

**Oak Park and River Forest High School**  
**District 200**  
**Board Briefs**  
**Thursday, November 19, 2009**

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**Board Recognition**      The Board of Education recognized the following students for representing OPRFHS at the Minority Student Achievement Network:

Adam Jackson	Angelica Garland
Forrest Jackson	Ericka Ball
Andrew Godbold	Bianca Bonfim
Christian Robinson	Rachel Avcioglu

**Board Actions**      The Board of Education approved the following consent items: • Check Disbursements and Financial Resolutions dated October 22, 2009 • Monthly Financials • Treasurer’s Report • EAP Contract

- amended Policy 6130, Objections to Instructional Materials;
- amended Policy 6131, Objections to Materials in Library Collection;
- amended Policy 5119, Home-schooled and Nonpublic School Students;
- amended Policy 5127, Alternative Credit;
- amended Policy 6135, Bookstore;
- amended Policy 6150, Adjunct Programs;
- amended Policy 6220, Tutoring and Therapy;
- amended Policy 6400, Instructional and Recreational Materials;
- amended Policy 6500 Education of Children with Disabilities;
- amended Policy 10, Introduction;
- amended Policy 12, American Flag;
- amended Policy 30, Policy Changes;
- amended Policy 100, Statement of Philosophy;
- amended Policy 101, Human Dignity and Diversity, with changes;
- amended Policy 101-A, Gender Equity;
- tabled the approval of the Superintendent Search Firm Contract;
- approved Policies 5116, Alternative Education Programs, Policy 3800, Hazardous Materials, and Policy 3810, Green Cleaning For First Reading;
- approved the personnel recommendations;
- approved the course proposals, as presented;
- approved the open minutes of October 22, November 3, 10 and 12, 2009 and the closed sessions of October 22, November 10 and 12, and declared that the Audiotapes of the closed sessions in March 2008 be destroyed, and declared that the closed session minutes from January 1, 1989 through November 1, 2009 remain closed;
- approved the Board of Education dates for the 2010 school year as follows: January 28, February 25, March 25, April 22, May 27, June 24, August 26, September 23, October 28, November 18, and December 16;
- expelled Student EXP 11-19-09-05 through the 2009-2010 school year but held the expulsion in abeyance contingent upon 1) placement in an alternative educational

setting; 2) successful completion of the alternative educational placement with at least 90% attendance and passing of all classes; and 3) substance use/abuse (drug and alcohol) counseling through community agencies.

- expelled Student EXP 11-19-09-06, for the duration of the 2009-2010 school term but held the expulsion in abeyance contingent upon placement in an alternative educational program which may include Harbor, Ombudsman, or school developed program; successful completion of currently enrolled in courses with credit earned and completion of high school graduation requirements; enrollment in and completion of substance use/abuse program through local agency (e.g., Thrive Counseling, Township Youth Services, etc.) and verification of same; and social probation for duration of the 2009-2010 school term including but not limited to all co-curricular activities/events (athletic and activity), prom, post prom, and commencement.

## **Reports**

Mr. Rouse reported on 1) the success of the newly formed Eighth-grade Huskie Transition Tours; 2) those athletes who would receive signing letters of intent to play at Division I or II institutions; 3) the Tradition of Excellence Convocations and Brunch to be held also on Friday, November 20; and 4) the Student of the Quarter Award Program on Tuesday, November 24 where 17 OPRFHS students will be honored for their academic achievements and their parents recognized.

Dr. Weninger reported on 1) OPRFHS's participation in the 2010 Census; 2) the Regional Office of Education Audit which is scheduled for December 10, 2009; 3) an update on the Baldrige Assessment Process; 4) a UCLA Research Study titled Suburban Change and the Schools: the effects on the Educational Opportunities of Poor and Minority Students, in which both Districts 97 and 200 are participating; 5) the Tradition of Excellence assemblies and brunch to recognize this year's winners: Warren Buckmaster, developer and innovator who developed the first solar home; Aaron Parchem, Olympic pairs figure skater and first African American male figure skater in the Olympic Games; and Thomas Lennon, Actor, Comedian, Writer, and Director; 6) the Thanksgiving week schedule.

Updates on divisional restructuring and the recruitment and Employment of administrators occurred and enrollment projections were given.

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

## **Personnel Recommendations**

### **Appointments of Leadership**

**Buster Torrez**, Wrestling Volunteer

### **New Hires**

**Donnell Davis**, Building and Grounds Custodian, effective 10/19/09

**Langston Kerman**, English/Spoken Word TA, effective 11/02/09

**April Schaefer**, Food Service Cashion, effective 11/09/09

### **Leave of Absence**

**Angela Marshall**, Special Education TA, effective second semester

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The next Board of Education Meeting will be Thursday, December 17, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room