

OLD BRIDGE BOARD BRIEFS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING February 18, 2014

IN MEMORIAM

The Board

- acknowledged the deaths of Jane Dunn, retired accounts payable clerk, and Arlene Grace Sulley, retired noon hour supervisor, and expressed its deepest sympathy to their families and friends.

RECOGNITION

The Board

- recognized Gabriella Bordenabe, eighth grade student at Jonas Salk Middle School, for her efforts in organizing a school fundraiser to support a four-year-old resident who is battling Stage 4 Neuroblastoma. The response from the staff and students at Salk School was overwhelming. They raised more than \$620 to assist the family.
- recognized Sahar Akbarzai, 12th grade student at OBHS, who was an essay contest winner at the 25th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. breakfast sponsored by the YMCA of Western Monmouth County.
- recognized Remsen Straub of Straub Motors and Robert Lyttle of Tom's Ford, members of the Monmouth County Dealers' Association, for the \$9,884.28 donation to the OBHS Automotive program
- recognized Tony Leone, CTR Towing and Recovery, for the free removal of wheel alignment rack and delivery to Sayreville War Memorial High School.

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

The Board

- approved the retirement of Victoria Wilson Arose, Carpenter School, special education, with deep appreciation for her 35 years of dedicated service to the District, and Phyllis Brooks, Cheesequake School, with deep appreciation for her 13.5 years of service to the District, both effective July 1.

DAVID CITTADINO

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

- said the Board of Education established its goals in January for 2014-2015.
- said they include: improvement of educational opportunities for all students; successful implementation of Achieve NJ (teacher and principal evaluation model); develop a long-range plan to address enrollment, faculty, and students' needs in a fiscally responsible manner; increase collaboration and communication with all stakeholders; and ensure safe and secure facilities for students and staff.
- addressed the make up days for those school days cancelled due to snow. In addition to Feb. 17 and April 14, the district will hold full days of school on April 11 and May 23.

He said there is still one more day to account for and that will be addressed at the Board of Education's March meeting.

- said he will hold a Superintendent's Forum at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 26 at the John H. Glenn School, 185 Cindy St.

KATHLEEN HOEKER

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

- offered a report on the district's implementation of Achieve NJ, the teacher and principal evaluation model.
- said 2,560 observations of staff will be completed this year between Oct. 1 and April 1 compared to just over 1,000 last year.
- said one-third of the observations require a pre-conference and all require a post conference.
- said all non-tenure teachers require observations by multiple observers.
- said 100 mid-year evaluations have been completed.
- said administrators undergo similar procedures with two observations for tenured administrators and three observations for non-tenured.
- said all evaluations of teachers and administrators must be submitted to the state by August.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Board

- approved the following meetings: agenda session, 7:30 p.m., March 11, in the Patrick Torre Administration Building, and regular meeting at 7:30 p.m., March 18, in the OBHS TV Studio.
- listened as Lawrence Redmond discussed the upcoming Old Bridge Relay for Life, which is in its fifth year. This is the largest fundraiser in the world for cancer sponsored by the American Cancer Society. Over the past four years, Old Bridge has raised \$200,000. The kickoff celebration will be held at 6:30 p.m. on March 12 at Old Bridge High School Main Building.
- Kelly Ellis-Foster discussed the Glass Slipper Project. In its third year, the program provides township students with new and slightly used dresses, suits, and accessories for the eighth grade dance and prom. The project has been relocated to the Ellen McDermott Grade Nine Center and has been expanded from high school students only to include students in grade eight. There is no charge for the formal-wear clothes.