

OLD BRIDGE BOARD BRIEFS

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

October 17, 2017

IN MEMORIAM

The Board

- acknowledged the deaths of Charles Frankenbush, retired custodian; Ellen Ann Nicolato, retired teacher; and William J. Brennan, retired teacher, and expressed its deepest sympathy to their families and friends.

RECOGNITION

The Board

- recognized the staff of Cheesequake Elementary School for achieving National Blue Ribbon status.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

David Cittadino

- revealed data regarding the district over the past 10 years. He said Violence Vandalism, Weapons and Substance Abuse decreased from 162 incidents in 2007-2008 compared to 85 incidents in 2016-2017.
- said the district was named the eighth safest school district in New Jersey.
- said the district has 15 State Schools of Character, 15 National Schools of Character, District of Character, and one National Model School. Ten years ago the district had none.
- said the district boasts one National Title I Distinguished School, one National Blue Ribbon School, one State Top 20 performing school on state test (only top 20 performer in Middlesex County) compared to none 10 years ago.
- said the SAT scores in 2007-2008 averaged 1,474 (below the national average) compared to 2016-2017 at 1,524 (23 points above the state average and 34 points above the national average).
- said staff is always looking to enrich the lives of our students.
- said we have had 21 Promising Practices over the last six years and four National PTA Schools of Excellence over the past 10 years.
- said 10 Promising Practices will be recognized next week.
- said Old Bridge is moving ahead with its STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Art Mathematics) programs.

PRINCIPAL

Christopher McCue

- said M. Scott Carpenter Elementary School held a fun, educational, team building activity the first Friday of the school year with a STEAM (Sticking Together Everyone Achieves) Day.
- said K-5 students participated on team building activities, working together cross age groups and curricula.
- said the teachers had an opportunity to meet with past and future students in a rotation, while they worked on activities.
- said the activities were based on character education and getting to know their community.
- said going forward the teachers would like to run a similar program one time per month, dropping everything for STEAM.

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

- approved the retirement of Helen Warianka-Bucco, OBHS special education teacher, with deep appreciation for her 32 years of service to the District, effective Jan. 1, 2018.

NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL TRANSPORTATION

The Board

- accepted the retirement of Patricia DePalma, school bus driver, with deep appreciation for her 19-1/2 years of service to the District, effective Feb. 1, 2018.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Board

- approved the following meetings: agenda session, 7:30 p.m., Nov. 14, in the Patrick A. Torre Administration Building; regular meeting, 7:30 p.m., Nov. 21, in the OBHS Main Building TV Studio.
- acknowledged Stanley Zwadzki for the donation of fabrics and sewing items to the Old Bridge High School Family Consumer Science Department for teaching students how to use their skills in clothing and design.