

OLD BRIDGE BOARD BRIEFS

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

December 19, 2017

IN MEMORIAM

The Board

- acknowledged the deaths of Janet Kusher, retired elementary teacher, and Louis Kakos, retired Madison Central High School English teacher, and expressed its deepest sympathies to their families and friends.

RECOGNITION

The Board

- recognized and congratulated the following staff members as grant recipients as selected by the Old Bridge Education Foundation Board of Trustees based on their initiatives and creativity in submitting their applications.
They are: Benjamin Garrison, Social Studies teacher at Jonas Salk Middle School, Salk Civil War Day, \$500; Christine Bracken, Social Studies teacher at Carl Sandburg Middle School, Sandburg Civil War Day, \$500; James Yanuzzelli, Social Studies teacher at Jonas Salk Middle School, National Geographic Geography Bee, \$120; Lindsay Yanuzzelli, second grade teacher, Memorial Elementary, Friday STEM Maker Space, \$500; and Christopher Burica, ELA teacher at Carl Sandburg Middle School, Cougar Chronicle Videography Equipment, \$400.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

David Cittadino

- said the district concluded its participation in the Island Rescue drive for Puerto Rico To date, the district purchased 4,109 items and with three days left the district hopes to reach its goal of 4,600 items. He also said a trophy will be awarded to the schools/classes, who have contributed and demonstrated selflessly showing character. The winners will be announced shortly
- said for the past 25 years, the Old Bridge Public School District and the Old Bridge Police Department have partnered in drug education. The Too Good for Drugs curriculum is currently being taught in all 12 public schools and two parochial schools.
- said the officers instructing the program are: Pat D'Onofrio, Kevin Reck, Frank Contrera, Steve McCauley, and Keith Symanski. He also said the program is supported by the township's Municipal Alliance, Old Bridge PBA #127, and FOP Lodge #22.

FINANCE

The Board

- acknowledged Old Bridge Elks #2229 for the donation of \$500 to the Carl Sandburg Middle School PEER Leadership for student participation in the NJ Elks Association statewide Student Leadership Conference.

- accepted a donation of \$7,782.49 from Jonas Salk Middle School. These funds were raised at the Road Runners Run held on Oct. 8. The proceeds will be used to purchase athletic equipment.
- accepted a \$10,000 Play Unified grant. On behalf of the Special Olympics New Jersey and a generous grant from the US Department of Education, NJ State Department of Education, and the PSEF Foundation, this grant will be used to support Unified club, Unified sports, whole school engagement, and inclusive physical education activities in Old Bridge Township Public Schools for the 2017-2018 school year.
- approved the district submitting a grant to the Katie's Krops School Garden Supplies Program to apply for tools, crops, and increased knowledge to advance both the school vegetable garden program and our students' impact on healthy living in Old Bridge.
- accepted a \$500 grant to the Ellen McDermott Grade Nine Center from the Sodexo Healthy Challenge.

NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL – OFFICE

The Board

- approved the retirement of Barbara Staudt, OBHS, with deep appreciation for her 25 years of dedicated service to the District, effective April 1, 2018.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Board

- approved the following meetings: annual organization, 7:30 p.m., Jan. 4, 2018 in the OBHS Main TV Studio; agenda session, 7:30 p.m., Jan. 9, 2018, in the Patrick A. Torre Administration Building; regular meeting, 7 p.m., Jan. 16, 2018, in the OBHS TV Studio.
- acknowledged Mr. Paley, Old Bridge resident and retired member of the Old Bridge music community, for the donation of Edmund Scientific 6-inch reflecting telescope with equatorial mount to the Science Department for proposed use by the students of Old Bridge.
- approved the calendars for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years.

BOARD SECRETARY AND BOARD BUSINESS

The Board

- designated David Cittadino to the Representative Assembly of the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey from Jan. 1, 2018 to Dec. 31, 2018.