

**OLD BRIDGE BOARD BRIEFS**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**December 18, 2007**

***Superintendent's Report***

***Dr. Simon M. Bosco***

- announced that the Governor's Office has released the proposed state aid figures for the 2008-2009 school year and as a result from the revised school aide funding formula developed by the Department of Education and the Governor, Old Bridge stands to receive a 20 percent increase in state aide for next year. He also said opponents of the new funding formula are voicing their opposition to the media and the legislators urging them to delay approval of the plan. He said Old Bridge will notify Assemblyman Thompson and State Senator Kryllos, of our resolve to see that Old Bridge finally begins to receive a more equitable share of state funding based upon need and not based upon geopolitical location.
- expressed his pride for the children and staff in the school district. He pointed to the Jonas Salk Band, the Old Bridge High School Chorus, and the Old Bridge High School Band, who all performed at the school board the meeting.
- praised the high school varsity football team who received the Award of Excellence for exemplary display of sportsmanship, ethics, and integrity for the patience and professionalism during the dedication ceremony of the new turf football field and track at East Brunswick and the pre-game festivities on Thanksgiving. The award was given by Steven Timko, executive director of the NJ State Interscholastic Athletic Association. Dr. Bosco also congratulated the varsity players and coaches and, especially Head Coach Bob DeMarco for placing development of character and sportsmanship above all else.
- publicized the Adopt-a-Family Program which was initiated and undertaken this holiday season at Old Bridge High School. The school worked with a Middlesex County social service agency to help 32 families, who struggle to put food on the table every day and presents under the tree during the holidays. In total, OBHS students, teachers, and staff provided more than 425 individually wrapped gifts and nearly 2,000 non-perishable food items worth several thousands of dollars.
- wished everyone a very happy holiday season and a wonderful, healthy and peaceful New Year.

***Recognition***

***The Board***

- recognized Frank Batsch, music teacher and band director at Jonas Salk Middle School and first sergeant in the New Jersey Army National Guard, for combining dedicated service to the children of Old Bridge, as well as service to the citizens of this state and country.

***Finance***

***The Board***

- accepted Carl D. Perkins Grant funding in the amount of \$72,073 for fiscal year 2008 to support the vocation, technical, and career education programs, which are offered at Old Bridge High School.

## ***Resolution***

### ***The Board***

- passed a resolution requesting its legislative representatives support the new school funding formula. The resolution explains that NJ Governor Jon Corzine has proposed a new formula that provides a unified approach to school funding and allocates similar resources to similarly situated students, no matter where they live. The formula also expands the definition of “needy” students, making sure those children who face multiple obstacles are fully funded and it ensures aid is distributed to middle-income districts accordingly.

## ***Miscellaneous***

### ***The Board***

- approved the following meetings: agenda session, 7:30 p.m., on Jan. 8, 2008, in the Patrick Torre Administration Building Conference Room; regular meeting, 7:30 p.m., Dec. 15, in the TV Studio at Old Bridge High School Main Building.