

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

Mr. Macagnone began the meeting by recognizing and honoring Christopher Bruce, the Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) Student Council Representative to the Board of Education (BOE), for the impeccable manner in which he participated in meetings and represented the student body throughout the school year. On behalf of the entire BOE, Mr. Macagnone presented Christopher with a commemorative plaque.

Dr. Labbe then began the presentation portion of the meeting by asking Ms. Reese, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Operations, and Compliance, to present the Period 1 (July 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016) Electronic Violence, Vandalism, and Substance Abuse Reporting System (EVVRS) and Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) data, which is required by the New Jersey Department of Education. During her presentation she reported that there were a total of 16 cases of violence, two incidences of vandalism, one weapons offense, and 10 cases of substance abuse. Furthermore, she noted that there were nine confirmed HIB incidences.

After that, Dr. Labbe asked Dr. Shediack, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, to give a brief presentation on the K-2 Standards-Based Report Card that will replace the current report card in 2016-17. During her presentation Dr. Shediak stated that a standards-based report card provides a child's progress toward meeting state and district standards in areas of content and performance, and gives specific information on a student's level of proficiency on a given standard. Furthermore, she expressed that the progress levels of Sayreville's new K-2 Standards-Based Report Card are based on student performance on specific tasks and assessments that are aligned with learning standards, and that teachers will use a rubric to determine each child's performance. In fact, she purported that these comprehensive rubrics will be used to describe the indicator levels on the report card and will soon be available on the district website. Finally, she indicated that the report cards would be sent home to parents three times per year rather than the conventional four times. To see the report card, click [here](#).

***If you would like to view the meeting and each of the above mentioned PowerPoint presentations, see them below or click [here](#). To view the meeting video, 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 appointed Management International as Board AHERA Designated Person and Environmental Consultant, The Busch Law Group as Board Attorney, Samuel Klein and Company as Board Auditors, the DI Group as Board Architect of Record, and several other purchased professional educational services from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. The Board of Education also approved the renewal of E-Rate Consulting Inc. for E-Rate Application Submission/Consulting Services in the amount of 4% of refunds received for the period of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2018. Furthermore, the BOE awarded the contract for online payment management services to Heartland School Solutions for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017; and approved a contract with PlanConnect for third-party administration services for Retirement Plans (at no cost to the Board) for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. In

addition, it awarded several transportation contracts to the lowest responsible bidders contained in BID#2016-17-01 for school year 2016-17, and approved the Aetna Medical, Prescription, and Dental renewal rates effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Finally, the Board of Education approved a resolution authorizing the Sayreville Board of Education to enter into New Jersey School Boards Association's Cooperative Pricing Agreement (E88012-ACESCPS), a contract with DI Group Architecture for window replacements in the Sayreville Middle School gymnasium; along with approving one private out of district tuition contract for a student with a disability, bedside tutoring contracts for three hospitalized students, and an FM system for a student with an auditory impairment.

On the Vision 2030 Student Achievement portion of the agenda, the Board approved the formation of a new Model United Nations Club, Animal Rights Club, and a Rendering Happiness for Youth with Sickness (RHYS) Foundation at Sayreville War Memorial High School for the 2016 – 2017 school year. It also approved of four SWMHS students to attend the SADD 2016 National Conference in Pittsburg, PA.

On the Vision 2030 Governance portion of the agenda, the Board of Education approved the May 2016 HIB Report, including any investigations and/or recommendations for action provided by the Superintendent. In addition, it retroactively approved of John Walsh, BOE Member, to continue to serve on the Representative Assembly of the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (formerly the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission) from June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017.

On the Vision 2030 Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education honored and accepted the retirement of Dennis Pantiliano, Director of Facilities and Operations for the District, effective July 1, 2016; and Alan Squitieri, Vice-Principal at Sayreville Middle School, effective August 1, 2016. Likewise, it accepted the resignation of the Assistant Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds for the District, a Speech Language Specialist, a Kindergarten Teacher at the Arleth Elementary School, a teacher assistant in Project Before, and 2 Lunchroom/Playground Aides. Furthermore, the Board of Education approved several leaves of absence (LOA) for the 2015-16 and 2016-17 school years. It also approved the hiring of a new Business Administrator/BOE Secretary, Director of Athletics/Supervisor of PE, and Transportation Director, along with several tenure track and replacement teachers for the 2016-17 school year. Additionally, it approved the transfer of several staff members and renewed all non-certificated staff for the 2016-17 school year. Finally, the Board approved of several teachers to write curriculum for implementation in the 2016-2017 school year, and for selected staff to work during the summer, which included the staff chosen to perform summer IEP work and to work in the Middle School Credit Completion Summer School, Camp XL, and Summer Enrichment.

During open discussion Ms. Batko provided a brief summary of what was discussed during the last BOE Student Achievement Committee Meeting. She also asked each Board Member to comment on whether high school seniors with a 93% 4<sup>th</sup> marking period average in a given class should be exempt from having to take a quarterly assessment in 2017. Mr. Walsh reviewed the content of the last two BOE Personnel Committee Meetings. Likewise, Mrs. Bloom provided a brief follow-up of the recent Blue Ribbon Committee Meeting. Mr. Macagnone discussed a

recent Facebook posting which questioned the validity of BOE reported overcrowding in the district's elementary schools. He then shared the building capacity and current enrollment of each school in order to illustrate that each elementary school, including Samsel, is either approaching or over the specified student capacity levels. This led to a Board discussion on the planned housing development projects in the borough, including the two property in lieu of taxes (PILOT) projects. Finally, Mr. Ciak expressed his disappointment in the fact that no BOE members were invited this year to attend the recent SEA Gala, which led to an idea that he proposed to the Board about hosting an awards night for all district staff in the spring of 2017. Several BOE Members demonstrated support for this idea. Mr. Ciak concluded by disseminating a list of proposed Vision 2030 goals to each member, which he asked them to provide feedback on during the next BOE Meeting on June 28<sup>th</sup>.

During the public comment portion of the meeting a community member asked if the district would consider combining the traditional report card assessment system with the new K-2 Standards-Based Report Card for the first year in order to assist parents in the transition to the new report card.

The next meeting will be a business meeting. It will be held on Tuesday, June 28, 2016.

If you would like to see the agenda for this meeting, please visit the [BOE Meeting Info page](#) on our website. 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 June 28, 2016.