

OLD BRIDGE BOARD BRIEFS

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

June 17, 2014

IN MEMORIAM

The Board

- acknowledged the deaths of Robert Emslie, 2012 graduate of OBHS, James Witkowski, 2011 graduate of OBHS, and Mary Ann Chamberlain, paraprofessional aide and expressed its deepest sympathies to their families and friends

RECOGNITION

The Board

- commended the following Old Bridge students for their achievements in the NJ Basketball Special Olympics:. They are: Robert Lieu, Daniel McNamara, Mai Vy Nguyen, Paul Pantano, Joseph Pilchuk, Nicholas Rulli, Scott Solomon, and Bobby Vig.
- recognized the following Jonas Salk Middle School students for their participation in the community of Caring Club. These students went to the Roosevelt Care Center in Old Bridge to spend an hour visiting with the residents and assisting them with creating a spring basket craft. They are: Stephanie Bordenable, Prabbsimran Kaur, Skye Garcia, Mariam Khan, Elijah Mack and Vernesha Moore-Allen, all sixth graders, and Kyle Arenas, Javier Lopez, Victoria Russo, Sarah Dean, all eighth graders.
- recognized the following OBHS student volunteers for teaching English language skills to non-English speaking adult learners in the community. They are: Monica Sung, Shaillee Gusani and Ian Hutton, all seniors, and Brianna Morales, Ezzaj Sayed, Nimra Yaqoob, Shyam Lalani, Noah Miller, Karla Avila, and Kayla Corales, all juniors.
- recognized the following Jonas Salk Middle School students for raising \$1,200 with several fundraisers during the year. They donated \$1,000 to Make-A-Wish Foundation and \$200 for JSMS Challenge Day. They are: Aliza Akhtar and Dhrumi Mistry, both eighth graders.
- commended the following OBHS teams: Ice Hockey, Red Division Champions, John Piccolo Holiday Classic Tournament Champions; Girls' Indoor Track, GMC Champions, GMC Relay Champions; Boys' Lacrosse, Red Division Champions; Boys' Volleyball, Red Division Champions; Boys' Spring Track 4x400 Team (Ed Zaleck, Alex Leto, Marcus Hernandez, Hazem Miawad), Group IV State Champions.
- commended OBHS student Zachary Attianese, Gatorade NJ Baseball Player of the Year.
- commended OBHS coach Andrew Boriello, GMC Coach of the Year.
- recognized the following OBHS students for their high achieving scores on the National Spanish Exam: Veronique Perez, silver; Radha Patel, bronze, Rhagavi Thiagarajah, bronze, Kayla Jerome, bronze, Tara Durstewitz, honor, all Spanish 2 students; Hope Avalone, silver, Christie Antwi-Buosiako, honors, Eric Los Kamp,

honors, Vanessa Rodriguez, honors, all Spanish 3; Nicole Cornejo, bronze, Karla Avila, honors, Ali Geisa, honors, Marlena Kotowska, honors, Bailey Lawrence, honors, Monica Miranda, honors, Nia Parris, honors, all Spanish 4; and Ian Hutton, silver, and Daniela Fernandez, honors, Spanish AP.

- commended Andrew Simone, student at McDivitt Elementary for coming up with the idea to Pay It Forward. He and the following current and former students of the James McDivitt Elementary School helped raise more than \$800 for Brian Rhatigan, 26, a former McDivitt student, who was sick and hospitalized. They are: Andrew Simone, Gabe Lodato, Megan Hussey, James Dyas, Justin Dyas, Gianna Procelli, Jackie Casey, Matthew Frantino and Becky MacAuley, current McDivitt students; and Matthew Simone, Brandon Simone, Madelyn Lodato, Katie Hussey and Holley McCann, Sandburg; and Ally Hussey and Matthew Rizzo, all OBHS.
- recognized teacher Eugene Cimis and Cloud 9 Jazz Band for their outstanding support of Leroy Gordon Cooper School events.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

DAVID CITTADINO

- announced there will be a special Board of Education meeting at 7:30 p.m. on June 26 in the TV Studio at OBHS. He said he will present reports on harassment, intimidation and bullying and vandalism.
- said he wanted to focus on the positive tonight. He presented the district's first digital yearbook created by Rosanne Moran, directory of technology. He added, the video offers a glimpse of the highlights of a great year.

CURRICULUM

The Board

- approved acceptance into the College Board/Hanban Chinese Guest Trainee program for district fifth graders to receive language and culture instruction during the 2014-2015 school year. Old Bridge School District's application was successfully accepted by the College Board on March 27. The Old Bridge School District is responsible for visa processing and insurance (total of \$2,900) only. Housing and transportation are being provided by the district. All other stipends and expenses are covered by Hanban. This is the second year Old Bridge has been accepted into this program.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Board

- approved the following meetings: special meeting, 7:30 p.m., June 26, in the OBHS Main Building TV Studio; agenda session, 7:30 p.m., Aug. 12, in the Patrick A. Torre Administration Building; and regular meeting at 7:30 p.m., Aug. 19, in the OBHS Main Building TV Studio.
- accepted a grant from DCH Honda in the amount of \$1,500 to OBHS to be used for the Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) adviser stipend and approve the recommendation of Lori Obdyke as the SADD adviser for the 2013-2014 school year.
- accepted Memorial PTA's additional donation for \$188.12 to be used to purchase a Smartboard for Memorial School

- accepted the \$1,000 Mayor's Book Club Award for Madison Park Elementary School. The funds are to be used to purchase books for classroom libraries.
- approved participation in the German Exchange Program, which allows German students to visit Old Bridge in October 2014, and OBHS students, who are enrolled in German classes, to visit Germany over spring break/April 2015. This is the second year Old Bridge is participating in the program.