

If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education Workshop Meeting held on Tuesday, February 7th, here is what you missed:

Dr. Labbe began the presentation portion of the meeting by asking Ms. Badami, Director of Athletics, to present the proposed 2017-18 Athletics Budget. As per her presentation, expenditures for the 2017-18 Athletics Budgets are projected to increase by slightly more than \$16,000. To see her presentation, click [here](#). Next, Mr. Glock-Molloy, Director of Technology, presented the proposed 2017-18 Technology Budget. As per his presentation, the budget reflects a move toward a secure and robust technology infrastructure that will support a 21st century education and business environment. He proposed a total budget of \$ 2,539,594, which is \$466,792 less than what was budgeted last year. To see his presentation, click [here](#). Finally, Dr. Shediack, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, presented the proposed 2017-18 Curriculum and Instruction Budget. In essence, Dr. Shediak explained that this budget consists of expenditures associated with the purchase of textbooks, curriculum writing, professional development, and other curriculum resources, with the largest expenditures being a new literacy development programs for grades 1-2, hands-on science modules for grades K-5, and leveled books for the guided reading program in grades K-5. To see her presentation, 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 approved Nonpublic Security Aid for St. Stanislaus Kostka School and a donation of thirty-six Chromebooks valued at \$6,713.74 from the Eisenhower Elementary School PTO. The BOE also approved the 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 of a BOE bus to be utilized to transport twenty-five Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) Winter Guard students, one teacher and four chaperones to several competitions, as well as a BOE bus to transport third grade students to the Samsel Upper Elementary School for student orientation. Finally, the Board of Education approved a private out of district tuition contract for a student with a disability, tuition contracts for two general education students to attend the Monmouth Ocean Educational Services Commission Interim Alternative Education Program, bilingual educational and speech evaluations, additional related services for students with disabilities being educated at the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey, and bedside tutoring for a hospitalized student.

On the Vision 2030 Student Achievement portion of the agenda, the Board approved several co-curricular activities. In addition, **the BOE approved the rescheduling of the Samsel Upper Elementary School parent teacher conferences from Monday, January 30, 2017 to Wednesday, February 15, 2017 from 1:35 pm to 3:35 pm.**

On the Vision 2030 Governance portion of the agenda, the BOE approved the January 2017 HIB Report, including any investigations and/or recommendations for action provided by the Superintendent.

On the Vision 2030 Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education accepted the retirement of Carol Mokrzycki, Administrative Secretary in the Accounts Payable Department, and Terilyn Dahl, School Bus Driver for the District. Furthermore, it approved several leave of absences. It also approved to hire one tenure track and four replacement teachers, one part time paraprofessional, two bus drivers, and one full time substitute bus driver. Additionally, the Board appointed the SWMHS Senior Class and Number 3 Senior Class Advisors for the 2016-17 school year. Furthermore, it approved the hiring of a substitute teacher, nurse, and bus aide for the 2016-17 school year, as well as several professional days. Finally, it approved the promotion and transfer of two cafeteria/playground aides to cafeteria workers at the Arelth Elementary School and Sayreville Middle School.

During the Public Comment portion of the agenda, a parent of a player on the SWMHS Baseball team promoted a Clothing/Food Drive fundraiser that is scheduled to take place later in the school year on April 29, 2017.

During Open Discussion, Mr. Biesiada reviewed what was discussed during the latest BOE Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting. Mrs. DePinto did the same with regard to the last BOE Student Achievement Committee. During her review, Mrs. DePinto reported on the latest developments regarding the development of “Block Scheduling” at the high school. Mr. Balka also summarized the last BOE Finance Committee Meeting discussion. He concluded by reporting to the Board that the Finance Committee was considering changing the operation time of the Samsel Upper Elementary School next year to 8:30 am – 2:45 pm in order to eliminate 12 vendor bus routes and save approximately \$400,000. Mr. Ciak engaged the BOE in a discussion about staff morale and expressed that there seems to be a “disconnect” between the organizational culture of the school district and the one desired by staff. He then proposed that the BOE Culture and Climate Subcommittee consider acquiring a professional service to facilitate the development of a defined school district organizational culture. Finally, Mr. Biesiada discussed the idea of “pay to play” athletics and extra-curricular activities.

The next meeting will be a business meeting. It is scheduled to take place on **Tuesday, February 21, 2017**. During it, the District will present the proposed 2017-18 Special Education, Transportation, and Personnel Budgets. 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, February 17th. In addition, a complete copy of the February 7th 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 February 24, 2017.