Board Briefs
Thursday, October 27, 2016

Approval of the following items:

- Consent Items
- Check Disbursements and Financial Resolutions dated October 27, 2016
- Monthly Treasurer’s Report
- Acceptance of Donations and/or Gifts
- Personnel Recommendations, including New Hires and Resignation/Retirement/Termination
- Board Member Attendance at Joint Conference November 18 and 19, 2016
- Board/Superintendent Agreements
- Open and Closed Session Minutes of June 13, 14, 20, 21, 30, July 14 and 28, August 1, 16, 17, and 25, 2016 and a declaration that the closed session audiotapes of March 2015 be destroyed
- Course Proposals and Academic Catalog Changes for 2017-18
- OPRF IGA for ALOP Grant 2016
- Renewal of Medical, Dental and Life Insurances
- Supplemental Charter Transportation Services Contract
- Climate, Culture, and Behavior Committee Members
- Policy 4:60, Operational Services, for First Reading
- Notice to Remedy
- Revised Pay Rates for Testing Staff

Reports

Dr. Pruitt reported 1) Physical education teacher Linda Carlson has been named the Midwest District Physical Education Teacher of the Year by the Illinois Association Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance and will be honored at the association's annual state convention; 2) Special education teacher Octavius Bellamy won the gold medal in the 97KG Veteran Freestyle Wrestling World Championship, held in Poland; 3) For the 11th year in a row, OPRF has been awarded the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting, the highest recognition for school district financial operations given by the Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO); 4) Science teachers Vincent Martinek and David Bernthal have been selected for the University of Chicago’s Outstanding Educator Award. Each year the university invites first-year students to nominate an educator who has influenced, challenged, or helped them along the path toward intellectual growth; 5) The following students have been named 2017 National Merit Commended Students: Eugenio Arenas, Olivia Baldwin, Anishka Bandara, Elliot Brandt, Matt Clarkson, Charles Cole, Aidan Crosby, Jakob Enschede, Renee Gagliardo, Caroline Galo, Ovya Ganesan, Catherine Garcia-Goetting, Teresa Gorman, Benjamin Hancock, William Hoffenkamp, Solomon Kimrey, Maria Krunic, Emily Monaghan, Riley Moran, Benjamin Paris, Adeline Steward-Nolan, Jonas Talandis, Renee Tristano, Ava Trogus, Hallie Voss, Rosalie Wakely, Meghan Ward, Ethan Weiss, Elena Whitney, Lila Wine, Michelle Wolford, Kyra Woytek; 6) Artwork by senior Alec Rasmussen was among the small selection of high school student work from the 2016 Illinois High School Art Exhibition chosen to be displayed at the 2016 Illinois Association of School Boards Joint Annual Conference in November; 7) OPRF’s first Options Fair, a regional post-high school planning fair for students with disabilities and organized by special education teacher Carolina Schoenbeck, was a resounding success, with more than 500 people attending; 8) A record number of OPRF students made Illinois Music Educators Association District I Band, Choir, Orchestra and Jazz--almost 70% of our students who auditioned.

- Band: Isabelle Carrillo, Montgomery Ellwanger, Gracie Farnham, Owen Frankel, Lily Klem, Gabriel Krauter, Ethan Resek, Emma Wojack, Kyra Woytek, Tyler Yokoo, Levi Raskin, Noah Sherman
- Orchestra: Jane Hanneman, Maia Huang, Amanda Kellman, Sophia Kreider, Olive Loentz
• Jazz Bands: Justin Banks, Frances Bassett-Dilley, Owen Frankel, Ethan Hess, Nicholas Hymnson, Aaron Kaufman-Levine, Joe Merkle, Rufus Parenti, Noah Sherman, Luca Zefran
• Vocal Jazz Ensemble: Noah Kitsos, Sophia Zinger

9) In the first public forum debates for the debate team, and out of more than 100 total competitors, Conor Johnson took third place in JV public forum/individual and Conor Johnson and Charlie Cole took second place in JV public forum/team; 10) Girls swimmers Natalie Ungaretti and Hanna Blankemeier combined forces to shatter the meet record in the 100 freestyle at the prestigious Trevian Relays Meet in early October. Natalie’s time of 51.25 is the fastest in the state. Natalie and Hanna combined with Alex Gill and Samm Nielson to claim second place in the 200 freestyle relay. The relay team is currently ranked third in the state; 11) The Girls’ Cross Country Team took first place in all levels in the tough Maine Event on October 1. Notable performers were Gillian Lungren, who raced up a level when she could have won the freshman/sophomore race, and Mahal Schroeder, Caroline Gallo, and Hallie Voss, seniors who pushed their under classmates through; and 12) Girls’ tennis players Maria Krunic, Julia Krause, Hannah Keidan and Sophia Kreider all qualified for the state meet, which took place earlier this month.

The Board of Education received the Second Semester 2016 Discipline Report, School Profile, Summer School Report, and the GPA and ACT: Key Indicators of Student Achievement Report. The Levy timeline and the FTE & Employee Profile were presented. Student Council reported.

Personnel Report

New Hires
Nicolette Kolinsky, Special Education Teacher, effective 10/24/2016
Frank Kennedy, Part-time Residency Officer, effective 10/19/2016
Maria Antunez, Part-time Food Service Worker, effective 9/26/2016
Linda Ousley, Part-time Food Service Worker, effective 10/17/2016
Michol Douglas, Food Service Worker, effective 10/3/2016
Coletta Price-Pigram, Food Service Worker, effective 09/26/2016
Maev Connelly, Girls’ Basketball Assistant Coach, effective 10/20/2016
Amanda Ross, Girls’ Basketball Assistant Coach, effective 10/20/2016
Jamael Clark, Spoken Word, Assistant coach, effective 10/20/2016
Heavannli Harris, Spoken Word, Assistant Coach, effective 10/20/2016
Joshua Zakharov, Debate Team Assistant Coach, effective 10/19/2016
Treslen Sadowski, Theatre Props Crew, effective 10/19/2016
Kevin Goffard, Theatre Props Crew, effective 10/19/2016
Derek Hines, Video Announcement Coordinator, effective 10/19/2016
David Voss, Piano Ensemble Sponsor, effective 10/19/2016
Erica Love, Interim Ticket Booth Co-Manager, effective 10/14/2016

Retirements
Michael Carioscio, Information Technology, effective 07/31/2019
Thomas Clanton, Security, effective 04/15/2017
Mary Bumgardner, Counseling Department, effective 06/07/2017
Denis McCarthy, Buildings and Grounds, effective 12/27/2016

Resignation
Christopher Waskiewicz, Assistant Coach-Speech, effective 09/20/2016
Robert McShane, Coach – Special Olympics Basketball, effective 09/20/2016
Melinda Wilson, Musical Dane Choreographer, effective 10/13/2016

Termination
Denise Hicks, Food Service Worker, effective 10/22/2016
Jasmyn Beyer, Special Education Teacher Aide, effective 10/28/2016

The next regular Board of Education Meeting will be
Thursday, November 15, 2016
6:30 p.m. closed session & 7:30 p.m. open session
Board Room