

## Cherry Hill Board of Education

# Notes

### Highlights from the November Action Meeting

#### Donation

The Cherry Hill Rotary, along with the Cherry Hill Education Foundation, donated dictionaries to the third graders of the Cherry Hill Public Schools. CHEF President Eleanor Stofman joined Rotary President Bob Downie, pictured at right, to present dictionaries to three Johnson Elementary third graders, who accepted on behalf of their fellow classmates.

#### Board Representative Reports

Valerie Wilson, alternate representative from Cherry Hill West, reported on the latest news from her school, including West Football's first-time-ever spot in the state playoffs. She also talked about preparations for Homecoming as well as achievements in the arts and academics. No representative from Cherry Hill East was present.

#### Curriculum & Instruction

The Board approved the Nursing Service Plan for the 2013-2014 academic school year.

The Board approved a renewal agreement with Rubicon Atlas curriculum mapping software for the period from December 1, 2013 to November 30, 2013.

The Board approved a list of Approved Private Practice Providers to perform various evaluations, consultations and services for students with suspected and confirmed disabilities.

The Board approved attendance of various district and nonpublic school staff at conferences and workshops.

The Board approved out of district student placements for two students for the 2013-2014 school year. One is a new placement; the other is for additional services.

The Board approved a services contract with the NJ Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired for the 2013-2014 school year.

The Board approved a resolution authorizing a professional service agreement with Bayada Nurses, Inc., for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.



#### Business & Facilities

The Board approved the financial reports for September 2013, 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 \$9,384,279.42 and the bill list dated November 27, 2013, totaling \$3,141,230.73.

The Board approved a resolution authorizing an agreement between the Board and the Katz Jewish community Center for pool rental for High School East.

The Board approved a resolutions authorizing an agreement between the Board and the Boys & Girls Club of Camden County for pool rental for High School West.

The Board approved a resolution for the approval of bid awards to Copy Duplicator Supplies (through Educational Data Services), Janitorial Paper Products, Eaise snow plowing, Merit snow plowing, and Hillman's Bus Service.

The Board awarded transportation from Monmouth-Ocean Educational Services Commission to provide transportation for one classified student to and from the Children's Center of Monmouth County to and from a residential facility.

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The Board approved Holcomb Bus Service, Inc. to transport four students from Cherry Hill High School West to home on a shuttle for a total of 27 days.

The Board approved Burlington County Special Services School District to provide transportation for one classified student to and from Moorestown High School for the 2013-2014 academic year.

The Board approved First Student, Inc., to transport four classified student on a shuttle from New Hope Academy, Yardley, PA, to home for a total of 57 days.

The Board approved Hillman's Bus Service to transport one classified McKinney-Vento student to and from the Alternative High School for a total of 90 days.

The Board approved First Student, Inc., to transport students to and from Cherry Hill High School East for a total of 125 days.

The Board approved Hillman's Bus Service, Inc., to transport two McKinney-Vento students from Thomas Paine Elementary school for a total of 161 days. Hillman's Bus Service was also approved to transport one McKinney-Vento student on a shuttle home from Voorhees Middle School for a total of three days, and another for a total of two days..

The Board approved an agreement for the rental of the Liacouras Center to hold graduation ceremonies for Cherry Hill High School East and Cherry Hill High School West on June 17, 2014.

The Board accepted the 2012-2013 Audit Report, included in the financial section of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

The Board accepted a donation from the Cherry Hill Education Foundation of \$847.87 to complete the purchase of iPads for the district's elementary music teachers.

The Board also accepted a donation of dictionaries for all district third grade students from CHEF and the Cherry Hill Rotary Club.

### **Human Resources/Negotiations**

The Board approved the retirement of Cherry Hill West exceptional education assistant Robert Carr.

The Board approved 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.

The Board approved a fee of \$5000 to be paid to the New Jersey Association of School Administrators and approved their contract as presented effective Nov. 1, 2013.

### **Policies & Legislation**

The Board approved the first reading of several policies:

- Draft Policy 2224: Equal Opportunity/Nondiscrimination/Harassment
- Draft Policy 5117: School Attendance Areas
- Draft Policy 5117.1: Open Enrollment
- Draft Policy 5131: Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying
- Draft Policy 6164.1: Information for Parents Use of Electronic Mail in Special Services

The Board approved Draft Policy 6111: School Calendar for second reading and adoption as submitted.

The Board approved the issuance of written decisions in student HIB investigations.

### **November 12 Work Session**

Policy and Legislation Committee Cochair Steve Robbins led a discussion on revisions to Policy 5117.1—Open Enrollment. It was agreed that the Open Enrollment Policy at Rosa International Middle school will remain largely unchanged for the 2014-2015 school year. The only change in the policy now allows students attending Johnson Elementary School who live in the 08034 zip code to have the option of enrolling at Beck or Carusi. Further board discussion of possible revisions for school years beyond 2014-2015 will continue.