

Cherry Hill Board of Education

Notes

Highlights from the November 2018 Action Meeting

Presentations

The Board recognized the District's National Merit Semifinalist and Commended Students.

Board Representative Reports

Cherry Hill High School East Representative Julia Langmuir presented what she called "a brief report of concerns from students at Cherry Hill High School East." She presented an update from a survey conducted by her and East Alternate Representative Craig Robinson. She focused on results from the portion of the survey dealing with the Bond Referendum. Ms. Langmuir reported that 30 percent of students who responded said that security was the most pressing issue at East; infrastructure followed with 28 percent; students mentioned other specific changes they would like to see: locker room and auditorium improvements, field lighting, increased security and HVAC replacement. Ms. Langmuir noted that these issues all are addressed in the Bond and commended the Board for addressing the issues that are of greatest concern to the community. She noted that the underlying problem is that students are not aware of the efforts of administration to address these concerns. 80 percent of student respondents said they had never attended an information session or Board meeting. Ms. Langmuir noted that she and Mr. Robinson have decided to focus their efforts on education the student body about the Bond Referendum. Ms. Langmuir noted that an open meeting had been scheduled at East for the following Monday, where students during lunch could talk with Dr. Meloche about the Bond. Ms. Langmuir thanked the administrators for helping "bridge the gap" between students and administration. She went on to urge all adults planning to vote on the Bond to talk to teenagers about these issues. Teenagers are often overlooked, she noted, but know firsthand about the conditions in the schools they have been attending for years.

Cherry Hill High School West Representative Sonjia Kangaju reported that on November 20 the CHEA held a



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Homecoming Breakfast at Cherry Hill High School East to celebrate the efforts of the cheerleaders, marching bands and football teams in advance of the Homecoming football game. She congratulated those students. She noted that students from both high schools' lacrosse teams recently finished a tour of CHPS elementary schools as part of their "Read Lacrosse America" program. Ms. Kangaju noted that this year marked the 50th anniversary of the East vs. West Thanksgiving Football game. She congratulated the West football team for again winning "The Boot" trophy with a score of 22-7. She added that the cheer and marching band performed in the National District of Character Celebration live broadcast. She also noted a change of date in the upcoming West volleyball game. Ms. Kangaju mentioned the toy drive and children's books collection at West. She also congratulated West student Alexa Caputo on receiving a Girl Scout service award for her project to build tables for an outdoor learning space at Kingston Elementary School.

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Curriculum & Instruction

The Board approved attendance at conferences and workshops for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Board approved out of district student placements for the 2017-2018 school year.

Business & Facilities

The Board approved financial reports for September 2018, including the Board Secretary's Certification and Treasurer's Report, the Line Item Transfer Report, the Food Service Operating Statement, and the SACC Financial Report. The Board approved the disbursement of funds in the amount of \$11,082,464.94.

The Board approved the Bill Lists dated November 27, 2018 with the first Bill List in the amount of \$6,923.48, and the second Bill List in the amount of \$4,636,335.31.

The Board approved the SACC Bill List for November 27, 2018 in the amount of \$6,095.06.

The Board approved a Resolution verifying the School Bus Emergency Evacuation First Drills Report.

The Board approved a Resolution approving Cherry Hill McKinney-Vento /DCP&P students out of district placements for the 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 school years.

The Board approved multiple Resolutions for the Award of Transportation.

The Board approved a Resolution for the Award of Bids for Transportation Athletics – Middle School Winter 2018/2019 School Year.

The Board approved a Resolution for the Award of Bid for Non-Certified Temporary Staffing – 2018-2019 School Year.

The Board approved a Resolution for the Award of Bids for – Library HVAS replacement and related work at Kilmer Elementary School and Carusi Middle School.

The Board accepted the following donations:
A monetary donation from the Cherry Hill Education Foundation (CHEF) to Cherry Hill High School West for Project Graduation: \$1,500.

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Human Resources/Negotiations

The Board approved termination of employment and appointments of certificated staff, including teachers and long-term substitute teachers, student teachers, clinical training and co-curricular appointments.

The Board approved various appointments of non-certificated staff, leaves of absence, assignment/salary changes, and other compensation.

The Board approved revised job description.

Policies & Legislation Committee

The Board approved Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying investigative decisions.

Strategic Planning

No items.

The official minutes of the November 27, 2018 Board of Education Meeting will be posted on the district web site following their approval at the November 27, 2018 Action Meeting. For more information, contact the Public Information Office at publicinfo@chclc.org or (856) 429-560.