



Cherry Hill Board of Education

# Notes

## Highlights from the September 2015 Action Meeting

### Presentations

New staff members of the Cherry Hill Public Schools were recognized and welcomed to the District. They received lapel pins as a token to say “welcome.”

### Board Representative Reports

Cherry Hill High School East Board Representative Drew Meklinsky discussed a survey distributed to East’s student leaders. Among the top issues noted on the survey were the early school start time; study halls; contract negotiations and the lab schedule configuration at East. Mr. Meklinsky noted that the survey included positive feedback regarding students’ appreciation for dances, sports and extracurricular activities.

Cherry Hill High School West Alternate Board Representative Justin Gick reported that the first day of school went smoothly. He noted that students were adjusting to the new lab periods and that senior portraits had been completed. Mr. Gick discussed the posting of scholarship information by the guidance department and the fact that the West Peer Leaders had had their first meeting with the freshmen. He also noted that the girls volleyball team was having the best season of all the fall sports teams. He reminded the Board that West’s Back to School Night was coming up on October 1. He voiced student hopes that the CHEA contract would soon be settled “with respect.”

### Curriculum & Instruction

The Board approved out of district student placement for the 2015-2016 school year.

The Board approved non-public textbooks for the 2015-2016 school year.

The Board approved agreements for the 2015-2016 school year under \$17,500.

The Board approved attendance at conferences and workshops for the 2015-2016 school year.

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The Board approved Mt. Misery mileage.

### Business & Facilities

The Board approved the financial reports for April 2015, 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 \$9,895,866.08, as well as the bill list dated September 29, 2015 in the amount of \$ 2,254,813.12 as submitted.

The Board approved a resolution authorizing the use of awarded vendors through state contract to multiple vendors for a variety of commodities/services throughout the District, as listed on the September 29, 2015 Action Agenda.

The Board approved multiple resolutions for transportation for classified students.

The Board approved Hillman’s Bus Service to transport one child to and from Horace Mann Elementary School in a wheelchair van.

The Board approved an award of transportation to Hillman’s Bus Service to transport (3) three McKinney-Vento students residing in Lindenwold, NJ to/from Kingston Elementary School.

The Board approved a resolution for the award of change orders to complete visitor grandstand alterations and related work at West sports complex.

The Board approved the following donations:

A monetary donation for the District STAR Games from the Cherry Hill Education Foundation (CHEF) to provide buses for the event: \$1,472.

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A monetary donation from CHEF to high schools East, West and The Alternative High School to conduct “Behavioral health Works Screenings” for students in the months of December and March: \$3,500.

A monetary donation from CHEF to Barton Elementary School for 4 smartboards, an Epson projector, Warranty, and Installation: \$22,040.

A monetary donation from CHEF to Bret Harte Elementary School for 10 Apple iPads, 1 cart, Protection Plan – 5th grade and an iPad Learning Lab: \$6,789.

A monetary donation from CHEF to Kilmer Elementary School for 12 Chromebooks for second grade students: \$3,804.

A monetary donation from CHEF to Kilmer Elementary School for 26 Chromebooks and one cart: \$9,705.

A monetary donation from CHEF to Cherry Hill High School West for Class of 2019 t-shirts: \$1,171.

A monetary donation from CHEF to Beck Middle School to continue three sustainability projects in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades: \$2,000.

### **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, flex option presenters and other compensation.

### **Policies & Legislation Committee**

The Board approved a Resolution for Recognition of Week of Respect, October 5-9, 2015.

Resolution for Recognition of School Violence Awareness Week, October 5-9, 2015.

The Board approved Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying Investigation Decisions.

### **Strategic Planning**

The Board announced that it has come to an agreement with township regarding shared services for new turf fields at West and East. To discuss legal issues surrounding the agreement, the Board went into Executive Session. The Board came back to open public session after executive session. The Board voted to move ahead with the next stage of the shared services agreement.

*The official minutes of the August Board of Education Meeting will be posted on the district web site following their approval at the October 2015 Action Meeting. For more information, contact the Public Information Office at [publicinfo@chcl.org](mailto:publicinfo@chcl.org) or (856) 429-5600.*