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Under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act (P.L. 2010, c.122), Dr. Van Woert reported that during January 1, 2017, and June 30, 2017, 26 HIB investigations conducted by the district: 20 from Black River Middle School; 6 from Bragg School; and 0 from Dickerson School. Of the 26 HIB investigations conducted, 2 were found to be HIB: The ____ HIB were at _____.

9. Public Hearing on HIB Motion to Close.

As there were no comments from the public, a motion was made by Ms. Wright and seconded by Mrs. Hofstetter to close the public hearing:

Roll Call Vote	AC	CKC	CL	LM	JR	HR	RS	MT	KW
5-0	Absent	Yes	Yes	Absent	Absent	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes

10. Public Commentary on Agenda Items

There were no members of the public at the meeting.

11. Superintendent's Report

In addition to the HIB Public Hearing, the Superintendent reported on the following:

- Personnel Update.
- Preliminary Goals 2017-2018.
- Preliminary Superintendent's Merit Goals.

12. Business Administrator's Report

The Business Administrator gave an in-depth report on the accomplishments of the Green Team and their participation in the Sustainable NJ for Schools program. She shared with the Board the following 2016-2017 school year accomplishments:

- New Hello Goodness Vending Machines
- Environmental Club: *Electronics Recycling Program, Earth Day Activities, Backpacks for needy children.*
- Gifted and Talented Community Awareness Campaign for the Environment
- Green purchasing: *Copy Paper, Cleaning products, Equipment, and Electronic.*
- Paperless Initiatives: *Budget, Purchasing, Payroll & the Employee Portal.*
- Student and Parent Communications: *Electronic Backpack, Powerschool and Blackboard Communication System.*
- New Policies: *Green Purchasing, Green Cleaning, and Wellness.*
- Staff Wellness: *Movement initiatives (Yoga, spinning, walking challenge), Health Screenings, Organic and healthy food purchasing opportunities and discounts, Speakers - Healthy eating and Health and Wellness Information.*

Additionally, Melissa Simmons shared with the Board, green initiatives in the planning for the 2017-2018 school year:

- Increased Professional Development on Sustainability and Green activities throughout the learning process.
- Greater community involvement in green initiatives
- Staff Wellness Center: *Running Club, Weight Management Support.*
- Wellness Fair
- Increase green purchasing and utilization of green products in Food Service

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- Water Bottle Initiative.
- Collaborate with Shoprite's Dietician.

Also presented were the results of the **Accessible Communications Survey**. Ms. Simmons noted that community members utilize multiple vehicles provided by the district to disseminate information. Results noted that improvements regarding PowerSchool and Blackboard. The board also wanted to improve teacher to parent communications and ensure that all teachers update and keep up with their teacher websites. The board also noted that a more centralized approach to getting information posted would help for better information flow. Lastly, the board will include in the strategic planning process that is scheduled for the 17-18 school year a subcommittee to improve communications between the district, parents and the community.

13. Board Communication

None.

14. Committee Reports

A member of each committee gave a report.

The Board President, Carolyn Kleppe Collins called for a consent agenda which was seconded by Kerri Wright.

15. Approval of Minutes

a. Approves Regular Meeting Minutes from May 23, 2017

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the regular meeting minutes of the meeting held on May 23, 2017.

b. Approves Executive Session Meeting Minutes from May 23, 2017

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the executive session meeting minutes of the meeting held on May 23, 2017.

c. Approves Special Meeting Minutes from June 2, 2017

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the special meeting minutes from the Board Retreat, held on June 2, 2017.

d. Approves Executive Session Meeting Minutes from June 2, 2017

RESOLVED, that the Chester Board of Education approves the special meeting executive session minutes from the Board Retreat, held on June 2, 2017.

16. Committee of The Whole—All.

a. Approves Renaming BRMS Facility

WHEREAS, Robert Mullen has made significant contributions to the betterment of Chester School District for the past 29 years, inspiring all those around him to do their very best; and

WHEREAS, Robert Mullen has in his dedication and devotion to the students, parents, and faculty served the Chester School District as Social Studies Teacher at Black River