

OLD BRIDGE BOARD BRIEFS

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

March 18, 2014

IN MEMORIAM

The Board

- acknowledged the deaths of June Noga, retired secretary, and Mildred Klecha, retired nurse, and expressed its deepest sympathies to their families and friends.

RECOGNITION

The Board

- commended the following Old Bridge students for their achievements in the New Jersey Special Olympics Winter Games Speed Skating Competition. They are:

Name	Medals	Medals
Louis Carbone	100m 1st Place	300m 2nd Place
Robert Lieu	300m 1st Place	500m 1st Place
Mai Vy Nguyen	300m 1st Place	500m 1st Place
Paul Pantano	100m 1st Place	300m 1st Place
Joseph Pilchuk	300m 3rd Place	500m 2nd Place
Stephanie Puccio	300m 1st Place	500m 1st Place
Bobby Vig	25m 1st Place	100m 1st Place
Mark Zeluff	300m 2nd Place	500m 1st Place

- recognized the following six essay winners submitted from the Old Bridge Elks Lodge to go to the next level of District judging in the Elks Americanism Essay Contest. They are:

Name(s)	School(s)
Keyur Parikh	Sandburg
Isabelle Peng	Sandburg
Emily Jiang	Sandburg
Nicole Ng	Sandburg
Faizah Rahim	Sandburg
Aishwarya Subash	Salk

- recognized the following students whose essays were judged to be the best from the schools in the Elks Americanism Essay Contest. They are:

Rohan Wadhwa	Shepard
Trista Vargas	Madison Park
Joseph Tancredi	Carpenter
Isabella Dismile	Grissom
Sanai Tolbert	McDivitt
Sawni Bhatt	Sandburg
Victoria Percoco	Sandburg
Chelsea Quyenortey	Salk

Samica Goel
Arya Goyal
Maxwell Goldberg
Amanda D'Antona
Zachary Rotkowitz
Sherya Kembhavi

Memorial
Voorhees
Southwood
Southwood
Schirra
Miller

- commended Rebecca Jager, librarian of Southwood School, for her dedication and efforts in refurbishing and restoring the Southwood Elementary School Library. Jager has spent countless hours and donated materials to update the library. She also has involved Southwood parents in her efforts.
- recognized Steven LaPeruta, OBHS Teacher of Italian, for being a recipient of the "Special Award from the Italian Consulate in NYC". LaPeruta received this high honor for the hard work he has demonstrated in the promotion of the Italian language and culture, and specifically for the role he has played in increasing Advanced Placement enrollment and participation. Old Bridge School District is proud to offer one of the largest Italian programs in the state. The District thanks LaPeruta for his dedication and enthusiasm.
- accepted a donation from the Old Bridge Elks in the amount of \$1,000 to support the cooperative event Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs (HOFNOD) contest for Grade four students organized by the Old Bridge Municipal Alliance.

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

The Board

- approved the retirement of Carol Grant, Carl Sandburg Middle School, Special Education with deep appreciation for her 28 years of dedicated service to the District, effective July 1.

DAVID CITTADINO

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

- said he has increased communication with the public by bringing back two evening meetings – Superintendent's Advisory Council and the Superintendent's Forum.
- said the district has improved student and school security. He said he learned from Old Bridge Police Captain Robert Weiss that since Jan. 10 there were 10 incidents of vandalism in the Laurence Harbor section of the township; it was a school security camera that picked up the incidents, and as a result, arrests were made.

PROGRESS TOWARDS GOALS

PRINCIPAL CHRISTOPHER MCCUE

- presented a HIB (Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying) report for the district. He said the state requires all schools to assess how they are handling anti-bullying issues between January 2011 and June 2013.
- said the district exceeded the state's mandated self-assessment results under the Anti Bullying Bill of Rights Act.

- said the information is available on the district's website, and each school has its own score posted on its individual website as well.

FINANCE

The Board

- approved the tentative budget for the 2014-2015 School Year using the 2013-2014 state aid figures and authorized the board secretary to submit it to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval.
- said the 2014-2015 expenditures total \$148,377,444 and the amount to be raised by taxes is \$92,745,337.
- set the public hearing on the budget for 7 p.m. on May 6 in the Old Bridge High School Main Building TV Studio.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Board

- approved the following meetings: agenda session, 7:30 p.m., April 8, in the Patrick Torre Administration Building and regular meeting at 7:30 p.m., April 29, in the OBHS Main Building TV Studio.
- approved the revised 2013-2014 School Calendar to reflect the give back of the following days lost due to emergency school closings: Monday, February 17, (was President's Day); Friday, April 11, (was half-day before Spring Break); Monday, April 14, (was first day of Spring Break); Friday, May 23 (was half day before Memorial Day weekend); Monday, June 23, (now is the last day of classes); Tuesday, June 24, high school graduation; and June 25, staff in service day.