



Cherry Hill Board of Education Notes

Highlights from the December 2018 Action Meeting

Presentations

The Board recognized the District's National Merit Commended Students. Assistant Superintendent Dr. Justin Smith presented a video summarizing the collaboration between High School West and the University of the Arts. The Board recognized the Board members who were stepping down for their service. Michael Holt of Holman Frenia Allison, P.C., presented the 2017/2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Corresponding Audit.

Board Representative Reports

Cherry Hill High School East Representative Julia Langmuir began her update reporting on East's fall show *The Man Who Came to Dinner*. She noted that East's spring musical will be *Fiddler on the Roof*. Ms. Langmuir also noted that the instrumental music department's winter concert would be on December 19, while the vocal music department's concert will be on January 10. She added that the Coffee House fundraiser is coming up on January 19. Ms. Langmuir gave a sports update, recapping the fall season and adding that the school was looking forward to the winter sports season. She mentioned that East's SGA had completed a successful toy drive for the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. The organization also is working with several clubs at East to coordinate efforts for the Martin Luther King Day of Service on January 21, she said. Mrs. Langmuir thanked Dr. Meloche for participating in a special student-organized Town Hall Meeting for all interested students to discuss the Bond at East on December 3. She reminded the Board about the student surveys she and Alternate Representative Craig Robinson have been developing this year. The next survey, she said, will focus on issues regarding the failed Bond. Ms. Langmuir asked that all adults consider students' voices and opinions as we move forward with the next Bond.

Cherry Hill High School West Representative Sonja Kangaju reported on athletics, beginning with congratulating All Conference players from various fall sports teams. On behalf of the entire West community,



National Merit Commended Students

she also thanked the members of the Eastern Regional Men's Swim Team, who wore purple at a recent meet to show support for senior captain Matt Stankus, who is battling a rare form of cancer. "Our shared commitment to community is our source of greatest strength," she said. Ms. Kangaju noted the successful combined concert recently held at West, and noted that the musical groups would be collaborating in West's Broadway Night, "21st Century Disney," in the spring. She also congratulated Steven Douglas and Sarah Davidson for being selected to All South Jersey Band, and Emma Jones for being selected to the All South Jersey Orchestra. Ms. Kangaju also congratulated seniors Britton Fletcher and Brie Leftwich for their performance in the South Jersey production of *The Nutcracker*. She noted that the African American Culture Clubs at East and West will be presenting their second annual Black History Month celebration on February 23, *A Seat at the Table: A History of Firsts*. She noted that students of all ages were welcome to audition beginning December 19. Ms. Kangaju reported that the National Honor Society had raised more than \$300 for the Cherry Hill Food Pantry with their recent volleyball tournament. She also noted that Latinas at West and other groups had conducted a large holiday toy drive, and Project Lit had collected

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more than 100 books, for Mi Casita Daycare Center in Camden. Thanks to a West student who works at The Discovery Museum in Cherry Hill, each child at Mi Casita also received a free pass to go to the Museum.

Curriculum & Instruction

The Board approved attendance at conferences and workshops for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Board approved the Extended School Year Program (ESY) for 2019.

The Board approved the Title I Summer Academy 2019.

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

Business & Facilities

The Board approved financial reports for October 2018, 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 \$12,955,621.09.

The Board approved the Bill Lists dated December 18, 2018 with the first Bill List in the amount of \$1,986,189.31, and the second Bill List in the amount of \$2,221,809.08.

The Board approved the SACC Bill List for December 18, 2018 in the amount of \$13,489.00.

The Board approved multiple Resolutions for the Award of Transportation.

The Board approved the License Agreement for the Liacouras Center – Graduation H.S. East, June 20, 2019.

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The Board approved a Non Public School Technology Plan for Katz JCC iPads.

The Board accepted the following donations:

A donation of gift cards from ShopRite – Ravitz Family to Cherry Hill High School West for families in need: \$2,000.

A monetary donation from the East Theatre Boosters to Cherry Hill High School East for 11 microphones: \$4,000.

A monetary donation from the Eskandrany Family to Barton Elementary for the purchase of 4 Chromebooks: \$1,000.

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, assignment/salary changes, and other compensation.

Policies & Legislation Committee

The Board approved a Waiver of Regulation 2340: Field Trips for Cherry Hill High School West Festival of Music trip to Virginia Beach from April 4-7, 2019.

The Board approved Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying investigative decisions.

Strategic Planning

The Board conducted discussion regarding the Bond Referendum Vote.

The official minutes of the December 18, 2018 Board of Education Meeting will be posted on the district web site following their approval at the November 27, 2018 Action Meeting. For more information, contact the Public Information Office at publicinfo@chclc.org or (856) 429-560.