

Cherry Hill Board of Education

Notes

Highlights from the December 2017 Action Meeting

Presentations

The Rotary Club of Cherry Hill, in conjunction with the Cherry Hill Education Foundation, presented dictionaries to all third graders in the District. A group of third graders from Clara Barton Elementary School accepted the donation on behalf of all third grade CHPS students.

Board Representative Reports

Cherry Hill High School East Representative Joshua Sodicoff reported that East recently wrapped up their production of "It's a Wonderful Life," and that the Thespian Society had reached its goal of raising \$8,000 for hurricane relief as well. He noted that auditions for the spring musical, "Music Man," would begin soon. Mr. Sodicoff added that East's instrumental groups would be holding their winter concert on December 20 at 7 pm. He recounted the Fraternal Order of Police Christmas Party, in which more than 200 students from both East and West volunteered. The party, held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, hosted more than 900 guests as a celebration for developmentally disabled children. Mr. Sodicoff mentioned that the East Robotics Club had an "extremely exciting" season, in which all six competing teams qualified for the upcoming state competition in February. He noted that winter sports were underway and that East recently had hosted more than 20 masters of education students from the University of Pennsylvania. The Penn student observed the high school's social studies instruction. Mr. Sodicoff added that January 5 would be the date of East's Freshman Dance and January 12 would make the SGA lip sync competition.

Cherry Hill High School West Alternate Representative Gay Brown reported that she was a bit saddened to realize half the school year is over. She noted that West hosted the SAT on December 2 and ACT on December 9.



Cherry Hill Rotary Club President Bill Turner, left, poses with students from Barton Elementary. The Rotary Club partners with the Cherry Hill Education Foundation every year to provide dictionaries for all third graders in the District.

She also mentioned the Holiday Lighting Ceremony at the Carson Tilelli Community Center on December 11. Ms. Brown explained that she had represented West in the presentation about Kwanza. She also mentioned the successful run of West Theater's presentation of "A Christmas Carol," and added that auditions for West's spring musical, "The Phantom of the Opera" would be taking place soon, with the selection of the cast before winter break. Ms. Brown also mentioned the FOP Christmas Party and thanked the West volunteers who decorated and volunteered for the event. She also noted that Spanish classes would be donating toys to children at the Mi Casita Day Care Center. She noted that West's winter sports season had begun and was going well, with especially the wrestling team exhibiting the "West Way." Ms. Brown wished everyone happy holidays.

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Curriculum & Instruction

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

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

Business & Facilities

The Board approved the financial reports for October 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 \$ 12,207,596.55.

The Board approved the Bill Lists dated December 19, 2017 in the amount of \$ 13,052.52 and \$2,618,714.56 as submitted.

The Board approved the School Bus Emergency Evacuation First Drills Report

The Board approved multiple awards of transportation as detailed in the December 19, 2017 Action Meeting agenda.

The Board approved a resolution for the award of bids for various Cherry Hill Public School Properties.

The Board approved a resolution for the award of change orders for soffit replacement at Kingston Elementary School.

The Board approved a resolution approving the transfer of funds to all for proper funding of the construction project crawl space ventilation and modifications at Barton Elementary School.

The Board approved the acceptance of donations:

- A monetary donation from Patient First to Barton Elementary to be used to purchase a teleprompter: \$1,000.
- A monetary donation from the University of Notre Dame to Carusi Middle School to be used for startup funds for the ND STEM Impact Plan: \$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 for certificated and non-certificated staff, assignment/salary changes, and other compensation.

Policies & Legislation Committee

The Board approved the second reading of Policies:

- Draft Policy 1250: Civility
- Draft Policy 5330.04: Administering an Opioid Antidote

The Board approved Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying Investigation Decisions.

Strategic Planning

The Board approved the "Cherry Hill 2020: Clear Vision for the Future" Plan.

The official minutes of the December 2017 Board of Education Meeting will be posted on the district web site following their approval at the November 2017 Action Meeting. For more information, contact the Public Information Office at publicinfo@chcl.org or (856) 429-5600.