

Oak Park and River Forest High School, District 200

Board Briefs

Thursday, August 25, 2016

Recognition	<p>The Board of Education congratulated Micheline Piekarski for being named by the School Nutrition Association as Director of the Year.</p> <p>The Board of Education also recognized members of the Oak Park Police Department for their “Support and Investigative Efforts” on behalf of the high school: Sergeant Roger Grivetti and Officers Jonathan Larson, Dawn Carver, Korry Thomas, Anthony Razzino, Michael Kelly, Michael Rallidis, Officer McVey, Raphael Murphy, Manual Ruiz, and Samantha Deuchler.</p>
Board Actions	<p>Approval of the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">I. Consent Items<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Check Disbursements and Financial Resolutions dated August 25, 2016B. Monthly Treasurer’s ReportC. Monthly FinancialsD. Educational Technology Equipment PurchaseE. All-Ways Medical Transportation ContractF. First Student Contract Extension for Field Trips/ExtracurricularG. Special Education Systems ContractH. Multi-Functional School Activity Bus BidI. Xerographic Paper BidJ. District 97 Extension of Food Service Intergovernmental AgreementK. Contract with Boom Entertainment for HomecomingL. Resolution for Mass Transit ExclusionM. Policies for First Reading<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Policy 2:70, Vacancies on the School Board2. Policy 2:260, Uniform Grievance Procedure3. Policy 5:20, Workplace Harassment Prohibited4. Policy 6:100, Using Animals in the Educational Program5. Policy 7:20, Harassment of Students Prohibited6. Policy 7:180, Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment7. Policy 7:270, Administering Medicines to Students8. Policy 8:110, Public Suggestions and ConcernsN. Policies for Amendment<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Policy 6:40, Student Travel2. Policy 7:220, Bus Conduct3. Policy 7:300, Extracurricular Athletics4. Policy 7:310, Restrictions on Publications5. Policy 7:325, Student Fund-raising Activities6. Policy 8:10, Connection with Community7. Policy 8:30, Visitors to and Conduct on School PropertyO. Open and Closed Session Minutes of May 17, 24, 2016, and a declaration that the closed session audiotapes of December 2014 and January 2015 be destroyedII. Personnel Recommendations, including New Hires and ResignationIII. Motivational Mentor CoordinatorIV. Certification of Summer 2016 GraduatesV. Non-approval of Sutter Contract Extension
Reports	<p>Dr. Pruitt reported: 1) Educational Technology department rolled out delivery of 3,290 Chromebooks by the end of the first day of classes. Congratulations and thanks go to ET department members Mike Carioscio, Chris Thieme, Amit Martin, Jon Wells, Christian Fountain, Marci DiVerde, Earl McLaurin, Andy Boland, Marsha Shipley, Jason Hatchko, Asad Gerald, Denise Paul, Karen Ury, Tim Hasso, Rochelle Bryant, John Angelini, and Linda Spain; 2) Yiyang Wang and Jonathan Banks took the American Chemical Society annual examination, as nominated by Science teacher Cheryl Rulis. 2)</p>

Ms. Wang placed second and will receive a \$5,000 scholarship, and Mr. Banks placed fourth and will receive a \$1,500 scholarship. Bill Grosser's nominees, Ayush Pandit, won honorable mention; 3) Senior Tamsen Cronin won the inaugural Hemingway Foundation student writing competition and will \$1,000 college scholarship and has a writing mentorship with the Foundation's writer in residence this year. 4) Megan Carraher and Fiona Casper-Strauss were chosen as the second and third place student finalists. All three students had their essays published in HEMINGWAY SHORTS, a journal celebrating new voices in creative writing. English Division Head Helen Gallagher coordinated the effort for the high school. 5) Junior Leah Kindler won the 2016 High School Creative Writing Competition hosted by the Luminarts Cultural Foundation and a \$1,000 prize. Her teachers were Naomi Hildner and Liz Fox for her English classes. 6) Paul Noble was selected as the author of the weekly essay in the New York Times Well blog section called Ties, which looks at "the complex connections of modern families." His piece entitled "A Wish for my Daughters," is a reflection on letting children swim in deeper waters, both literally and metaphorically. 7) All were encouraged to get their cars washed Saturday, August 27 by the Best Buddies Carwash. This annual kickoff event raises money for the club's year of events.

An update was given on the River Forest TIF. Reports were provided on the students' experience with Global Glimpse, a global education leadership program, Student Participation in Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, Transition from PARCC TO SAT for State Testing in 2016-17, Faculty Senate, and Student Council. The Board of Education also held a referendum question and answer session with Franczek Radelet.

Personnel Report

New Hires

William Young, History Teacher, effective 08/18/2016
Jana Cannon, Secretary/Bookkeeper, Food & Nutrition Department, effective 08/26/2016
Julianne Reardon, Teacher Assistant, effective 08/26/2016
Jennifer Thomas, Coach Assistant, Girls' Tennis, effective 08/18/2016
Melvin Phil, Coach Assistant, Girls' Tennis, effective 08/18/2016
Nicole Cordero, Head Coach, Girls' Lacrosse, effective 08/18/2016
Marisol Ward, Assistant Director, Orchesis, effective 08/18/2016

Resignations

Araceli Perez, Food & Nutrition Worker, effective 08/18/2016

The next regular Board of Education Meeting will be
 Thursday, September 22, 2016
 6:30 p.m. closed session & 7:30 p.m. open session
 Board Room