

If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education Business Meeting held on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, here is what you missed.

Dr. Labbe began the presentation portion of the meeting by asking Ms. Burns and Mr. Knaster, Supervisors of Special Education, to present the proposed 2017-18 Special Education Budget. As per their presentation, while the population of students in need of special education and related services continues to rise, expenditures for the 2017-18 school year are projected to decrease by a little less than one million dollars. To see their presentation, click [here](#). Next, Ms. Vastano, Director of Transportation, presented the proposed 2017-18 Transportation Budget. As per her presentation, if the Board were to approve a time change at the Samsel Upper Elementary School, the district would save close to \$400,000. To see her presentation, click [here](#). Finally, Dr. Labbe, presented the proposed 2017-18 Personnel Budget. In essence, Dr. Labbe explained that this budget reflects the needs of the district, which include a projected increase in student enrollment, particularly at the Samsel Upper Elementary School and in preschool special education, as well as an increase in employee health benefits. Thus, he reported that personnel expenditures, which comprise of about 82% of the overall school district budget, will increase by about 3 million dollars. To see his presentation, click [here](#).

With the exception of the budget presentation that will be given during the mandatory public hearing on May 2, 2017, this concludes the proposed 2017-18 School District Budget presentations. To see them all, click [here](#).

***If you would like to view the meeting PowerPoint presentation, click [here](#). Likewise, to see the video of this meeting, 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 accepted a donation of twelve Chromebooks valued at \$2,334.00 from the Wilson Elementary School PTO. The BOE also approved a half-day substitute nurse rate, several building permits, some of which include facility usage fees in accordance with the district's fee schedule, along with several student trips with transportation costs. Additionally, the Board approved up to two wrestling state qualifiers and two coaches to attend the NJSIAA State Championship Wrestling Tournament from Friday, March 3 through Sunday, March 5, 2017, in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Furthermore, it approved of the use of BOE buses to shuttle passengers between the Sayreville Middle School and Dwarkadhis Temple in Parlin for a fee. Finally, the Board of Education approved two private out of district tuition contracts for two students with a disability, the purchase of a Chromebook for a student with a disability, and bedside tutoring for a hospitalized student.

On the Vision 2030 Student Achievement portion of the agenda, the Board approved the establishment of an Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC) unit at Sayreville War Memorial High School for the 2017-18 school year. In addition, it approved several co-curricular trips and activities.

On the Vision 2030 Governance portion of the agenda, the BOE decided to **not** require the students and staff of the Samsel Upper Elementary School to make up the school day missed on January 30, 2017 due to a power failure. Additionally, the Board approved a Statement of Assurance verifying that it has adopted and will assure compliance with all policies and regulations in accordance with Part B of the IDEA and N.J.A.C. 6A:14-1.2(b).

On the Vision 2030 Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education accepted the retirement of Susan Piasecki, Science Teacher at the Sayreville Middle School. Furthermore, it approved the resignation of two Lunchroom/Playground Aides and the termination of a Lunchroom/Playground Aide at the Arleth Elementary School. In addition, the Board approved several leave of absences and appointed four replacement teachers and a Lunchroom/Playground Aide. Likewise, it also appointed the SWMHS Literacy Magazine Advisor and spring volunteer or unpaid coaches at SWMHS for the 2016-17 school year. Finally, it approved to compensate teachers as workshop instructors and teachers to work in the Middle School Title I PARCC Tutorial Program for the 2016-17 school year, as well as several professional days.

During Open Discussion Mr. Balka summarized what was discussed during the last BOE Finance Committee Meeting. Likewise, Mr. Walsh and Mr. Ciak did the same respectively regarding the last BOE Personnel and Governance Committee Meetings. In fact, Mr. Ciak noted that the Governance Committee drafted a new Administering Medication Regulation that it will ask the Board to read for the first time on March 7, 2017. As the New Jersey School Boards Association Delegate, Mr. Ciak also commented about the recent controversial visit to a Washington D.C public school made by the new United States Secretary of Education. Mr. Macagnone inquired about the iSteam initiative collaboration between the school district and the U.S. Army. Dr. Labbe explained that the student assembly that was to be given by Lieutenant Colonel Croop on February 10<sup>th</sup> had to be rescheduled due the delayed opening of schools. As a result, he stated that he would inform the Board of when it will be rescheduled for. Finally, Mr. Biesiada commented on New Jersey Senate Resolution No. 100, which was introduced to the Senate on January 9, 2017 for the purpose of addressing school funding fairness. He also recommended to the Board that someone contact the Mayor of Woodbridge to learn more about how a PILOT program there is providing funding directly from it to the Woodbridge Township School District.

The next meeting will be a workshop meeting. It is scheduled to take place on **Tuesday, March 7, 2017**. During it, the Board of Education will vote on the 2017-18 Preliminary 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, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**. In addition, a complete copy of the February 21<sup>st</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 **March 7, 2017**.