

# **OLD BRIDGE BOARD BRIEFS**

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

### **February 14, 2017**

#### ***SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS***

##### ***David Cittadino***

- presented a report on HIB (Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying) Violence and Vandalism
- said the report consisted of data from January 2016 to June 2016.
- said there were 29 incidents of violence; vandalism, 7; weapons, 2; substance abuse, 13; and HIB, 30.
- said there was a zero cost of vandalism to the district.
- said as a result of violence and vandalism, there were 15 in-school suspensions and 80 out-of-school suspensions.
- said there were 101 student offenders; 44 student victims; 6 school personnel victims; and 0 student victims of violent criminal offense.
- said in 2011-2012, there were 58 confirmed HIB incidents compared to 37 in 2015-2016.
- said the district has seen a 45 percent reduction of violence and vandalism incidents since 2010-2013 and now.

#### ***PROGRESS TOWARDS GOALS***

##### ***David Cittadino***

- discussed the effective reaction by the district and public to the proposed Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School in Old Bridge.
- said meetings were held with stakeholders, including members of the PTA, residents, parents, politicians, and community leaders.
- said a Facebook page was set up and a petition was signed by more than 4,000 residents protesting the school.
- said a letter was sent to the Commissioner of Education from the Township Council president on behalf of the Township Council.
- said the Sayre Woods Bible Church denied the request by the proposed charter school to utilize its facility.
- said a Superintendent's Forum was held at OBHS with more than 200 people in attendance.
- said he spoke with the lieutenant governor about the inaccuracies in the application (including the fact the applicant used Perth Amboy's statistics to justify a school in Old Bridge) and she said that "it would be a devastating blow to the application". Cittadino said he sent the supporting data to her.
- said over 10 years, the charter school would remove about \$31.8 million from the school budget.

## ***IN MEMORIAM***

### ***The Board***

- acknowledged the death of Carol Heinz, retired OBHS guidance secretary, and expressed its deepest sympathy to her family and friends.

## ***FINANCE***

### ***The Board***

- acknowledged the Panagakos Family for the \$10,000 donation to the Carl Sandburg Middle School Learning Commons Project for the purchase of books, furniture, technology and any related expenses for renovating the library to a “leaning commons” for CSMS students and faculty.

## ***NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL – OFFICE***

### ***The Board***

- approved the retirement of the following staff members with deep appreciation for their years of dedicated service to the District. They are: Jeffrey Haberman, attendance officer – OBHS, 10 years of service and Janet Furchak, payroll secretary – Administration Building, six years of service, both effective July 1, 2017.

## ***NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL – OTHER***

### ***The Board***

- approved the retirement of the following nurse and staff members with deep appreciation for their years of dedicated service to the District: They are: Dennis Rogers, nurse, Grissom School, 21 years of service, effective March 1, 2017; Susan Tuerk, paraprofessional aide, 12 years of service, effective Oct. 1, 2016; Deborah Richard, paraprofessional aide, 13 years of service, and Kathleen Charette, paraprofessional aide, 18 years of service, both effective July 1, 2017.

## ***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: Colleen Montuori, Schirra Elementary principal, 20 years of service, effective July 1, 2017; Harold Brennan, Jr., CSMS, 30 years of service, and Melanie Minch-Klass, Glenn School, 39 years of service, both effective April 1, 2017.

## ***NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL – OTHER***

### ***The Board***

- approved the retirement of Denise Capasso, director of transportation, with deep appreciation for her 26 years of dedicated service to the District, effective May 1, 2017.

## ***MISCELLANEOUS***

### ***The Board***

- approved the following meetings: agenda session, 7:30 p.m. on March 7, in the Patrick A. Torre Administration Building; and regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. on March 14, in the auditorium at OBHS Main Building.