexGrinnell Contracts for Fire Alarm Service and Wireless Clock Transmitter and Generators • Contract with Fence Connection • contract with U.S. Tennis Court • contract with Meck Printing • contract with Quill Corporation • contract with BOSS Online and Murname Paper for paper • National School Towel Service • contract with Herff-Jones • contract with Irwin Seating for bleachers • contract with Precision Control Systems of Chicago for security cameras • Contract with Thrive Counseling Center for four resource managers and a Drug Free and Safe School Counselor • Resolution to Transfer Interest from the Bond and Interest Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund • PTAB Resolution • textbooks for the World Languages Division: *Radio Lina; Maschere a Venezia; La Collana Longobarda: Storia D'Amore; Los Baker van a Peru; Two Children Seeking the Joy Bridge; for the Music Department of the Fine and Applied Arts Division recommends the use of Guitar Method, Grade 1; The Special Education Division recommends the use of the following textbooks: Tsotsi; The Road; I Am Legend; The Greatest: Muhammad Ali; Animal Farm; Miracle's Boys; Algebra 1; Geometry: Concepts and Skills; for the English Division Monster, The Pact: Three Young Men Make a Promise and Fulfill a Dream, The Secret Life of Bees; The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time; Things Fall Apart, Gulliver's Travels; The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency, Two Old Women; Waiting; Train to Pakistan; The Kite Runner; Housekeeping, The Snows of Kilimanjaro, Clotel or The President's Daughter; The Autobiography of an Ex-Colored Man; In Our Time; As I Lay Dying; Tell No One; Montana 1948; The Known World; Upstate; MacNolia; The Pursuit of Happiness; Jesus Land, Always Running; The Freedom Writers Diary, The Hunger Games, Uglies; Seventh Son, High Fidelity, Angela's Ashes, The Lathe of Heaven, Oranges are Not the Only Fruit, Devices and Desires, Brave New World, Beowulf; Graphic Novel, Light in August, The God of Small Things, Billy Budd, The Last True Story I'll Ever Tell, The Bridge, Bringing Down the House, Kindred, Readings for Writers, On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft; The Garies and Their Friends, Blindness; Everything is Illuminated, In Cold Blood, The World According to Garp, The Diving Bell and the Butterfly, Fight Club, The Handmaid's Tale, The Martian Chronicles, Lilith's Brood, Bleachers, Friday Night Lights, The Best American Sports Writing of the Century, Shakespeare After All, Catch-22: Top Girls, The Bell Jar, Mrs. Dalloway, Meridian, The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian, Tuesdays With Morrie; The Bean Trees, and The Sweet Hereafter, for the History Division Traditions & Encounters: A Global Perspective on the Past, Sociology, The Ramayana, The Blacker the Berry, Unholy War: Terror in the Name of Islam, Palestine and the Arab-Israeli Conflict, The Modern Middle East: A History, Philosophy: The Quest for Truth, Chicago Days: 150 Defining Moments in the Life of a Great City, and Born in Blood & Fire: A Concise History of Latin America,*

- accepted with gratitude a donation from Ms. Mbekeani of \$300 towards the Post Prom Activity and \$200 to the Gospel Choir Music Workshop; a donation of four pieces of artwork valued at \$250 to the OPRFHS Library which included Annie Lee's "On Que," southwestern pictures, a panda painting, and an Obama print; and a painting of Cicero addressing the Congress by student Matt Verticchio, a student, for the Latin Room at the high school;
- accepted the Prevailing Wage Resolution, as presented;
- approved Policy 5136, Student Travel, for First Reading, as presented;
- approved the appointment of Food Service Employees, as presented;
- approved the addition of an Adaptive Gym Stipend in Athletics and a Service Club Stipends for the 2009-10 school year;
- approved the appointment of Leadership, Co-curricular Athletic and Activity Stipends, as presented;
- approved the Institute Days for the 2009-2010 school year;
- approved the abatement of emergency days for 2008-09;
- excluded student EXP 05-28-09-05 from the Oak Park and River Forest High School campus beginning Friday, May 29, 2009 and through the 2009-2010 school year, with educational services being provided at an alternate placement as determined by the Multi-Disciplinary Committee, and with return to Oak Park and River Forest High School campus contingent upon a re-evaluation by the Multi-Disciplinary Committee;
- approved the appointment of Assistant Superintendents, Principal, Assistant Principals, Directors, Managers, Division Heads, Deans and Counselors;
- approved the appointment of Non-Affiliated Employees, as presented; and
- approved the Board of Education paid 1.5% TRS/IMRF contribution for Administrators, a 1.5% salary increase for Non-Affiliated employees and a salary of \$104,686 for the Director of Buildings and Grounds.

Reports

Mr. Rouse reported on 1) Prom; 2) Commencement; 3) the Honors Convocation; and 4) the status of the sports' competition in which OPRFHS students participated;

Superintendent Weninger reported on 1) status of the Rotary Job 1, Summer Internship Program, 2) OPRFHS award of \$115,000 from the WIA Grant thanks to Connie Coleman, Kay Foran and Lee Wade; 3) the submission of a School Improvement Plan Grant by Nathaniel Rouse and Philip Prale; 4) IASB's recognition of Ms. Patchak-Layman for representing OPRFHS at the 2008 IASB Delegate assembly; 5) Ms. Patchak-Layman time and effort in attending the planters in front of the school; 6) the Village of Oak Park authorization of the development of an ordinance which would permit the installation and use of stadium lights.

Mr. Edgecombe presented the Certified/Non-Certified FTE Summary for Fall 2009-2010. The following teachers were awarded the 2009 SEAstar Awards by the SEA organization: Brandi Ambrose, Colleen Biggins, and Lisa Vincent.

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

Personnel

Call Backs

Al Allen, Mathematics (20%)

Tracy Strimple, Fine & Applied Arts/Speech (50%)

New Hires

Robert Cherry, Interim Mathematics Division Head, effective August 18, 2009

Christopher Baldwin, Mathematics Teacher (effective 08/25/09)

Thomas Nickels, Special Education TA (effective 05/04/09)

Resignations

Earl Austria, Director of Network Technology, effective 06/05/09

Lindsay Ordman, Special Education TA, effective 06/12/09

The next Board of Education Meeting will be Thursday, June 25, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room