



**REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT**

**GOOD EVENING. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WELCOME THOSE OF YOU IN ATTENDANCE AT TONIGHT'S BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING.**

1. As I have stated previously, the Carlstadt Public School District has been in the process of preparing for this year's PARCC administration. We will again stress the importance of having the student's take part in the administration of the test. However, we also continue to understand that it is a parental right to not have their child participate in the test administration. I will keep the Board updated continually as we move closer to the administration of the test. In addition, there has been much information recently regarding Common Core and PARCC testing. I have been following this quite closely and from an administrative standpoint, we now have even more questions regarding the direction that our state is taking. The proposed 200 plus changes to the Common Core are basically minimal and add phrases such as "reflect upon" or "make relevant connections". Common Core will just be renamed, and PARCC is not going away anytime soon even if our governor stated in the last debate that he eliminated Common Core.
2. The Fire Poster awards are being held this evening at 7:00 p.m. at boro hall for those of you who may be interested in attending.
3. I had the opportunity to attend the middle school winter concert last Thursday evening. The 6 through grade 8 choral and instrumental students put on an excellent show featuring both individual and group performances. Much thanks to Mrs. Mello, Mr. Garde and the middle school teachers for preparing the students for their performances.
4. Janet Olsson and I have been very busy meeting with several security companies to discuss and put a plan in place to enhance the safety of our school district. I will be setting up a Buildings and Grounds Committee in the very near future to discuss the various options that are available to the district and the time line and plans that it will take to accomplish these goals.
5. Once again, it is time to discuss the cost of our tuition based Pre-K program. Parental interest surveys will be going out next month. Right now, the cost is \$1750 per year for Carlstadt residents and \$2500 for students who do not reside in Carlstadt.
6. Under the Harassment, Intimation, and Bullying Law, I as Superintendent am required to report to the Board of Education no later than the date of the next Board meeting results of investigations regarding HIB when those investigations have been completed. We had zero incidents investigated since the last Board of Education meeting.

**Mrs. Lahullier, so ends my report.**

Oath of Office to newly elected members:

Board Secretary, Bert Arifaj, administered the oath of office to HernanLopez.

**REPORT OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY**

1. Tonight you received the list of board committees. Also, the board attendance sheet for 2015 was distributed in your packet. If the Board would like to further discuss these we can do so during new business.
2. We did receive one large check as part of the settlement agreement. Our attorney has informed us additional monies will be coming in the near future.
3. Several recommendations as part of the security review from the prosecutor's office have been completed. We are looking to complete additional recommendations in the near future.
4. As per discussion with the lighting company today, we are planning on making the additional changes to LED lighting next week. If you can remember all of us were extremely pleased with how the parking lot lights came out. The LED lights that were changed in the parking lot give off substantially more light than we had. We are scheduled to replace additional lights with lower wattage LED lights in the lower parking lot, walkway near tot land, walkway to main entrance and the back parking lot by the basketball courts.
5. Reminder – 2016 Personal/Relative and Financial Disclosure Statements must be filed by every school official, which includes board members and certain administrators, by April 30. Newly elected or newly appointed school officials must file the Disclosure Statement within 30 days of taking office or assuming a position. For newly elected Board Members, the deadline is February 1. Officials who have previously filed in the District, the deadline is April 30. I would like to encourage everyone to complete their forms as soon as possible. Failure to file a statement by the deadline may subject you to disciplinary action up to and including removal pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-25.

You should receive an email from the School Ethics Commission for instructions for filing the Disclosure Statements. Please check your spam folder if you have not received it. Please do not delete this email. If you require any assistance to file, please contact me.

**Mrs. Lahullier so ends my report.**

**HEARING OF CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY None**

Any citizen present who wishes to be heard on agenda items only, should raise his/her hand to be recognized, state name and address, and limit remarks to five minutes in accordance with board policy. Another Hearing will be conducted after new business for any other matter. The hearing of citizens shall not exceed one hour.

President closes hearing of citizens.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

**INSTRUCTIONAL/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: (Mr. Young)**

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the proposed school calendar for the 2016-2017 school year.
2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board concurs with the appointment of Bert Arifaj as Board Secretary for the period of January 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016.
3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board concurs with the attendance of Janet Olsson and Allison Evans at the conference "NJCEC Conference Training" on Wednesday, January 13, 2016, sponsored by NJ Educational Computing CO-OP in Montclair, with a registration fee of \$110 each.
4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves Karissa DePena as maternity leave replacement substitute teacher, for Grade 4, from February 8, 2016 through or around June 30, 2016, at a cost of \$125.00 per diem.
5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the attendance of Bruce Young at the workshop "NJSBA Highlights of Workshop Bootcamp" on Saturday, February 27, 2016, sponsored by NJSBA in Princeton, with a registration fee of \$199.

**Moved: Mr. Young**

**Seconded: Mrs. Allen**

**Mr. Acanfora  Mrs. Allen  Mr. Cox  Mrs. Hamilton**

**Mr. Lopez  Mr. Offreda  Mr. Riveros  Mr. Young Abstain #5**

**Mrs. Lahullier**

**LEGISLATIVE/POLICY COMMITTEE: (Mr. Offreda) None**

**BUILDING/ GROUND/HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: (Mr. Cox) N/A**

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the request from the Carlstadt Education Association-Pride for the use of the Gym A, Cafeteria and Music Room on March 11, 2016, from 6:00-8:30 p.m. for Family Game Night.

Moved: Mr. Cox  
Mr. Acanfora   x   Mrs. Allen   x   Mr. Cox   x   Mrs. Hamilton   x    
Mr. Lopez   x   Mr. Offreda   x   Mr. Riveros   x   Mr. Young   x    
Mrs. Lahullier   x  

Seconded: Mrs. Hamilton

**ADDENDUM**

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the request from the Carlstadt-East Rutherford Wildcats Cheering for the use of the Gym A, on Friday, February 5, 2016, from 3:30-8:00 p.m. for cheering practice.

Moved: Mr. Cox  
Mr. Acanfora   x   Mrs. Allen   x   Mr. Cox   x   Mrs. Hamilton   x    
Mr. Lopez   x   Mr. Offreda   x   Mr. Riveros   x   Mr. Young   x    
Mrs. Lahullier   x  

Seconded: Mrs. Hamilton

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: (Mrs. Hamilton)**

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the Board Secretary's report for the month ending December 2015 as presented pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2:11(a), the Carlstadt Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the secretary's certification, and after review of the monthly financial report (appropriations section) certifies that, to the best of knowledge, as of December 2015 no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2:11(b), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.
2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the Cash Report of School Moneys for the month ending December 2015 as presented per N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)4.
3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the transfer of funds for the month ending December 2015 as presented in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1 and 18A:22-8.2 within the adopted 2015/2016 budget.
4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the current bills for January 2016 as presented.
5. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the annual contract for Teacher of the Deaf services between the Carlstadt Public School District and the Bergen County Special Services at a rate not to exceed \$6,500 for the 2015-2016 school year for student #22716.

6. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the annual contract for Teacher of the Deaf services between the Carlstadt Public School District and the Bergen County Special Services at a rate not to exceed \$495 for the 2015-2016 school year for student #17015.

**Moved: Mrs. Hamilton**

**Seconded: Mrs. Allen**

**Mr. Acanfora  Mrs. Allen  Mr. Cox  Mrs. Hamilton**

**Mr. Lopez  Mr. Offreda  Mr. Riveros  Mr. Young**

**Mrs. Lahullier**

### **ADDENDUM**

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the Pre-K tuition for 2016-2017 school year \$1750 for Carlstadt residents and \$2500 for out of district residents.

**Moved: Mr, Young**

**Seconded: Mr, Riveros**

**Mr. Acanfora  Mrs. Allen  Mr. Cox  Mrs. Hamilton**

**Mr. Lopez  Mr. Offreda  Mr. Riveros  Mr. Young**

**Mrs. Lahullier**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mr Young attended the sustainability seminar and opening it to the New Jersey schools. Sending information to Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Anderson to get our school certified with possible grants.

Mr. Young also attended a meeting in Trenton for the NJ School Board Financial Committee. Unfunded and funded mandates were discussed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Kollinok brought up the use of hover boards in the gym and hallway. Hover boards are banned from the school and recreation. A note will be sent home to all parents.

Mr. Kollinok sent out a Honeywell message tonight at 5:30pm about the incident of the bomb scare that occurred in Bergen and Passaic counties. Mr. Kollinok stated that we want to be proactive and that an emergency procedure is in place should there be a bomb threat of any nature.

Mrs. Allen advised the board about the school Facebook page and that she is working with the Daily Voice writers and if anyone has anything they want written up to let her know.

### **HEARING OF CITIZENS: None**

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