

Roseland Board of Education Update Highlights of Thursday, October 22nd meeting

Below please find a summary of the key highlights from our October Board of Education meeting ([long agenda](#)); note agenda items now include indicator linking to board/district goals

- Student Council Advisor Christina Melillo presented an update on Week of Respect sharing videos of students role-playing bad behavior, having open discussion where alternative choices are considered, and then modeling these good behaviors;
- 5th/6th grade Social Studies teacher Jason Giumara [presented an inspiring update](#) on student Advisories, which meet weekly and are encouraging creativity and innovation in problem solving in STEAM areas (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math), and later this year students will be presented with an actual problem to solve.
- Superintendent Gross [presented](#) and update on recent and upcoming Professional Development, the Enrichment program, and the Principal search update.
- Business Administrator Jason Bohm provided an update on the SafeStop pilot, School Boards conference (Oct 27-29) and update to the vestibule, which is planned for completion by Thanksgiving.
- Interim Principal Larry Hughes and Marie Hardenberg recognized students selected for [School Safety Patrol](#), a leadership role where students are nominated by staff.
- Additionally, Mr. Hughes provided a recap of the senior citizen technology session held yesterday afternoon.
- Ms. Gordon provided a Curriculum committee update on the [Balanced Literacy presentation](#) to parents by Jennifer Seravallo, where she described her work with the teachers and provided practical tips for parents in attendance for things they can do at home.
- Mr. Mastrangelo provided a Finance committee update after meeting with auditor the school finances are very solid for the upcoming year, with a surplus of 2% (schools can keep up to 2% of budget for unplanned expenses) and adequate funds in capital reserves to cover items such as paving of the upper parking lot.
- Mr. Mastrangelo also provided an overview of the Essex County Board of Ed meeting where the Department of Ed discussed their process to review and update common core standards, and the release of overall NJ PARCC results which should be used to strengthen instruction and drive student achievement. Results for individual schools will be provided soon and will be shared once available.

Some key items the board approved:

- Mandatory policies 5612 Assaults on BoE members or Employees and 5613 Removal of Students for Assaults with Weapons Offenses
- Over \$21k in donations from HSA directed toward classroom libraries, field trips, school play, Scholastic magazines, assignment pads and red folders
- Comprehensive 3-year Maintenance Plan
- School Nursing Plan 2015-16
- English Language Services (ELS) plan 2014-17

Public comments included PARCC and Principal search process.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 19th at 7:30pm in the Noecker Media Center.

Roseland Board of Education
Communications Committee