

If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education Business Meeting held on Tuesday, April 18th, here is what you missed:

Dr. Labbe began the presentation portion of the meeting by asking Mr. Esposito to assist him in recognizing and honoring the 2016-17 Central Jersey Group IV Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) Girls Basketball Team. Likewise, he asked Mr. Walsh to assist him in honoring and recognizing the 2016-17 Greater Middlesex County (GMC) White Division Champion SWMHS Boys Basketball Team. After that, Mrs. Bloom joined Dr. Labbe in honoring the Girls and Boys Winter Track Team for winning the GMC White Division Championship. Finally, Mr. Ciak assisted Dr. Labbe in recognizing and honoring more than a dozen SWMHS students who won top awards during last month's Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Tournament in Atlantic City.

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 approved resolutions to make Horizon the district's employee medical insurance carrier, CVS/Caremark to be the district's self-insured prescription plan carrier, and Delta Dental to be the district's dental carrier, effective July 1, 2017. In addition, the BOE approved Dr. Labbe's attendance at the NJASA/NJAPSA Spring Leadership Conference in Atlantic City. It also approved IDEA Preschool Grant salary offsets for the period of March 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017; several building permits, some for a fee in accordance with the district Use of Facilities Fee Schedule; a resolution for the Sayreville Board of Education to participate in Sustainable Schools for NJ, and to pursue certification for each school in the district; and it approved several student trips with transportation costs. Furthermore, the Board approved a two-year contract extension with Clintar Landscape Management Services for district landscaping services from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019, and a resolution authorizing the DIGroup Architecture, LLC to submit to the New Jersey Department of Education an application for a partition upgrade renovation project at the Truman Elementary School. Finally, the Board of Education approved one tuition contract for a general education student in the Monmouth Ocean Education Services Commission Regional Substance Abuse Day Treatment Program, two bilingual evaluations, and an increase in hours for a teacher of the deaf for a student with a disability by the Summit Speech School.

On the Vision 2030 Student Achievement portion of the agenda, the Board approved several co-curricular activities.

On the Vision 2030 Governance portion of the agenda, the Board approved the March 2017 HIB Report, including any investigations and/or recommendations for action provided by the Superintendent. In addition, the BOE approved John Walsh, BOE Member, to serve on the Representative Assembly of the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey from June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018. It also approved the summer 2017 Camp XL, Summer Enrichment, and Credit Completion programs; the 8th Grade Promotion date of June 21, 2017, and the SWMHS Graduation date of June 22, 2017. Finally, the Board of Education approved the job description for a new Assistant Business Administrator position.

On the Vision 2030 Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education accepted the retirement of Maria Kilduff, a Spanish Teacher at the Truman Elementary School. Likewise, the BOE approved several leave of absences (LOA) for 2016-17 and 2017-18 school years, and appointed a 12 Month Administrative Secretary and 12 Month Support Secretary for the 2016-17 school year. In addition, the Board hired five certificated and two non-certificated substitutes, approved two SWMHS Spring Track and Field Team volunteer or unpaid coaches, and appointed the 2017-18 fall/winter coaches and advisors. Finally, the Board of Education withheld a faculty member's annual employment step and compensation adjustment increment for the 2017-18 school year and approved several professional days.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, a community member commended Mr. Ciak on his National School Boards Association Presidency and requested that he include in his national Vision 2030 platform an initiative to address bullying, particularly cyber bullying.

During open discussion, Mr. Balka reviewed what was discussed during the last BOE Finance Committee Meeting, as did Mr. Walsh with regard to the last BOE Personnel Committee Meeting. Likewise, Mr. Biesiada summarized the talking points of the most recent Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting, especially the unplayable condition of the SWMHS Varsity Baseball Field. He finished by requesting that the district consider obtaining a quote to repair the drainage of the field, as well as to turf it, along with the football field. After that, Mr. Ciak recognized Mrs. Bloom for achieving the Certificated Board of Education Member Award. Finally, Mr. Ciak shared the rationale for the Board's decision to switch health insurance carriers and noted that more information on it would be forthcoming after the April 20, 2017 District Health Benefits Committee Meeting.

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, May 2, 2017**, will be a workshop meeting. During it, the Board of education will hold the mandatory **public hearing on the 2017-18 School District Budget**. 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, April 28th**. In addition, a complete copy of the April 18th 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 **May 2, 2017**.