

OLD BRIDGE BOARD BRIEFS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING August 16, 2016

IN MEMORIAM

The Board

- acknowledged the deaths of John Haviland, retired custodian; Ann Panagokas, vice principal Carl Sandburg Middle School; Barry Hopman, manager of technical support; and Joe Keough, retired custodian, and expressed its deepest sympathies to their families and friends.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

David Cittadino

- said the Department of Education was lobbied and he would not be surprised if the fifth dimension under the Every Student Succeeds Act would include school climate. He said this is an area where Old Bridge exceeds and maintains much data because of its participation in Character Education programs.
- said only Old Bridge was selected to speak before the State Board of Education on Sept. 7 on RTI (Response to Intervention).
- said the roof at Jonas Salk Middle School is completed and the roof at the Ellen McDermott Grade Nine Center was put off until recreation use was complete.
- said the Summer Institute kicked off today with teachers attending a three-day program; new teacher orientation began today; substitute teacher orientation is set for Aug. 18; and administration orientation is set for Aug. 23-25.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Kathleen Hoeker

- said Professional Learning Academies will be implemented this school year.
- said colleagues will be presenting programs to their peers.
- said staff was interviewed and candidates were selected with three workshops set to take place next week and 10 more planned throughout the school year at Glenn School.

PROGRESS TOWARDS GOALS

J. Scott Cacone, Executive Director of Academics

- was named the Harassment Intimidation Bullying coordinator.
- said he will be looking at the data to further improve upon school climate.
- presented data for the district's self assessment for 2015-2016.
- said the district averaged 75 points on its self evaluation (78 points maximum score on rubric).
- attributed the high scores on the "flawless way" the district implements school climate.
- said areas addressed in the self assessment include HIB programs, training on the HIB policy, staff instruction and training programs, HIB investigation procedures, and reporting of incidents.

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

The Board

- approved the employment of Evangelia Ziembra, Carl Sandburg Middle School vice principal, effective Sept. 1.
- approved the employment of William Schmocker, supervisor of science, effective Sept. 1.

NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL – OFFICE

The Board

- approved the retirement of Edie Colasuono, secretary at Cooper School, with deep appreciation for her 38 years of service, effective Jan. 1, 2017.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Board

- approved the following meetings: agenda session, 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 13 , in the Patrick Torre Administration Building; and regular meeting, 7:30 p.m. Sept. 20, in the TV Studio at OBHS Main Building.
- approved the 2016 New Jersey Department of Education School Self-Assessment Reports for determining grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights.
- recognized Richard Eisinger for his donation of a tree to Southwood School as a gift to the 2016 graduation class.