

If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education Business Meeting held on Tuesday, March 21st, here is what you missed:

During this meeting the Board of Education (BOE) and Central Administration were joined by more than a dozen 5th graders from the Samsel Upper Elementary School (SUES) as part of the annual “Let the Children Lead” program. During this very popular and unique activity, the 5th grade students who participated actually applied to perform in the capacity of a specific board of education member or administrator. Thus, except for a few occasions, the 5th grade representatives for each, including Ms. Maher, Principal of SUES and Mr. Nurnberger, Assistant Principal of SUES, voted and commented publicly on behalf of the BOE member or administrator who they represented.

During the presentation portion of the meeting, the representative for Ms. Nurnberger introduced several students from Samsel, who made a brief presentation on the Kids' Reading CAFÉ, a special reading program that takes place in the morning at Samsel.

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 a resolution to withdraw \$360,000 from Capital Reserve in order install permanent classroom partitions in the two open concept clusters at the Truman Elementary School during the upcoming summer. In addition, the BOE approved of Erin Hill, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, to attend NJASBO Conference in Atlantic City from June 7, 2017 through June 9, 2017. It also approved a tuition contract with the South Amboy Board of Education (sending) and the Sayreville Board of Education for a student to attend the Arleth Elementary School MD Kindergarten class at a prorated annual tuition of \$27,521 for the remainder of 2016-17 school year, and the purchasing of awards and plaques on behalf of the Board of Education for 2017 Graduation and Senior Awards Night and the printing of the commencement programs. Furthermore, the Board approved several building permits, some for a fee in accordance with the district Use of Facilities Fee Schedule, a negotiated joint transportation contract with South Amboy for the 2016-2017 school year, and several student trips with transportation costs, including a revision to a previously approved trip. Finally, the Board of Education approved one private out of district tuition contract for a student with a disability, bedside tutoring for a hospitalized student, and para professional services for students participating in after school activities at the Sayreville Middle School, as well as those participating in the Spring Unified Sports Basketball Season.

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

On the Vision 2030 Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education accepted the retirements of Stephen Fischer, Physical Education/Health Teacher at Wilson Elementary School, Lorraine Lukowski, Art Teacher at Wilson Elementary School, and Julia McKenna, a district ASI/Resource Teacher. Likewise, the BOE accepted the resignations of an administrative secretary and a CO-OP student. Furthermore, the Board approved several leaves of absence (LOA) for 2016-17 and 2017-18 school years and appointed a preschool

teacher and two Lunchroom/Playground Aides for the 2016-17 school year, along with a replacement school counselor for the 2017-18 school year. Additionally, it restored the 2016-2017 salary increment for an administrator for the 2017-2018 school year, without back pay and not retroactively. Finally, the Board of Education approved several professional days.

During open discussion Mr. Biesiada reviewed what was discussed during the most recent Buildings and Grounds BOE Committee Meeting. Likewise, Mr. Walsh did the same with regard to the last BOE Personnel Committee Meeting. After that, each student BOE member and administrator took turns telling Mr. Ciak what special features should be included in a new Costa Rican school that he recently participated in building with the National School Boards Association. Mrs. Bloom then shared what was discussed during the last New Jersey School Boards Association Board of Directors Meeting. Finally, Mr. Ciak made a motion, which was unanimously approved by the entire Board, for two 11th grades students to attend the 2017 American Legion Boy's State Program during the upcoming summer.

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 will be a business meeting. It is scheduled to take place on **Tuesday, April 18, 2017**. 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 14th**. In addition, a complete copy of the March 21st 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 **April 18, 2017**.