

OLD BRIDGE BOARD BRIEFS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING January 17, 2017

IN MEMORIAM

The Board

- acknowledged the death of Robert Greenway, retired police officer and Old Bridge Board of Education bus driver, and expressed its deepest sympathies to his family and friends.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

David Cittadino

- discussed a proposal to the Department of Education from the founder of the Thomas Edison Charter School in Franklin to open a school in Old Bridge
- said the Albert Einstein EnergySmart Charter School is proposed as a STEAM School K-2 in year one with 160 students (2017-2018).
- said the plan calls for the school to grow by a grade level per year until fifth grade with 360 students (2020-2021).
- said the financial impact would be from \$1.6 million to \$3.6 million per year.
- said charter schools were originally conceived as teacher-run schools that would serve students struggling inside the traditional system and would operate outside the administrative bureaucracy and politicized big city school boards.
- said Old Bridge Township Public School District offers a safe environment for learning that nurtures the social, emotional and intellectual needs of all students; is an innovative and progressive school district; and witnesses measurable student growth outcomes.
- said Old Bridge Township Public Schools is a nationally recognized District of Character with 14 national recognized schools; received the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office Best Practice MOA with the schools and police department.
- said among the innovative programs offered they include the Kids to College Program; ShopRite Transition Program; Superintendents' Lunch Bunch; Readers of the Pack -- Therapy Dogs in the Classroom; Code in the Classroom, NoteBowl Hybrid classes, and two science-dome planetariums.
- said OBTPS has seen record performance gains on the SAT; increased AP participation and performance; and significant gains in PARCC performance. It has a top 20 PARCC elementary school and it has a National Distinguished Title I School.
- said for the first time in the history of OBTPS, an elementary school was invited to apply for the National Blue Ribbon School Award. He then congratulated Cheesequake Elementary School and its principal Thomas Ferry.

RECOGNITION

The Board

- commended the following Old Bridge High School students for achieving the high rank of Eagle Scout with Troop 129. Their hard work on their Eagle Scout projects for the Old Bridge Township Public Schools is greatly appreciated. They are: Anthony Grande, Administration Building, Outdoor Picnic Area; Liam Hack, Glenn School, Outdoor Classroom and Picnic Area; Matthew Natale, Glenn School, Beautification of Entrance; Hugh Borsilli, Grissom School, Character Garden; Matthew Fucci, Cooper School, Outdoor Classroom; and Nick Mullaney, Cooper School, Entrance Restoration.

FINANCE

The Board

- accepted a gift/donation to the Old Bridge High School from The ExxonMobil Educational Alliance Fund in the amount of \$500 to be used for the maintenance and support of the math and or science program.

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

The Board

- approved the retirement of Gayle Ford, McDivitt Elementary School with deep appreciation for her 37 years of dedicated service to the District, effective July 1.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Board

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