



Cherry Hill Board of Education

Notes

Highlights from the February 2018 Action Meeting

Presentations

The Cherry Hill African American Civic Association presented awards in their Poster/Video/Essay Contest, with the theme “African-Americans in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics),” to students in all grade levels. The Cherry Hill High School East Theater department provided a video preview of their upcoming musical, *The Music Man*. CHPS Director of Curriculum Dr. Farrah Mahan presented the School Performance Reports.

Board Representative Reports

Cherry Hill High School East Alternate Representative Lauren Atkin reported that East activities were in full swing, including the sophomore class Cotillion, the DECA state competition, the teachers’ shoe decorating contest to raise money for the American Heart Association, rehearsals for the spring musical, *The Music Man*, a successful end to the boys and girls swim seasons, and the Wing Bowl. Ms. Atkin noted that East’s cultural clubs were preparing for Multicultural Day, and that three robotics teams had qualified for the World Championship competition in April. Ms. Atkin added that she “found it necessary to talk a little bit about current protests at East.” She noted that many students had come to the Board meeting to speak during public comment and asked the Board to “take their testimonies to heart.” She also said that security was “at the core of this issue” and asked that action be taken now.

Cherry Hill High School West Alternate Representative Gay Brown reported that *Still Rising* was presented at Cherry Hill High School West as a multi-faceted celebration of Black History for Black History Month. She noted that the Teen Scene Social was held for special needs students. She added that the West Interact Club had partnered with Cherry Hill Rotary to collect feminine hygiene products to be donate through Distributing

Dignity, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping women in need. Currently, she said, the Interact Club and Rotary were working together in a coin drive for the Ronald McDonald Houses in South Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware. She also described West’s African American Culture Club’s recent live African American Museum that brought black history to life. She noted that the Peer Leaders Program held interviews for the 2018-2019 Peer Leader group. She also gave the dates for Broadway Night, Sophomore Cotillion, and the spring musical, *The Phantom of the Opera*. Ms. Brown noted that the show’s director, Mrs. Carolyn Messias, had been nominated for the Teacher of Excellence Tony Award, and Mr. Zach Semar was named Wrestling Coach of the Year. She closed her report by noting that the West sports teams were competing with pride and enthusiasm demonstrating sportsmanship and the West Way.

Curriculum & Instruction

The Board approved attendance at conferences and workshops for the 2017-2018 school year.
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The Board approved out of district student placements for the 2017-2018 school year.

Business & Facilities

The Board approved the financial reports for December 2017, 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 \$11,381,883.66. The Board approved the Bill Lists dated February 27, 2018 in the amount of \$336,850.21, the second bill list in

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the amount of \$ 359,582.27, the third bill list in the amount of \$5,818.97, and the fourth bill list in the amount of \$4,542,739.97 as submitted.

The Board approved a resolution for the award of bids for roofing repair and related work at various Cherry Hill Public Schools locations.

The Board approved a five-year amendment of the Long-Range Facilities Plan.

The Board approved a McKinney-Vento student to go out of district for the 2017-2018 school year.

The Board approved the award of change orders for site improvements as detailed in the Action Agenda.

The Board approved awards of transportation to West Berlin Bus Service and First Student Inc., as detailed in the Action Agenda.

The Board approved the acceptance of donations:

- A monetary donation from Patient First to Woodcrest Elementary to be used for a library reading nook: \$1,000.
- A monetary donation from Big Lots to Cherry Hill High School West to be used for a drone for broadcasting: \$2,000.
- A monetary donation from Patient First to Kilmer Elementary to be used for fine arts supplies: \$1,000.
- A monetary donation from CHEF to Rosa Middle School to be used for technology supplements for band and orchestra: \$2,450.
- A monetary donation from CHEF to Kingston Elementary to be used for Lego walls: \$962.
- A monetary donation from CHEF to Barton Elementary to be used for Lego WeDo 2.0: \$1,199.
- A monetary donation from CHEF to Cherry Hill High School East to be used for art clay safety, recycling and sustainability program: \$4,300.
- A monetary donation from CHEF to Johnson

Elementary to be used for 1 book 1 school initiative: \$2,985.

- A monetary donation from CHEF to Knight Elementary to be used for Sphero Edu: \$2,549.
- A monetary donation from CHEF to Cherry Hill High School East to be used for supplies and parts for robotics at Rosa and Beck: \$3,000.
- A monetary donation from CHEF Kilmer Elementary to be used for 4 Dell Mono Laser printers: \$1,934.36.

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 for certificated and non-certificated staff, assignment/salary changes, and other compensation.

The Board approved a sidebar agreement.

Policies & Legislation Committee

The Board approved the second reading of Policies:

- Draft Policy 3437: Military Leave (Revised)
- Draft Policy 4437: Military Leave (Revised)
- Draft Policy 7440: School District Security (M) (Revised)
- Draft Policy 7441: Electronic Surveillance in School Buildings and on School Grounds (M) (Revised)
- Draft Policy 8507: Breakfast Offer Versus Serve (OVS) (M) (Revised)
- Draft Policy 8630: Bus Driver/Bus Aide Responsibility (M) (Revised)

The Board approved Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying Investigation Decisions.

Strategic Planning

No item

The official minutes of the February 2018 Board of Education Meeting will be posted on the district web site following their approval at the March 27, 2018 Action Meeting. For more information, contact the Public Information Office at publicinfo@chclc.org or (856) 429-5600.