

# Highlander Band Recognized at Board of Education

Band performs for all in attendance.  
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The Governor Livingston Highlander Band was recently recognized at Berkeley Heights Board of Education meeting.

The band assembled on the stage at Columbia Middle School to play through their music from their 2011 show. They were given an opportunity to play to be recognized for their efforts in winning the Group 1 Open class *Tournament of Bands (TOB) Atlantic Coast Championship, the TOB Chapter 10 Championship, and the New Jersey State Championship.*

End to end, the stage was packed with musicians, with the percussion surrounding the formal Board of Education tables, and the color guard circling the perimeter of the room. Filling the seats in the center of the room, the board members and many community attendees enjoyed the performance, which featured the music from Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherazade*.

Board President John Sincaglia congratulated the band, and Superintendent Mrs. Rattner presented Director Nick O'Sullivan with a plaque which read "...be it resolved that the Berkeley Heights Board of Education hereby recognizes the Highlander Band membership, their director and assistants for their hard work, dedication and contributions to the Berkeley Heights Public Schools."

Mr. O'Sullivan commented in a recent band meeting that, "Coming in with very little rehearsal, it was truly a perfect performance. I was very impressed with the musicians. Mr. Troxell, our Assistant Director said it was the best he had heard the band play, and Donna Wasielewski, the Color Guard Instructor was amazed." At the end of the performance, the band was given a standing ovation. Fulfilling the request of an encore, the band played their parade music; *Highland Cathedral* and *Scotland the Brave*.

The Highland Marching Band will finish their season marching in the Epcot parade at Disney in Florida on April 1, 2012 and participating in the Berkeley Heights Memorial Day and Mountainside Baseball community parades. For more information on the band, please visit [www.highlanderband.org](http://www.highlanderband.org).

