

## Cherry Hill Board of Education

# Notes

### Highlights from the October 2017 Action Meeting

#### Presentations

The Board of Education recognized employees with 20, 25, 30 and 40 years of service. Dr. Farrah Mahan, Director of Curriculum, Valerie Sadwin, Research and Assessment Coordinator, and Faith Holmgren, District Teacher Coordinator present the results of the 2017 PARCC Testing. Anthony Saporito, Director of Security, presented the annual Violence and Vandalism Report.

#### Board Representative Reports

Cherry Hill High School East Representative Joshua Sodicoff reported that East's language honor societies inducted their second group on new members on October 4. He noted that several organizations had worked together to raise money for the victims of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. Mr. Sodicoff described the school-wide outdoor movie night on October 7, in which the movie Grease was shown, chosen by student vote. He noted that the new "mall parking" style of student parking had been implemented, replacing saved, numbered spots. Mr. Sodicoff also mentioned the October 11 PSATs, East's annual Club Fair on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, and the Lab Theater production of "The Remarkable Incident at Carson Corners." He noted that fall sports are beginning to wrap up, and that East's blood drive will take place on November 1. He added that Spirit Week preparations had begun, under the theme "TV Networks." Mr. Sodicoff closed his report by mentioning Dr. Meloche's upcoming Town Hall Meeting with East students on November 20.

Cherry Hill High School West Alternate Representative Gay Brown reported about the college application process and the Senior Parent Meeting held at West on September 28. She noted that this meeting and support from the school was helping to make the college application process more manageable for herself and



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other West students. Ms. Brown noted the success of a Habit Burger Grill fundraiser, the October 7 SATs and the October 11 PSATs. She mentioned the upcoming Fall Preview Concert on October 19, the Financial Aid Meeting on October 12 and the Activities Fair on October 13. Ms. Brown also discussed the Hispanic Heritage Club's fundraiser on October 13 to aid Hurricane Maria victims in Puerto Rico. She mentioned the West Fall Show, "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," was set to open on October 27 and run the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. She conclude her report by noting the fun fall sports season, with teams exhibiting the "West Way" in their sportsmanship.

#### Curriculum & Instruction

The Board approved a rider to Services Agreement for the 2017-2018 School Year.

The Board approved attendance at conferences and workshops for the 2017-2018 school year.

The Board approved out of district student placements for the 2017-2018 school year.

The Board approved a Use of Hosting Services License.

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## **Business & Facilities**

The Board approved the financial reports for August 2017, including the Board Secretary's Certification and Treasurer's Report, the Line Item Transfer Report, the Food Service Operating Statement, and the SACC Financial Report. The Board approved the disbursement of funds in the amount of \$ 13,247,950.70.

The Board approved the first Bill List dated October 17, 2017 in the amount of 328,207.44, 2nd Bill List dated October 17, 2017 in the amount of \$3,317,491.66, 3rd Bill List dated October 17, 2017 in the amount of \$290,685.66 and the 4th Bill List dated October 17, 2017 in the amount of \$2,224,883.44

The Board approved multiple awards of transportation as detailed in the October 17, 2017 Action Meeting agenda.

The Board approved the acceptance of donations:

A monetary donation from the Mann Elementary PTA to Mann Elementary School for Interactive Display for Kindergarten: \$5,500.

A monetary donation from Sharp PTA to Sharp Elementary School for 13 Chromebooks: \$4,000.

A monetary donation from Big Lots to Carusi Middle School to be used for Character Education Programs: \$2,000.

A monetary donation from the Bret Harte PTA to Bret Harte Elementary School to be used for lap trays and active learning stools: \$875.38

A monetary donation from the Stockton PTA to Stockton Elementary School to be added to a previous donation already BOE approved for Chromebooks: \$572.78

## **Human Resources/Negotiations**

The Board approved termination of employment and appointments of certificated staff, including teachers and long-term substitute teachers, student teachers, clinical training and co-curricular appointments.

The Board approved various appointments of non-certificated staff, leaves of absence for certificated and non-certificated staff, assignment/salary changes, and other compensation.

## **Policies & Legislation Committee**

The Board approved the second reading of Policy:

- Draft Policy– 5756: Transgender Students

The Board approved a Waiver of Regulation 2340: Field Trips to accommodate the following trips:

- Cherry Hill HS East, National Journalism, TX 11/15 pm-11/19/17; 2 days missed
- Cherry Hill HS West Empire Mock Trial, NY 11/17-11/20/17; 2 days missed
- Cherry Hill HS West Senior Trip, FL 4/17-4/21/17; 3 days missed
- Beck Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip, Washington, DC 5/29-5/30/18; 2 days missed

The Board affirmed the accuracy of the School District's Statement of Assurance.

The Board approved Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying Investigation Decisions.

## **Strategic Planning**

No items.

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