

If you did not have a chance to attend the Special Board of Education Meeting held on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, here is what you missed:

Dr. Labbe and Mr. Ciak began the presentation portion of the meeting by inviting James Craft, Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) Music Teacher, to introduce a student rock band called Traffic on Washington and to educate the Board and public on how the group is being incorporated into the high school's Recording and Entertainment Production classes. Next, Dr. Labbe, Mr. Esposito, and Mr. Walsh recognized and honored the SWMHS Boys and Girls Track and Field Teams for winning the GMC White Division Championships for a second consecutive season. After that, Dr. Labbe and Mrs. DePinto recognized and honored Curtis Greene, SWMHS TV Productions Teacher, and several students from his TV Productions Class, who shared with the Board and public their award-winning short film projects. To see them click on each: [Video 1](#), [Video 2](#), and [Video 3](#). Lastly, Dr. Labbe showed the Board and public a video of the SWMHS Class of 2017 shot and produced by senior Veronica Torres. To see this video, click [here](#).

The Board then moved action items from the Superintendent's Report onto the Board Agenda.

Among other motions, on the Vision 2030 Finance and Infrastructure portion of the agenda, the Board awarded the bid for Partitions and Classroom Improvements for the Harry S. Truman Elementary School to Ascend Construction Management, Inc. as the lowest responsible bidder for bids opened on Tuesday, June 6, 2017. In addition, the BOE approved resolutions to pay DI Group Architecture \$26,500 for construction documents, bidding services, and construction administration related to the 2017-18 Partial Window Replacement project at the Arleth Elementary School; and authorized the Business Administrator to make a transfer at year's end of unexpended line-item appropriations from the 2016-2017 budget into Capital Reserve in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000. It also approved multiple purchased professional service contracts for the 2017-18 school year; 2017-18 transportation routes and purchased professional agreements with transportation vendors; the rejection of bids contained in BID#2017-18-01 for the student single transportation routes for 2017-18 due to high cost; and authorized the District Business Administrator to rebid them. Furthermore, the Board approved 2017-18 Lunch and Breakfast, as well as Complete and A-La-Carte cafeteria menu items; 2017-18 certificated and non-certificated full-day and half-day substitute rates; several building permits, some for a fee in accordance with the district Use of Facilities Fee Schedule; and several student trips with transportation costs, including the use of one Board bus to transport Unified Sports participants from Samsel and Arelth to SWMHS on June 15, 2017. Finally, the Board of Education approved tuition contracts for two students to finish the 2016-17 school year at the Monmouth Ocean Education Services Commission Interim Alternative Education Program; 2017 extended school year (ESY) tuition contracts; bedside tutoring; 2016-17 and 2017 ESY nursing services; additional paraprofessional services for students with disabilities participating in extra-curricular activities, including Unified Sports; and two independent evaluations.

On the Vision 2030 Student Achievement portion of the agenda, the Board approved new and/or revised curricula for the 2017-18 school year. In addition, it approved one co-curricular activity and several trips

On the Vision 2030 Governance portion of the agenda, the Board approved the May HIB Report, including any investigations and/or recommendations for action provided by the Superintendent. In addition, the BOE approved the 2017-2020 District Bilingual/ESL/ELS 3-Year Program Plan. Finally, the Board of Education approved several job descriptions.

On the Vision 2030 Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education accepted the retirement of Barry Proudman, Lead Groundskeeper for the District. Likewise, the BOE accepted the resignation of three teachers, one administrator, and one part-time secretary. It also approved several leave of absences (LOA) for 2016-17 and 2017-18 school years; rescinded the previous appointment of an Assistant Business Administrator for the District and a replacement school counselor; and appointed an Assistant Superintendent, Director of Pupil-Special Services, and a new Assistant Business Administrator; as well as a replacement school counselor for the 2017-18 school year. In addition, the Board renewed non-certificated staff members and certificated and non-certificated district Administrators, including the Superintendent, for 2017-18 school year; hired four certificated and one non-certificated substitutes, and appointed a SWMHS Freshman Soccer Team Coach. Furthermore, the Board of Education approved the transfer of several certificated and on non-certificated staff members for the 2017-18 school year. Finally, it provided approval for school counselors to work during the summer, for staff to work in the 2017 Summer Credit Completion and Camp XL programs, and for staff to complete Summer IEP Work.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, a community member expressed her support for the adoption of a cooperative ice hockey program that Sayreville players could participate in and strongly encouraged the Board of Education to pursue a partnership with another school district.

During open discussion, Mr. Balka reviewed what was discussed during the last BOE Finance Committee Meeting, as did Mr. Biesiada, Ms. DePinto, and Mr. Walsh with regard to the last BOE Buildings and Grounds, Student Achievement, and Personnel Committee Meetings respectively. Likewise, Mr. Esposito also commented about what was discussed during the last BOE School Security Committee Meeting. Mr. Ciak and Ms. DePinto then reviewed and provided commentary on the combined NJ Performance Report for the K-3 elementary schools. After that, Dr. Labbe discussed the idea of exploring a partnership with another school district to form a coed ice hockey program for SWMHS students. The Board responded by asking Dr. Labbe and Ms. Badami, Director of Athletics, to survey the students at SWMHS to determine which sports they would be most interested in adding to the athletic program next year (i.e. ice hockey, volleyball, lacrosse), and then to perform an analysis of how much each would cost the district to implement and maintain annually.

*If you would like to view the meeting PowerPoint presentation, click [here](#). Likewise, to see the video of this meeting, click [here](#).*

The next meeting, which is scheduled to take place on **Tuesday, June 27, 2017**, will be the final meeting of the 2016-17 school year. If you would like to see the agenda for this meeting, please visit the BOE Agenda page on our website when it is posted in the evening on **Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>**. In addition, a complete copy of the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes will be posted on the BOE Meeting Minutes page of the website once they are approved by the BOE during the next Business Meeting on **June 27, 2017**.