

Cherry Hill Board of Education

Notes

Highlights from the September Action Meeting

Recognition

The Board of Education honored the students whose award-winning documentary, "From Tyranny to Triumph: Turning the Tides at Saratoga," placed 13th in the National History Day competition in June. As 8th graders at Rosa last year, the students— Melissa Abrams, Elizabeth Hallinan, Rachel Allen, and Jennifer Pacitti—devoted more than 1,000 hours to creating the documentary. Adviser Christy Marrella introduced the young historians to the Board and shared the documentary.

Board Representative Reports

Lydia George-Koku, Cherry Hill East student representative, and Ryan Gallagher, Cherry Hill West student representative, shared news about the opening of the new school year and school events and activities. The students shared their perspectives, and the perspectives of students they represent, regarding the new start time at the high schools this year.

Curriculum & Instruction

The Board approved a Services Contract with the NJ Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired for the 2013-2014 academic school year.

The Board approved out-of-district tuition contracts for 45 students for the 2013-2014 school year.

The Board approved attendance of various district and nonpublic school staff at conferences and workshops. Included were approvals for staff who will be attending the NJASECD Character Education Conference in Washington, D.C. in late October. Several of our staff will be presenting at the conference, and Beck Middle School will be recognized as a National School of Character.

The Board approved the Family Friendly renewal proposal and acceptance of funding from the state of NJ for the 2013-2014 school year.

The Board approved an increase to the Perkins Grant FY 2014 due to an increase in our state Perkins allocation funding to \$76,403. The grant had previously been approved in June.



Pictured, from left: adviser and Rosa teacher Christy Marrella, Melissa Abrams, Elizabeth Hallinan, Rachel Allen, and Jennifer Pacitti.

The Board approved mileage reimbursement for Rosa staff members attending Mt. Misery during the weeks of October 15, October 22, and November 12.

The Board approved non-public schools technology for the Kings Christian School. (Funding for non-publics flows through the district.)

The Board approved a resolution for the provision of an electronic diagnostic assessment platform for Language Arts, reading, and mathematics in grades K-3.

Business & Facilities

The Board approved the financial reports for July 2013, 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 \$9,398,785.35 and the bill list dated September 24, 2013, totaling \$2,239,229.72.

The Board approved a resolution authorizing the use of awarded vendors through the Camden County Cooperative Pricing System.

The Board approved resolutions to purchase electric generation services and natural gas services through the Alliance for Competitive Energy Services (ACES).

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The Board approved transportation awards to provide transportation services for McKinney Vento students.

Human Resources/Negotiations

The Board approved resignations and retirements of various certificated and noncertificated staff, including the retirement of Rosa Principal Ed Canzenese

The Board approved appointments of certificated staff, including teachers and long-term substitute teachers, co-curricular appointments, mentor teachers, and members of curriculum committees.

The Board approved the appointments of Anti-Bullying specialists for 2013-2014.

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 revised job description for the position of Lead Nurse.

Policies & Legislation

The Board approved the Cherry Hill Public Schools Mission Statement and Board Goals for 2013-2014.

The Mission Statement and Goals are as follows:

The mission of the Cherry Hill Public Schools is to provide a quality education program that insures that all students are proficient in the Common Core State Standards and New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards. This program will be delivered in a positive environment preparing our students to be knowledgeable, responsible, caring, and confident citizens in an ever-changing world.

- **Continue to improve student achievement at all grade levels for all students and close achievement gaps where they exist.**
- **Create a cost-effective budget that provides for educational resources as well as preventive maintenance and ongoing facilities improvement in all schools.**
- **Enhance communication with and outreach to internal and external stakeholders.**
- **Enhance relationships with internal stakeholders through effective hiring and retention practices and staff training programs.**

For each goal, the Board approved measurable actions that will be achieved within the 2013-2014 academic year. For details, please visit the website at the following link:

<http://www.cherryhill.k12.nj.us/news/news/detail.cfm?itemid=4650>

The Board approved for first reading Draft Policy 3510.1: Integrated Pest Management. The Board approved for second reading and adoption Draft Policy 6142.12: Acceptable Use of Technology. This policy was revised in June to align with the district's "Bring Your Own Device" initiative. The revisions brought forward at this point relate to the use by students or staff of camera/video/ audio recording features of personal devices.

The Board approved a waiver of Procedure F-3: Secondary Field Trips to accommodate the High School East Choir Trip to New York, NY in March 2014.

The Board approved resolutions designating the week of October 7 as "Week of Respect" and the week of October 21 as "School Violence Awareness Week." District schools will be participating in activities designed to promote character education and prevent violence in our schools.

The Board approved merit goals and criteria for the Superintendent for 2013-2014.

The Board approved the Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement with Law Enforcement.

September 10 Work Session

Following a brief special action meeting, the Board conducted its monthly work session., sharing reports from the September Committee Meetings and reviewing the action agenda.

Dr. Joe Meloche, District Director of Curriculum, presented to the Board of Education on the topic of rigor, a presentation he had made at the August Curriculum & instruction Committee Meeting. Click on the link below to view the presentation:

http://www.cherryhill.k12.nj.us/departments/publicinfo/files/Rigor_Presentation_8.19.2013_rev_for_BOE_Mtg_9.10.13.pdf