

OLD BRIDGE BOARD BRIEFS

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

April 19, 2016

IN MEMORIAM

The Board

- acknowledged the deaths of Sharon Piscitelli, retired art teacher, and Edward Foster, retired head mechanic, and expressed its deepest sympathies to their families and friends.

RECOGNITION

The Board

- commended Ella Dettlogg, elementary student at Madison Park School, for winning the 2016 Sodexo Future Chef's competition on March 19, and it recognized all the Old Bridge students and employees who participated in the event.
- said the finalists are: Jenna Ferro, McDivitt; Sara Brennan, Carpenter; Ravisha Joshi, Grissom; Sean Finamore and Blake Ellis, Southwood; Guerin Pollock and Frankie Barry, Cheesequake; Ella Dettloff and Chloe Cardenas, Madison Park; Ryan Pepey, Memorial; and Lou Ambos, Shepard.
- said the Sodexo employees are: Barbara Radigan, Sam Long, Toni Staffile, Sue Finamore, Ann Traverzo, Ann Navallo, Laurine Barry, Mary Stevens, Catherine Podraza, Sandy Fields, Barbra Pizzimenti, Tina Antonelli, Alice Larson, Nancy Calogera, Diane Kosciowiat, and Tracy Tonnisen.
- said the high school culinary students are: Samantha DePinto, Michelle Silverman, Elana Danseglio, Keeley Durnin, Molly Bastedo, Mariah Appau, Daysi Diaz, Caitlin Delaney, Bukky Nwanko, Paulina Gutowski, Julia Vahknovetsky, Amber Rodriguez, and Shannon Bloomer.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

David Cittadino

- said there was another death of a young person in Old Bridge from a drug overdose. He said we all know someone dabbling in narcotics. It doesn't matter if it's the first time or the 100th time, good people are making bad decisions. The township, Township Council and Board of Education are sponsoring a session about the "Unpleasant Truth" from 7 to 9 p.m. on April 26, in the Council Chambers.
- said all juniors at the high school who are planning to drive to school, will attend a program on the dangers of alcohol and drug use.
- said the district is in the process of conducting a thorough assessment of facilities, and Honeywell is currently undertaking a survey of all buildings.
- said the district is increasing the learning opportunities for sub groups in the district. During the 2016-2017 school year, the district is implementing a supermarket careers program at OBHS. Cittadino applauded Sodexo for working with the district to ensure

successful learners. He said students will leave the transitional program with real life skills.

- said he met high school students at a recent Round Table hearing, where the teens and administrators met to discuss issues facing the community. The event was taped in the OBHS TV Studio and was aired on the township and district TV channels. The video is available on the district website. He said he also had the opportunity to meet with senators at both middle schools and plans to meet with ambassadors at the elementary schools.
- said the district is trying to empower the pupil population, and he held the first Sundaes with the Superintendent two Sundays ago at Friendly's on Ferry Road. About 50 elementary school students attended and addressed issues important to them, ate ice cream, and made a sundae for the superintendent to eat.

FINANCE

The Board

- accepted a grant from the Whole Kids Foundation in the amount of \$2,000 awarded to Carl Sandburg Middle School special education teacher, Susan Stahl. The grant will be used to fund the Carl Sandburg Middle School garden.
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NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL OFFICE

The Board

- approved the retirement of the following secretarial staff members with deep appreciation for her years of dedicated service to the District. They are Joan Stankiewicz, Glenn School, child study team secretary, 29 years, effective May 1; Beth Rosenberg, Sandburg Middle School, secretary to the principal, 29 years, effective Aug. 1

NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL OTHER

The Board

- approved the retirement of Kristine Redden, paraprofessional aide, for her nine years of dedicated service to the District, effective Sept. 30.

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: Patricia Adelfio, OBHS, 12 years; Lois Waltz, Voorhees Elementary, 21 years; Marlene Director, Miller Elementary, 28; Elizabeth Soporowski, Carpenter Elementary, 15 years; Lori Gleason, Jonas Salk Middle School 31.5 years; John Meyer, OBHS, 10 years; and Michael Shaw, Carl Sandburg Middle School, 42 years, all effective July 1.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Board

- approved the following meetings: agenda session, 7:30 p.m. May 10, 2016, in the Patrick A. Torre Administration Building; regular meeting, 7:30 p.m., May 17, in the OBHS Main Building TV Studio; and public hearing on the proposed budget, 7 p.m. April 28, in the OBHS Main Building TV Studio.
- accepted a donation of 100 book bags, 25 duffle bags, 25 lunch boxes, 3 PlayStation 4 consoles, PlayStation and Wii games from the Red Sox Foundation to Carl Sandburg Middle School special education teacher Susan Stahl (School Guidance Department—Activities Fund)