

# OAK PARK AND RIVER FOREST HIGH SCHOOL, DISTRICT 200

## Board Briefs

Thursday, April 28, 2022

### Student Showcase

Boys' Swimming and Dive Team (Coaches – Clyde Lundgren and Mark Pappalardo)

- Emmett Harmon (200 Medley Race – 14<sup>th</sup> place; 100 Fly – 10<sup>th</sup> place, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-State; 200 Free Relay – 5<sup>th</sup> place, All-State, Automatic All-American; 400 Free Relay – 7<sup>th</sup> place, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-State, All-American Consideration)
- Ben Louis (200 Free – 3<sup>rd</sup> place, All-State, Automatic All-American; 500 Free – 6<sup>th</sup> place, All-State, All-American Consideration; 200 Free Relay – 5<sup>th</sup> place, All-State, Automatic All-American; 400 Free Relay – 7<sup>th</sup> place, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-State, All-American Consideration )
- Garrett Lundgren (Diving – 43<sup>rd</sup> place)
- Lars Rauch (200 Medley Race – 14<sup>th</sup> place; 200 Free Relay – 5<sup>th</sup> place, All-State, Automatic All-American; 400 Free Relay – 7<sup>th</sup> place, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-State, All-American Consideration)
- Thomas Rotatori (200 Medley Relay – 14<sup>th</sup> place; 50 Free – 25<sup>th</sup> place; 200 Free Relay – 5<sup>th</sup> place, All-State, Automatic All-American; 400 Free Relay – 7<sup>th</sup> place, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-State, All-American Consideration)
- Philip Walby (200 Medley Relay – 14<sup>th</sup> place; 100 Breaststroke – 39<sup>th</sup> place)

Speech Team (Coaches – Patt Cheney, Lynette Welter, Matt Johnston, Peter Vishneski, Kevin Bry, Andrew Scott, Abby Lee Feldman)

- Sophie Eagan-Dvoretzky, Team Officer (Senior)
- Olivia Lee, Team Officer (Junior)
- Bella Lubelchek, Team Officer (Sophomore)
- Alex Robinson-Bellin, (Freshmen)
- Sofia Wardzala, Co-Captain (Senior)
- Ezekiel Wells, Team Officer (Junior)
- William Wheeler, Team Officer (Junior)

### Employees of the Month

Congratulations to: Teacher of the Month – Jamie Sieck and Employee of the Month – Wendy Feilen

### Board Actions

Approval of the Following Consent Items:

- Open and Closed Minutes of March 24 and April 14, and declaration that the audiotapes of the closed session minutes of September 2020 be destroyed, and a declaration that the closed session minutes of January 1, 1986, through April 2022 shall remain closed with the exception of October 4, December 13 and 21, 1983 and January 14, 23 and 28, 1984.
- Personnel Recommendations, including new hires, assignment changes, leaves of absence, retirements, and releases
- Policies for First Reading
  - 2:30 Public Participation at School Board Meetings
- IHSA Renewal
- Presentation of Monthly Financials Report
- Presentation of Monthly Treasurer's Report
- Approval of Check Disbursements and Financial Resolutions
- A monetary donation from Ms. Myra Green, a 1968 alum, to the general school fund to be used at the District's discretion.
- FGM Architects Work Authorization #6
- Approval of Board of Education Meeting Dates for the 2022-23 SY
- Memorandum of Understanding between Park District of Oak Park and D200 regarding Fields and Facilities
- 2022-23 Stipend Committee Recommendations

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### Superintendent Announcements

- Levy Adjustment Resolution
  - Food Service Intergovernmental Agreement with District 97 for the 2022-23 SY
- Dr. Johnson announced the following:
- When it comes to the best public high schools, Oak Park and River Forest High School ranks in the top 5%, not just in Illinois but in the entire country, according to U.S. News & World Report. The magazine's annual Best High Schools ranking places OPRFHS at No. 39 out of 724 high schools in the state. Nationally, OPRFHS ranks No. 848 out of 17,843 high schools.
  - Congratulations to Junior Lauren Rainey, who qualified for the national level of the English Speaking Union's annual Shakespeare Monologue competition.
  - At the Family, Career, & Community Leaders of America state competition, Sarah Altier was named 1st National Delegate for Fashion Design in the National STAR Event: Fashion Design. Maddie Gerona placed in the top three for the State Proficiency Event: Children's Literacy-Preschool Lesson Plan.
  - The Science Olympiad team competed against the 50 best teams in Illinois and came away with a school-record 12<sup>th</sup> place in state. Four pairs brought home medals, the school's first-ever state medals. Addy Smith & Ezekiel Wells won 1<sup>st</sup> place in Gravity Vehicle and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Green Generation, while Ezekiel Wells & William Wheeler took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Remote Sensing, and Peera Serumaga & Phoebe Tanacea placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Solar Power.
  - OPRF won first place in the high school category of the Illinois Green Schools Project Awards. The project was led by the OPRFHS Environmental Club and included relaunching the cafeteria composting program, creating a native prairie garden on the Mall, supporting volunteer stewardship days at Thatcher Woods, and holding a Thrift Store-style weekend sale in the East Gym.
  - Math teacher and field hockey head coach Kristin Wirtz was named Illinois Field Hockey Coach of the Year for 2021.
  - Senior Tim Mellman is one of six student finalists in the Cook County Flag Redesign Contest. Students from 40 high schools across Cook County submitted close to 300 flag designs to celebrate the upcoming bicentennial.
  - Freshman Graham Harris was named the winner of the annual OPRF Huskie Booster Club logo competition. Look for Graham's design on spiritwear in the near future.
  - And finally, this week we are rolling out our new branding elements and branding guide. Our communications team of Karin Sullivan and Jackie McGoey worked with Graphic Design Club students for the past three years to develop a consistent, cohesive visual identity for the OPRFHS brand. The new guidelines include an updated crest and logos for our Huskie, pawprint, and athletics shield. A very big thank you to student designers Leigh Maliff, Tim Mellman, Hodari Motley, Sam Schenkelberg, and Georgia Smith, and to club sponsors Val White and Lindy Novotny.
  - In-School Suspension Coordinator Lyneice Lush has published a new book, "Echoes in the Stands", which tells the story of an athlete's experiences with depression, self-awareness, and self-acceptance.

### Reports

Additional reports included: FOIA status, Student Council Liaison Report

### Personnel Recommendations

### New Hires

**Curtis Diggs**, Trauma-Informed School Interventionist, effective May 9, 2022  
**Emily Levison**, Instructional Technology Coordinator, effective August 1, 2022

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<b>Assignment Changes</b>	<b>Linda Carlson</b> , Physical Education Teacher (.4 FTE)/Mentor Study (.6 FTE), effective 2022-23 school year <b>Renee Vai</b> , English Teacher (1.0 FTE), effective 2022-23 school year
<b>Resignations</b>	<b>Margaret Collins</b> , Testing Accommodations Coordinator, effective April 22, 2022

**The next regular Board of Education Meeting will be  
Thursday, May 26, 2022  
6:30 p.m. closed session/7:30 p.m. open session**