

If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education Business Meeting held on Tuesday, December 20th, here is what you missed:

Dr. Labbe began the presentation portion of the meeting by asking Mr. Walsh and Mr. Ciak to assist him, on behalf of the Board of Education, in recognizing and honoring the Sayreville War Memorial High School Football Team, who won the North 2 Group IV State Championship this fall. The Board of Education also honored Head Coach Chris Beagan for being named Home News Tribune Football and NJ.Com Coach of the Year. After that Mr. Macagnone introduced U.S Army Lieutenant Colonel Croop, who addressed the Board and public on the many college and career opportunities, particularly in the area of science, technology, engineering, and math; that the armed forces now offer students. Furthermore, he introduced a special free program created by the U.S. Army to prepare students for college called March 2 Success. To learn more about March 2 Success, click [here](#). When Lt. Colonel Croop was finished, he introduced Sergeant First Class Johnson, who is assigned to the NJ School Boards Association as the iSTEAM Fellow. Sgt. Johnson then made a presentation on iSTEAM and how Sayreville can integrate it into the curriculum. For more information about the U.S. Army STEM initiative, 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 school technology purchases and a tuition contract with South Brunswick Board of Education for a student to attend Bright Beginnings Learning Center for the 2016-17 school year. It also approved resolutions to refund all or a portion of the outstanding callable Refunding School Bonds, Series 2007 of the School District issued in the original principal amount of \$10,000,000 and dated January 4, 2007. Additionally, the BOE approved several building permits, some for a fee in accordance with the district Use of Facilities Fee Schedule, several student trips with transportation costs, joint transportation agreements with the Perth Amboy and South Amboy Boards of Education, and the cancellation of a bus route to the Cranford Achievement Academy for the 2016-17 school year. Finally, the Board of Education approved bedside tutoring for three students who are hospitalized, and the purchase of assistive communication technology.

On the Vision 2030 Student Achievement portion of the agenda the Board retroactively approved the admission of a Kindergarten student to Wilson Elementary School. In addition, it approved the following new courses for the 2016-17 school year: Foundations of Math and Science 10 and Foundations of Language Arts and Social Studies 10. Finally, the BOE approved several co-curricular activities.

On the Vision 2030 Governance portion of the agenda the BOE approved the December 2016 HIB Report, including any investigations and/or recommendations for action provided by the Superintendent. It also approved several revised policies and regulations for a Second Reading.

On the Vision 2030 Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education accepted the resignation of a physical education teacher, special education teacher, and cafeteria manager. In addition, it approved several leave of absences (LOA), and the hiring of one tenure track teacher, one replacement teachers, three replacement guidance counselors, two part-time paraprofessionals, and one bus aide for the 2016-17 school year. It also appointed five substitute teachers and two substitute paraprofessionals, approved several professional days, and approved several teachers to work as Sayreville University presenters during the 2016-17 school year.

During the public comment portion of the agenda a community member commended Lt. Colonel Croop on the March 2 Success program and indicated that he will pursue utilizing it.

During open discussion Mr. Balka reviewed what was discussed during the recent Finance and Committee Meeting. When he was finished, Mr. Biesiada and Mrs. Batko did the same for the most recent Buildings and Grounds and Student Achievement Committee Meetings. Mr. Biesiada also expressed his concerns regarding projected state school district funding this year after reading an article that was published recently in the Home New Tribune. Finally, Mr. Macagnone requested a motion that was later approved by the Board to pay for Dr. Labbe to attend the National School Boards Presidential Inauguration of Mr. Ciak in Denver Colorado at the end of March. He also noted that Mr. Ciak will be only the 2nd National School Boards President from New Jersey since the creation of this organization.

The next meeting will be the Board of Education Reorganization Meeting. It is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, January 3, 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, December 30th. In addition, a complete copy of the December 20th meeting minutes will be posted on the BOE Meeting Minutes page of the website once they are approved by the BOE during the next Agenda/Business Meeting on January 17, 2017.