



# Cherry Hill Board of Education Notes

## Highlights from the December Action Meeting

### Recognition

The Board recognized staff members of Cherry Hill East's student newspaper, *Eastside*, pictured at right with adviser Greg Gagliard and East Interim Principal Dr. Lawyer Chapman, Dec. 17 for its multiple accolades this year, including New Jersey's Distinguished Journalism Award for the fifth year in a row. Mr. Gagliard also was recognized for his win of the Golden Quill Award for lifetime achievement in NJ scholastic journalism.

### Board Representative Reports

No representatives from Cherry Hill East or Cherry Hill West were present.

### Curriculum & Instruction

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

The Board approved out of district tuition contracts for the 2012-2013 school year during the December 2013 cycle. One is a new student placement; the other is for a tuition adjustment.

The Board approved three Non-Public Schools Technology requests for the 2013-2014 school year funded by the Non-Public Technology Grant. The requests were for Camden Catholic High School; Politz Day School and Resurrection Catholic School.

### Business & Facilities

The Board approved the financial reports for October 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 \$10,112,043.55 as well as the first bill list dated December 17, 2013, in the amount of \$235,339.28; and the second bill list dated December 17, 2013 in the amount of \$3,513,968.34.

The Board approved the authorization for the use of Metuchen Center Inc. as a vendor for sporting goods.

The Board approved a resolution that all school bus



emergency drills were successfully completed at all schools.

The Board approved a resolution authorizing the School Business Administrator to submit the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan and M-1 for the Cherry Hill Public Schools in compliance with DOE requirements.

The Board approved a resolution for shared services agreements between the Township of Cherry Hill and the Board for Police Outside Employment, including security, traffic control or other police related duties, as well as shared materials and services.

The Board approved resolutions for the approval of bid awards to various vendors to provide the following: general classroom supplies, office computer supplies, athletic supplies, audio visual supplies, custodial supplies, elementary science, family/consumer science supplies, fine art supplies, furniture, health and trainer supplies, language arts/world languages, library supplies, math supplies, photography supplies, physical education supplies, rocketry, science supplies, special needs, teaching aids, and technology supplies.

The Board approved T&L Transportation to transport one classified student to/from Real Center, Laurel Springs, from Nov. 11, 2103 through March 28, 2014.

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The Board approved Holcomb Bus Service, Inc., to transport one classified student to/from the Y.A.L.E. School Atlantic for a total of 65 days.

The Board approved Safety Bus Service, Inc., to transport three McKinney-Vento students residing in Camden to/from Beck Middle School and Johnson Elementary School from December 2, 2013 through April 28, 2014.

The Board approved Hillman's Bus Service, Inc., to transport one McKinney-Vento student on a shuttle to/from Voorhees Middle School.

The Board approved Camden County Educational Services Commission to transport on classified student to/from Orchard Friends School from November 4, 2013 through December 20, 2013.

The Board approved a change order for automatic fire detection and alarm system replacement at Cherry Hill High School East.

The Board approved an agreement between the Board and the Cherry Hill Midget Football League.

The Board approved Direct Install Program Contracts with PSE&G for Harte, Cooper, Mann, Johnson, Kilmer, Kingston, Knight and Paine Elementary Schools, as well as Malberg Administration and Alternative High School.

The Board approved an application to the DOE for grant funding for the remediation of water infiltration at Cherry Hill High School East.

The Board approved the acceptance of preliminary eligible costs with respect to various school facilities projects. Of 42 projects submitted for State grants, 40 were awarded funds. With a total value of the projects at approximately \$18 million, the state will contribute \$7.16 million and the District will contribute \$10.75 million.

The Board accepted a donation from CHEF of \$5,000 to support the Mt. Misery Program.

#### **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**

The Board approved the first reading of several policies:

- Draft Policy 3600: Evaluation of Business and Non-Instructional Operations
- Draft Policy 6171.42: Independent Educational Evaluations

The Board approved the following for second reading and adoption as submitted:

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

The Board approved a resolution to waive policy 5117.1: Open Enrollment.

The Board approved a resolution to continue student suspensions.

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

#### **Strategic Planning**

Strategic Planning Committee Chair Seth Klukoff outlined the Board goals:

- Continue to improve student achievement at all grade levels for all students and close achievement gaps where they exist.
- Create a cost-effective budget that provides for educational resources as well as preventive maintenance and ongoing facilities improvement in all schools.
- Enhance communication with and outreach to internal and external stakeholders.
- Enhance relationships with internal stakeholders through effective hiring and retention practices and staff training programs.