

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

Dr. Labbe began the presentation portion of the meeting by welcoming the Board and public to the State of the Schools Address. He then provided an overview of the Address and explained that, similar to State of the Union Address, the purpose of the State of the Schools Address is to provide the school community with the current level of thoroughness and efficiency of the educational programs, services, and business operation. Additionally, Dr. Labbe reviewed the 2015-16 School District Goals and highlighted those that were accomplished. He finished his presentation by sharing the goals identified for the 2016-17 School Year. After Dr. Labbe, Dr. Shediack, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, shared the current level of student achievement in the district. Following her, Ms. Hill, Business Administrator, reported the current fiscal and infrastructural state of the district. Lastly, Mr. Glock-Molloy, Director of Technology, ended the State of the Schools Address by reporting on technology. To see a copy of the State of the Schools Address, click [here](#).

After the State of the Schools Address, Dr. Labbe presented the 2015-16 Period 2 Electronic Violence, Vandalism, and Substance Abuse (EVVRS) and Confirmed HIB Incident Report. According to it, during Period 2, which stems from January 1, 2016 until June 30, 2016, there were 16 acts of student violence, 2 acts of vandalism, 5 weapons offenses, and 5 cases of substance abuse. In addition, Dr. Labbe reported that there were four confirmed cases of harassment, intimidation, and bullying in the district during this time period. To see this 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 motions to apply for and accept the New Jersey Special Olympics Play Unified School Partnership Grant in the amount of \$20,000 and the Joan Lavine Keats Social Justice Teacher Grant application in the amount of \$400, as well as to accept donations in the amount of \$10,000 from the Sayreville Touchdown Club to be used towards the purchase of football team uniforms, and \$5,000 in dictionaries from the South Amboy/Sayreville Rotary Club to Grade 3 pupils as part of the club's "Dictionary Project". Additionally, the BOE approved a motion to pay for School Resource Officers at SWMHS and SMS in the amount of \$50,000 respectively for the 2016-17 school year. It also awarded the Middle School Drainage Improvements project bid to Simpson and Brown, Inc. as the lowest responsible bidder for bids opened on September 20, 2016, and approved a professional services agreement for the CME engineering firm to oversee the project. Finally, the Board of Education approved a resolution granting Education Information and Resources Center (EIRC) the exclusive rights to market school buses for advertisements that have been identified and approved by the District and BOE, along with a contract with Educational Services Commission of New Jersey for the rental of the Aquatic and Fitness Center at the rate of \$85.00 per hour from November 7, 2016 through February 4, 2017.

On the Vision 2030 Student Achievement portion of the agenda the Board approved several curriculum guides. It also approved the use of non-public Title IA funds to provide a Title IA tutorial program for eligible students at St. Stanislaus Kostka School for the 2016-2017 school year. Finally, the BOE approved several co-curricular clubs, activities, and trips.

On the Vision 2030 Governance portion of the agenda the BOE approved the September 2016 HIB Report, including any investigations and/or recommendations for action provided by the Superintendent. It also approved the 2016-17 Title I Parent Involvement Policy. In addition, the Board approved the 2017-18 School District Calendar and a Sidebar Agreement between the Sayreville Education Association (SEA) and the Sayreville Board of Education, related to anomalies in the salary guide for the 2016-17 school year. **To see the 2017-18 Calendar, click [here](#).**

On the Vision 2030 Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education accepted the retirement of Janet Strachan, a beloved long time physical education teacher at the Samsel Upper Elementary School. Furthermore, the Board of Education approved several leave of absence (LOA) for the 2016-17 School Year, and the hiring of a speech and language therapist, replacement teacher, and two lunchroom/playground aides. It also rescinded the appointment of the Head Coach for the SWMHS Girls Bowling Team and then hired him as the Head Coach of the Boys Bowling Team, as well as approved several volunteer (unpaid) coaches, band advisors, and a Volunteer (unpaid) Assistant to the Director of Athletics and Physical Education for school year 2016-17. Additionally, the BOE approved teachers to work on an as needed basis in the Literacy and Math Academies, along with two teachers to present workshops for Sayreville University during the 2016-17 school year. Finally, the Board approved several staff members, who will be compensated directly by the New Jersey Special Olympics, to work in the Sayreville Special Olympics Unified Sports Program from October 19, 2016 until November 18, 2016, and approved the salary adjustments for all Sayreville Education Association members due to the settlement of the SEA Contract, effective October 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, November 1, 2015. 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, October 29th. In addition, a complete copy of these 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 November 1, 2016.