



**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. The Carlstadt Public School District continues to be in the process of preparing for this year's NJSLA administration which has taken the place of the PARCC administration. We will again stress the importance of having the student's take part in the administration of the test. Our participation numbers increased again last year over the previous year maintaining at least a 95% participation rate. 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.
2. The Carlstadt Public School District 2018-2019 District Goals and Superintendent's merit goals are in progress. The second quarterly digital newsletter was completed and is currently on line. We continue to have plans in place to conserve the amount of copy paper purchased, reduce photocopying and reduce the amount of ink and toner purchased in the district. We are seeing a significant improvement in these areas. The teacher policy manual is also currently being revised. In addition, formal observations completed by administration contain indicators and recommendations for technology integration across the curriculum.
3. As of today, we have 35 students enrolled in the Pre-Kindergarten program. These numbers are not inclusive of the pre-school disabled students. All parents have paid the first installment of the tuition.
4. There are 550 students registered in our Pre-K through Grade 8 programs as of today. We are still far below the capacity of this building should a large number of students ever register in the near future.
5. I have also placed for a second reading, Policy 5565, School Clearance Following Crisis Situation. This is an outstanding policy currently utilized in other school districts and recommended by Strauss Esmay, our policy provider. This policy affords the district the opportunity to be very specific regarding clearance protocols for students returning to the district after a crisis situation.
6. Annually, we discuss the cost of our Pre-K program. We currently charge 1750.00 for in-district students and 2500.00 for out-of-district students. We last raised the tuition during the 2013-2014 school year. My recommendation would be that we maintain those tuition costs for next year when we can then discuss possible increases for the 2020-2021 school year. I have placed a motion with those tuition costs on tonight's agenda for approval. We could always pull that motion, but my recommendation is that we keep the costs the same for one more

year. The Pre-K interest letter goes out during the month of February and the registration takes place at the end of March.

7. 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 two incidents investigated since the last Board of Education meeting that did not result in HIB.
8. As a requirement under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act, Chief School Administrators are required to report incidents of violence, vandalism, substance abuse and weapons offenses and HIB cases two times per year. As of February 25, 2019, we did not have any reportable violence, vandalism, substance abuse or weapons offences. The Carlstadt Public School District has had 10 HIB cases investigated since September 5, 2018 where it was determined that two out of the ten cases investigated resulted in Harassment, Intimation or Bullying.

MR. COX, SO ENDS MY REPORT.

#### **REPORT OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY**

- Earlier this evening the Building & Grounds Committee met with the District Architects to discuss the Lincoln School Bell display as well as potential security upgrades which would take place during the 2019 summer. We were able to provide the architects with the vision of what we would like and will be reviewing renderings and quotes soon.
- The Board will see motions for the approval of the annual CAFR and Corrective Action Plan (CAP) for the 2018 Audit. These motions are based upon the presentation we had at the January 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Each Board member has been given a complete copy of the audit as well as the corresponding CAP for all recommendations made by the auditors. None of the recommendations made are considered material, and can be easily addressed with procedural changes. As you will note, based upon the CAP, some of the concerns have already been addressed and rectified.

#### **HEARING OF CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

**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. Offreda)**

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board concurs, with regret, the resignation of Michele Romano, Library Clerk, effective February 4, 2019.
2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the appointment of Julianna Biamonte as Library Clerk, effective upon completion of all paperwork through, June 30, 2019, Step 1, five hours per day, \$17.85 per hour.
3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves to take part in the 2019 Bergen County Teacher/Educational Services Professionals Recognition Program.
4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves Caitlin Gold as advisor of the sixth through eighth grade Art Club, effective immediately through June 5, 2019. Meetings will take place after school, up to two times per week with a minimum of 20 sessions and a maximum of 30 sessions, at the contractual rate of \$50 per session.
5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board concurs with the attendance of Lois Teller at the “Intervention and Referral Services: The Next Generation” workshop sponsored by NJPSAFEA, on Wednesday, February 6, 2019, with a registration fee of \$149.
6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the attendance of Evan Morley at the NJSBGA Annual Conference in Atlantic City, NJ, Monday, March 11 – Wednesday, March 13, 2019, with a registration cost of \$200 and approval for two night stay at Harrah’s at a cost of \$69 per night, plus \$23 resort fee and \$3 occupancy fee, for a total of \$97 per night plus travel and meals.
7. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the attendance of Maura Barrett at the “Self-Regulation in Children” workshop sponsored by PESI, on Wednesday, March 6, 2019, with a registration fee of \$229 and a maximum reimbursement of \$200, plus the cost of a substitute.
8. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves Allison Carella as a substitute teacher for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year, pending completion of all paperwork.
9. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves Christina Connors as a substitute teacher aide for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year, pending completion of all paperwork.





7. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board concurs with the agreement with Bergen Arts & Science Charter School tuition for the 2018-19 school year at a rate not to exceed \$14,309 for student ID#23018.
8. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board concurs with the Supreme Consultants for Interpreter for IEP meetings for the 2018-19 school year at a rate not to exceed \$94.00 for students ID's #22468, 22554, 22374.
9. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board concurs with Region V for speech evaluation for the 2018-19 school year at a rate not to exceed \$342.20 for student ID#22860.
10. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board concurs with Supreme Consultants for Interpreting Services for the 2018-19 school year at a rate not to exceed \$282 for student ID #'s 22949, 22950.
11. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the agreement with Hillmar for Bilingual Evaluations for the 2018-19 school year at a rate not to exceed \$2,100 for student ID#22942.
12. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves for the reallocation of excess capital project funds from the 2018 Façade Project for the purpose of additional unanticipated Chiller/HVAC repairs in the amount of \$15,000.
13. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the submission of request to the Bergen County Superintendent for a waiver from the NJ State Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) for the 2019-2020 school year.

**Moved Mr. Ficetola**

**Seconded Mr. Christiano**

**Mr. Christiano   x   Mr. Ficetola   x   Mr. Figueroa   x   Mrs. McNeill   x    
Mrs. Nunziato   ---   Mr. Riveros   x   Mr. Shah   x   Mr. Offreda   x    
Mr. Cox   x**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

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