

## Cherry Hill Board of Education

# Notes

### Highlights from the October Action Meeting

#### Recognition

The Board of Education honored 22 staff members who have reached the milestone of 25, 30, 35, 40, or 45 years of service. Their cumulative employment with the school district exceeds 625 years. For the names of these dedicated employees, go to <http://www.cherryhill.k12.nj.us/news/news/detail.cfm?itemid=5163>.

#### Board Representative Reports

Sagar Desai, Cherry Hill East student alternate representative, and Ryan Gallagher, Cherry Hill West student representative, shared news about Cherry Hill East's newspaper, *Eastside*, being honored with New Jersey's Distinguished Journalism Award for the fifth year in a row. The students also discussed their schools' preparations for Spirit Week. They also shared additional perspectives 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 35 students for the 2013-2014 school year. Four of these are new placements.

The Board approved attendance of various district and nonpublic school staff at conferences and workshops.

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 a shared services agreement with Southern New Jersey Perinatal Cooperative as provider of school health services to the non-public schools in the district. (Funding for non-publics flows through the district.)



Staff members recognized for 25 or more years of service.

#### Business & Facilities

The Board approved the financial reports for August 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 \$9,432,463.40 and the bill list dated October 29, 2013, totaling \$4,305,157.85.

The Board approved a resolution authorizing the use of contracts with approved Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission and approved State Contract vendors.

The Board approved resolutions to dispose of district assets no longer of value through an online auction under New Jersey State Contract. The cost to the district will be 7.5 percent of the total sell price for the 2013/2014 school year.

The Board approved transportation awards to provide transportation services for classified students.

The Board approved a resolution for the award of changes orders related to work at Rosa International Middle School.

The Board awarded a contract for equipment and services to Xerox Corporation for a five-year term.

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The Board approved the acceptance of the following donations:

- From Target: \$581.60 (a percentage of sales) to Barton Elementary School.
- From Boy Scout Troop 147 and Johnson PTA: labor from the Boy Scouts and \$500 from the PTA to create a garden space with posts and fence.
- From the Cherry Hill Education Foundation (CHEF): \$1,844.65 to the District Special Ed Department for T-shirts for the Special Ed Olympics.
- From CHEF\*: \$10,524 to Mann Elementary School for iPads.
- From CHEF\*: \$5,313 to Carusi Middle School for 14 tablets, 14 cases and 1 cart.

\* Unexpended funds will be returned to Cherry Hill Education Foundation for funding of additional grants.

#### **Human Resources/Negotiations**

The Board approved resignations and retirements of various certificated and noncertificated staff.

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

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

#### **Policies & Legislation**

The Board approved an affiliation agreement for practicum, field placement, student teaching, clinical experience, observation and internship between Holy Family University and the Cherry Hill Public Schools. This agreement is available for review in the office of Human Resources.

The Board approved a sidebar agreement between the Cherry Hill Board of Education and the Cherry Hill Supportive Staff Association, which is in on file in the office of Human Resources.

The Board approved the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum Statement of Assurance for first reading.

The Board approved Draft Policy 3510.1: Integrated Pest

Management for second reading and adoption as revised.

The Board approved a waiver to Procedure F-3: Secondary Field Trips, to accommodate the field trips of Beck, Carusi and Rosa Middle School French students to Quebec in February of 2014.

The Board approved the issuance of written decisions in student HIB investigations.

#### **October 8 Work Session**

Policy and Legislation Committee Cochair Steve Robbins led a discussion on revisions to Policy 5117.1—Open Enrollment. Parents may provide points of discussion on the district web site: [www.chclc.org](http://www.chclc.org). Further board discussion of proposed revisions will continue at the November P&L and Strategic Planning Committee meetings, work session, and action meeting. Meeting dates can be found on the district web site.

Director of Security Michael Nuzzo presented the report on Violence and School Security measures for 2012-2013. He noted a decrease in the total number of incidents of violence, vandalism, weapons, substance abuse and HIB compared to the 2011-2012 school year. The decrease is attributed primarily to a decline in the number of HIB incidents. Details and a link to the report are available on the district web site.