

OLD BRIDGE BOARD BRIEFS

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

April 29, 2014

RECOGNITION

The Board

- commended Michael Miraglia, fifth grade student of Memorial Elementary, for making the Pop Warner fifth grade Eastern Region team for his high GPA and being named to the All American first team for fifth grade.
- commended the following Jonas Salk Middle School students who were crowned “Tri-County Champion” for the Greater Middlesex County Wrestling League:

Sonny Fauci	7th Grade
Justin Gonzalez	7th Grade
Tyler Haughney	8th Grade
Johnathan Lopez	8th Grade
Michael Botte	8th Grade
Bartek Rybka	8th Grade

- offered special thanks for the following donors: Disney, Carol Werle, Betty Kohring, Kristen and Joseph Stahl, Joyce Pearl, Debra Carbone, and Carol Hseuh for funding the Donors Choose project “Bring the Greenhouse to Life” submitted by Susan Stahl for \$711. Funding was used to purchase a heater, hose hanger, 1,000 jiffy pellets, 10 planting trays, and one red cedar planter for the Carol Sandburg Middle School greenhouse restoration.
- commended Madison Paster, Cooper School student for winning the Sodexo Future Chef’s competition and recognized all the Old Bridge students and Sodexo employees who participated and helped make the Sodexo Future Chefs competition a great success. They are:

Finalist	School	Sodexo Employee	HS Culinary Student
Cameryn Gray	McDivitt	Sharon DeMan	Alexandra Dennis
Matthew Brennan	Carpenter	Sue Finemore	Gloria Wynder
Erin Picard	Schirra	Ann Navallo	Dominique Bianco
Adam Eliraky	Southwood	Tina Antonelli	Katie Yip
Miyako Fisco	Voorhees	Sam Long	Dale DeJesus
Julia Najarian	Cheesequake	Christine Demarco	Megan Graca
*Madison Paster	Cooper	Kathy Stockert	John McCarthy
Zeenat Zafar	Madison Park	Barbra Pizzimenti	Caitlyn Nemeth
Emily Labour	Memorial	Sandy Fields	Marc Martinez
Ben Streu	Shepard	Shannon Donnelly	Nancy Kallamanis
Bradford Wallace	Miller	Ann Traverzo	Tony Dominici

Sodexo Helpers: Alice Larson, Diane Kosciowiat, Tracy Tonnisen, Linda Murafsky

- recognized Nathaniel Feldman, OBHS senior, for earning the rank of Eagle Scout with St. Ambrose Troop 129.
- recognized Cameryn Gray, fifth grade student at McDivitt Elementary School, for receiving the AAA Outstanding Safety Patroller award on April 24.

Progress Towards Goals

Anahita Keiller, Director of Arts and Cultures

- introduced Demiera Lockhard, an OBHS student, who addressed the audience in Mandarin, a language she has studied for the past four years. Lockhard said she selected Mandarin because 1.5 billion people in the world speak the language and she will be competing not only with OBHS students but people all over the world.
- said the district implemented the Chinese program for 700 plus fifth graders this year. The students learned about the Mandarin culture and language.
- showed a video of fifth graders learning about the Mandarin culture by Li Wang, a guest teacher.
- said Old Bridge will be the recipient next year of another guest teacher trainee sponsored by the College Board and Hanban.

FINANCE

The Board

- accepted a \$500 grant to Schirra School from Exxon-Mobil Corp. The grant will be used for professional development, technology, and science.
- accepted a \$500 grant to Schirra School from Annie's Organic Homegrown. The grant will be used for enhancements to the school garden.
- accepted a grant in the amount of \$500 from Sodexo Healthy HS Challenge to the Ellen McDermott GNC to be used for physical education equipment.

NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

The Board

- approved the retirement of Barbara Newman, paraprofessional aide at Southwood School, with deep appreciation for her 10 years of dedicated service to the District, effective July 1.

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

The Board

- approved the retirement of the following staff members with deep appreciation for their years of dedicated service to the District. They are: Gail Markowitz, OBHS, Culinary Arts, 18 years of service; Noreen Kurtz, Southwood, Kindergarten, 23 years; Svetlana Bogomolny, Glenn School, Psychologist, 27 years; and Claudia Pace, Carl Sandburg Middle School, 30 years, all effective July 1.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Board

- approved the following meetings: public hearing on budget, 7 p.m. on May 6, in the OBHS Main Building TV Studio; agenda session, 7:30 p.m. May 13, in the Patrick Torre Administration Building; and regular meeting, 7:30 p.m. May 20, in the OBHS Main Auditorium.