

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 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. Our participation numbers increased substantially last year over the previous year having a 96% 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 Schools Robotics Club attended the year's second South Bergen Jointure Commission Bridge Building Competition on December 13, 2017 in South Hackensack. Much thanks to Mrs. Ydrovo, our robotics club advisor for assisting greatly with the competition and assisting the students with their preparation.
3. The middle school winter concert is scheduled for next Thursday, January 11, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in Gym A.
4. Our next Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 23rd at 7:00 p.m.
5. Mandy Colangelo, our art teacher along with 10 students and administrators had the pleasure of attending the Carlstadt Senior Citizen meeting on December 20th. Mrs. Colangelo put together an enjoyable activity that had the seniors painting a very nice winter scene on canvas. The students also assisted the seniors with the activity. This was an excellent way to reach out to the community and share a project between the school and outside organizations. We plan on scheduling several more this school year. Again much thanks to Mrs. Colangelo, the students and the seniors for this fun and enjoyable activity.
6. I had to make a decision in December that I shared with the President and Vice-President of our Board regarding the stoppage of all food being sent or brought into the school by parents, staff and the PTA. We had an allergic medical emergency that I never want the district to face again. The chance of human error is too great and the number of students having significant food allergies is growing. I would ask that the full Board support this administrative decision as we move forward.
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 that did not result in HIB. All necessary steps and meetings took place.

8. As a requirement under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act, Chief School Administrators are required to report incidents of violence, vandalism, substance and weapons offenses and HIB cases two times per year. As of January 8, 2018 we did not have any reportable violence, vandalism, or substance offenses. The Carlstadt Public School District has had 6 HIB cases investigated since September 6, 2017, where it was determined that two out of the six cases investigated resulted in Harassment, Intimation or Bullying.

MR. COX, SO ENDS MY REPORT.

REPORT OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY

- I would like to start by thanking our Buildings and Grounds staff for their efforts to clear the snow during last Thursday's storm. We were hit pretty hard in terms of snow accumulation and the custodians took it in stride. I appreciate all of their hard work to make sure we were able to start the day safely Friday morning.
- The budget process has begun – I have met with the administration for preliminary discussions on the preparation and planning of the 2018-2019 budget, and have started compiling data that will be used to inform budgetary decisions.
- Finally, I would like to acknowledge that we have received two applications for the vacant Board of Ed position created from Mr. Young's resignation. We will be holding interviews at our next Board Meeting which is scheduled for January 23rd. That meeting will begin at 6:00pm.

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Carlstadt Board of Education hereby approves the proposal from Architect Robert E. Donahue dated November 17, 2017 to provide architectural services in connection with the Roof Replacement Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board's Construction Counsel is authorized to prepare the contract with the architect for the project.

2. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Carlstadt Board of Education hereby approves the proposal from Architect Robert E. Donahue dated November 17, 2017 to provide architectural services in connection with the Remediation of Open Wall Joints Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board's Construction Counsel is authorized to prepare the contract with the architect for the project.

3. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the current Tax Sheltered Annuity Companies open for enrollment to any Carlstadt Board of Education employee for the 2017-2018 school year be amended to include AXA Equitable.

4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the annual service agreement with Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP for the audit services at a cost of \$22,900 for the 2017-2018 school year.

5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the contract with South Bergen Jointure Commission and the Carlstadt Public School to provide parent training for the 2017-18 school year for a max of 5 sessions not to exceed \$637.05 for student #22619.

6. Be it resolved, that the Board approves the agreement with e2e Exchange E-Rate Consultants to complete the Universal Service Fund application for the 2017-2018 school year and any previous funding years applicable. The Board will pay e2e Exchange 3% of any funding received, either in the form of discounts from vendors or reimbursements from the USAC, through the Universal Service Fund program. The district will pay \$750 consultant fee as part of this agreement.

Moved Mrs. Lahullier

Seconded Mr. Christiano

Mr. Christiano **Mr. Cox** **Mr. Ficetola** **Mrs. Hamilton**
Mrs. Lahullier **Mrs. Nunziato** **Mr. Offreda** **Mr. Riveros**
Mr. Cox

