

OLD BRIDGE BOARD BRIEFS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING April 28, 2016

2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR BUDGET

Board of Education

- voted 7-1 to adopt the 2016-2017 school year budget, totaling, \$152,673,698, representing a 2.83 percent increase over last year's budget. Board member Nancy Mongon cast the lone dissenting vote and Frank Weber was absent from the meeting.

DAVID CITTADINO

Superintendent of Schools

- said the budget maintains all existing educational programs.
- said it provides funding to ensure all curriculum and resources are aligned with state standards.
- said it provides for the continuation of the expansion in technology.
- said it provides academic, social, and emotional support mechanisms, for all learners; and continues facility modifications to comply with all regulations and occupant needs.

JOSEPH J. MARRA

School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

- said the township's budgetary cost per pupil is \$14,365 compared to the state average of \$15,296; 53.21 percent of the budget is appropriated for program costs; 19.97 percent for employee benefits; and 6.12 percent for transportation.
- said charter school appropriations increased by 76 percent to \$150,000.
- said the 2016-2017 tax rate totals \$2.772, which represents a \$56.86 increase per year for an average home assessed at \$152,500 or \$4.74 per month.

Kathleen Hoeker

Assistant Superintendent of Schools

- discussed district accomplishment for 2015-2016, including the expansion of Response to Intervention Services resulting in a 38 percent reduction in Special Education referrals in year one and a 55 percent reduction by year two.
- said the district continued Journeys Literacy program into first grade and introduced a program for students to study abroad in China.
- said Old Bridge was named a National District of Character; 11 schools were named National Schools of Character; and four schools are under consideration for National Schools of Character.
- said Carl Sandburg Middle School was newly-recognized as a State School of Character.
- said the high school earned state championships in baseball, track, and cross country, and the football team competed in the State Championship Game at Rutgers University. The Boy's 4x800 Relay Team won a National Championship.