

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 we approach another round of PARCC testing, I will keep the Board updated continually regarding any changes that might come our way. In addition, there continues to be information regarding Common Core and PARCC testing. Mrs. Lahullier, Mr. Young, Mr. Riveros, Mr. Foy, Ms. Evans and I attended a New Jersey School Boards meeting and presentation regarding Common Core and the proposed changes. 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.
2. 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. We have met with several companies and have set up meetings with additional vendors. 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.
3. We attended the Techspo conference at the end of January. The meetings that we had with curriculum, security and technology individuals were very informative. We do have several companies coming to meet with us at the school. In addition, the programs were also very informative and gave us useful information to bring back to the district.
4. I received a state memo today that will require Ms. Evans and I to complete an action/improvement plan that must be approved at the next Board meeting and then submitted to the state regarding PARCC. This has nothing to do with our scores, but rather that we did not make the necessary percentage of students taking the test in 2 subgroups. My concern is what might happen next year if we do not raise participation rates in the district. Could some funding be involved. I really do not want to find out.
5. 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.
6. Two representatives came to our school last Thursday to give us a mini workshop on the Strauss Esmay online policies and regulations that we have now moved to. The difference from where we were to the new online program is amazing. For example, all of the statutes and laws that in fact are the information that drive the policies are now only a click away as opposed to searching the 6A and 18A Law Books.

MRS. LAHULLIER, SO ENDS MY REPORT.

REPORT OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY

1. Our custodians and maintenance staff have been putting in a great effort to get the school ready during the snow and inclement weather. I would like to thank them for their efforts.
2. I received a letter from the county office applauding our efforts in managing the district's resources. They were pleased we were able to formulate a budget within cap and with our commitment to invest in infrastructure, technology and security for our students.
3. A finance committee meeting is scheduled to further discuss the preliminary budget for the 2015-2016 year.
4. Reminder – 2015 Personal/Relative and Financial Disclosure Statements must be filed by every school official, which includes board members and certain administrators. Newly elected or newly appointed school officials must file the Disclosure Statement within 30 days of taking office or assuming a position. All of our new board members and school officials have completed their disclosure statements by the February 1st deadline. 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. Hamilton 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 Jennifer Carlin as advisor of the Middle School Technology Club, meeting weekly after school, from February 1, 2016 through June 20, 2016, with a minimum of 10 sessions and a maximum of 25 sessions, at the contractual rate of \$46 per session.

ADDENDUM

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board gives approval to Robert Donahue to proceed with the next phase of the water infiltration and to begin preparing the scope of work, plan and specs for repairs to the school.

Moved: Mr. Cox

Seconded: Mr. Young

Mr. Acanfora x Mrs. Allen ---- Mr. Cox x Mrs. Hamilton x

Mr. Lopez ---- Mr. Offreda x Mr. Riveros x Mr. Young x

Mrs. Lahullier x

FINANCE COMMITTEE: (Mrs. Hamilton)

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the current bills for January 2016 and February 2016 as presented.
2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the agreement with the Meadowlands Area YMCA for After Care and Holiday Care Programs for the 2016-2017 school year for a charge of \$3,500.00 for use of the facility, to be paid to the Board in two equal installments in September 2016 and January 2017.
3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following resolution:

Waiver of Requirements Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program

Whereas, NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2016-2017 school year, and

Whereas, the Carlstadt Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than 40 Medicaid eligible classified students

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Carlstadt Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Bergen an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A23A-5.3 for the 2016-2017 school year.

4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following resolution:

WHEREAS, a number of Boards of Education in Bergen County have joined together to form a Joint Insurance GROUP as permitted by N.J. Title 18A-.18B and;

WHEREAS said GROUP was approved effective July 1, 1985 by the New Jersey Commissioner of Insurance and has been in operation since that date and;

WHEREAS, the Bylaws and regulations governing the creation and operation of this Insurance GROUP contain elaborate restrictions and safeguards concerning the safe and efficient administration of the public interest entrusted to such a GROUP, and:

HEARING OF CITIZENS: None

Any citizen present, who wishes to be heard, should raise his/her hand to be recognized, state name and address, and limit remarks to five minutes in accordance with board policy. Matters of a personal nature must first have been exhausted through the proper channels. The hearing of citizens shall not exceed one hour.

President closes hearing of citizens.

ANY ACTION ARISING FROM HEARING OF CITIZENS

RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act and Carlstadt board policy reserve the right within the constraints of state law to sit in executive session; and
WHEREAS, there now exists a need for this board to meet in an executive session; now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED, that the Carlstadt Board of Education hold an executive session for the purpose of personnel and litigation and be it further
RESOLVED, that the public will be informed either later this evening after reconvening the public meeting; or at a future public meeting, said date is not predictable at the present time.

Motion to recess into executive session at 7:04 pm

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

Motion to reconvene the work/regular session meeting 7:23 pm

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjournment meeting at 7:47 pm

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Bert Arifaj
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary