

OAK PARK and RIVER FOREST HIGH SCHOOL, DISTRICT 200

Board Briefs

Thursday, May 26, 2022

- Student Showcase:** **Investigational Research, Design, and Innovation A (IRDI) Competition:** Recognition of a group of the IRDI science research class students who advanced to **national and international** science competitions this year and demonstrated exceptional perseverance and ingenuity.
- Maya Souden (junior) – will be traveling to the international level of this competition in California (June 2022)
 - Nadya Dhillon (junior)
 - Emily Hsieh (senior)
 - Shealy Callahan (senior)
 - Sylvia Gimble (senior)

Their teacher, Ms. Allison Hennings, was awarded the **JSHS Regional Teacher of the Year Award**.

Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics (ICTM) Math Competition: Two OPRFHS students took top honors at the ICTM State Math Competition:

- Cory Yu (senior) placed 7th in the Oral Competition
- William Yu (freshman) placed 1st in the Algebra Written Competition

Congratulations to both students and coaches – Sheila Hardin, Joe Kostal, Christine Mondragon, Johanna Clark, and Reginald Payne. The team rose to the challenges of the past two years and is already planning for next year.

Ultimate Frisbee: Coaches Evan Tarshish and Bridget Doherty discussed the Ultimate Frisbee program. Ultimate Frisbee has been at OPRF for over 20 years but has grown into an extensive and inclusive program in the past ten years. Countless players play college Ultimate and play at a national level. This year, the varsity team, led by Varsity Captain Dean Gottlieb and JV Spirit Captain Misiani (Nani) Ondande, led both the Varsity and JV teams in being awarded the Spirit of the Game Awards at two of their biggest tournaments. These are awards voted on by the teams that they have played against.

Employees of the Month: Congratulations to: Teacher of the Month – Joseph Parenti, Employee of the Month – Dr. Julie Lam, and Volunteer of the Month – Monica Saydah.

- Board Actions:** Approval of the Following Consent Items:
- Approval of Open and Closed session minutes of April 28 and May 12, and declaration that the audiotapes of the closed session minutes of October 2020 be destroyed.
 - Policies for second reading and action:
 - 5:50, Drug-and-Alcohol Free Workplace; E-Cigarette, Tobacco and Cannabis Prohibition
 - 2:230, Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings and Petitions to the Board
 - 4:175, Convicted Child Sex Offender; Screenings; Notifications
 - 7:240, Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities
 - 7:345, Use of Educational Technologies, Student Data Privacy, and Security
 - Personnel Recommendations, including new hires, assignment changes, summer hires, transfers, leaves of absence, leave of absence rescindments, and resignations.
 - Approval of the IGA with Oak Park Township for the total two-year amount of \$68,680

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- Approval of the May 2022 Check Disbursements and Financial Resolutions
- Approval of the March 2022 Monthly Financial Report
- Approval of the March 2022 Monthly Treasurer's Report
- Approval of the Securatex building security services three-year contract in the amount of \$153,528.96
- Approval of the All-Ways Medical Carrier contract extension for the 2022-2023 school year with a projected total expense of \$36,441.
- Approval of the annual firework display request from the Village of Oak Park at no cost to the District.
- Approval of the 2022-2023 contract with social worker Lisa Garvin which is anticipated to not exceed \$30,000
- Approval of the 2022-2023 contract for the psychologist with FoxHire, LLC, which will not exceed \$30,000
- Approval of the 2022-2023 Health Services school nurse contract with Maxim in the amount of \$48,038
- Approval of the 2022-2023 contract for Occupational Therapy with HealthPRO Pediatrics, LLC in the amount of \$57,645
- Approval of the adoption and purchase of the textbooks at the cost of \$23,983.
- Approval of the adoption of the instructional materials at no cost to the district.
- Approval of Project Authorization #7 at an estimated cost of \$314,569
- Approval of the East and West pool repairs in an amount not to exceed \$1,174,007.

Superintendent Announcements:

Dr. Johnson announced the following:

- The Huskie Booster Club has recognized the work of amazing individuals who have made such a difference to the Boosters during the past several years.
 - The Huskie Booster Club Appreciation Award goes to a staff member who has made a large contribution toward helping the Boosters succeed. The recent honorees were retired bookstore manager Jacqui Charette-BassiriRad for 2020, Performing Arts Facilities Manager/Theater Technology and Design Teacher Teslen Sadowski for 2021, and Student Activities Director Susan Johnson for 2022.
 - The Don Deia Award goes to a Booster member who has given exemplary service and truly displayed Those Things That Are Best. The honorees were Sylvia Zepeda-Westmeyer for 2020, Magda Piper for 2021, and Christi Regan for 2022.
- Congratulations to junior Joshua Bonds, who was nominated for Best Actor in the Illinois High School Musical Theatre Awards.
- Thanks to the efforts of the Freshman Class Council and Faculty Senate, OPRFHS won the Beyond Hunger CAN DO Community Challenge by raising enough funds to provide 21,150 meals to people facing food insecurity.
- Science teacher Allison Hennings was awarded the Junior Science and Humanities Symposium Regional Teacher of the Year award.

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- English teacher and incoming English Division Head Erika Eckart published three short stories in Posit magazine, as well as a piece in Permafrost magazine.
- In Athletics, the following student-athletes advanced to State in their respective sports:
 - Badminton: Katherine DeHaan, Caroline Raducha, Amelia Hoog, and Liliana Jasinska
 - Special Olympics: Donovan Anderson and Marcus Reed
 - Girls Track and Field: Darnesha Fraley, Josephine Welin, Natalie Quinn, Katie Stabb, Rhea Richards, Saniya Shotwell, Chloe Johnson, Lucca Bibbey, Isabella Brauc, Willa Auman, Reese Garland, Lena Tang, Samantha Duwe, Samantha Welin, Alicia Gaylord, Taylor Smith, Sage Bryning, Fiona Cunningham, Cori Anderson, Charlotte Andersson, Nora Butterly, Anne Lynch, Eva Carson, Hannah Franke, and Lenora Sterritt
- Intramural Director James Geovanes has partnered with the Chicago Bears to expand high school girls' flag football. We've had a popular annual Homecoming girls flag football game for 15 years. Now five other schools in the West Suburban conference will join the Huskie team to play at OPRFHS every Saturday this fall.

Additional Reports: Additional reports included: FOIA status.

Personnel Recommendations

- New Hires:**
- **Diana Castro**, TV Studio/Broadcasting Teacher, effective August 11, 2022 – June 2, 2023
 - **Daniel A. Grieve**, Special Education Instructional Coach, effective August 11, 2022
 - **Emily Jaszka**, Mathematics Teacher, effective August 11, 2022 – June 2, 2023
 - **Kathleen Hawley**, English/Journalism Teacher, effective August 11, 2022
 - **Adam Levin**, English/Spoken Word Teacher, effective August 11, 2022
 - **Antonio Leyva**, English Teacher, effective August 11, 2022
 - **Andre Moffett**, English Teacher, effective August 11, 2022
 - **Keith Nixon**, English Teacher, effective August 11, 2022
 - **Justin Reed de la Cruz**, Little Theater Musical Director, effective April 1, 2022
 - **Phylicia Nash**, MSAN Activity Sponsor, effective August 1, 2022

- Assignment Changes:**
- **Wafaa Alwawi**, Special Education Teacher (1.0 FTE), effective 2022-2023 school year
 - **Brad Raad**, Special Education Teacher (1.0 FTE), effective 2022-2023 school year

- Transfers:**
- **Kristina Johnson**, Director of Student Services, effective July 1, 2022
 - **Jason Hatchko**, Application Specialist, effective July 1, 2022
 - **Julisa Galvan**, English Division Secretary, effective August 8, 2022
 - **Alisa Miller**, SPED Secretary, effective August 8, 2022

- Summer Hires:**
- **Anthony Clark**, ESY Teacher, effective June 13, 2022
 - **James McCarthy**, ESY Teacher, effective June 13, 2022
 - **Leah Thewis-Chlipala**, ESY Teacher, effective June 13, 2022
 - **Kiah Brown**, Case Manager, effective June 13, 2022
 - **Erin Deliberto**, Psychologist, effective June 13, 2022
 - **Ellen Richkus**, Psychologist, effective June 13, 2022
 - **Kimberly Buckles**, Teacher Assistant, effective June 13, 2022
 - **Dustin Seelinger**, Teacher Assistant, effective June 13, 2022
 - **John Angelini**, Technology Support Specialist, effective June 13, 2022

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- **Nigel Mackenzie**, Technology Support Specialist, effective June 13, 2022
- Leave of Absence**
- Rescindments:**
- **Laura Young**, English Teacher, effective 2022-2023
- Resignations:**
- **Martin Salas**, Associate Data Analyst, effective June 3, 2022
 - **Katie Weir**, Assist. Dir. of Food & Nutrition Services, effective June 30, 2022
 - **Lauren Arends**, Special Olympics Supervisor, effective May 16, 2022
 - **Darryl Hobson**, Boys' Football Asst. Coach, effective May 16, 2022
 - **Jason Raad**, Boys' Football Asst. Coach, effective May 16, 2022
 - **Megan White**, Girls' Field Hockey Asst. Coach, effective May 16, 2022

Next Regular Board of Education Meeting
June 23, 2022
6:30 p.m.
Board Room