

If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education Business Meeting held on Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, here is what you missed:

Dr. Labbe began the presentation portion of the meeting by asking Mrs. Batko and Mr. Brown to assist him in recognizing and honoring the 2016-17 Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) Top Ten (based on grade point average) 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students. Next, Mr. Ciak assisted Dr. Labbe in honoring Reginah Mako and Jovannah Antoine, the SWMHS 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students who back in March were honored by the Middlesex County School Boards Association/Middlesex County Association of School Administrators at their 2016 Student Recognition Dinner. Finally, Ms. Walsh assisted Dr. Labbe in recognizing and honoring Anthony Porcaro and Frank Roman, SWMHS wrestlers who last month competed in the 2016 NJ High School Wrestling Championship Tournament in Atlantic City.

After that, Dr. Labbe presented the results from the School Culture and Climate Survey that the district asked school community members to complete back in January. According to his presentation, the majority of staff looks forward to coming to work and feel that their school is a good place for them to work and learn. Furthermore, he expressed that overall parents reported that they are very satisfied with their child(ren)'s school. Finally, he noted that students reported that teachers and other adults in their school treat students with respect, give lots of encouragement, make learning interesting, help students improve work, and notice when they are doing a good job and let them know about it. To examine the complete response analysis, click [here](#) or see below.

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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 of all Board Members and Central Office Administration, to attend the New Jersey School Boards Association Annual Workshop from October 25, 2016 through October 27, 2016 in Atlantic City, NJ; and for Lucille Boom, Anthony Esposito, and Michael Macagnone to attend the New Jersey School Boards Association School Security and Safety Conference on Friday, June 3, 2016. In addition, the BOE authorized the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to advertise to bid district landscaping for the 2016-2017 school year. It also approved a contract with American Wear for district uniforms from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, approved of the disposal of 515 Math textbooks that are obsolete, and declared obsolete a long list of technology hardware. Furthermore, the Board approved of seven students from the Sayreville War Memorial High School Odyssey of the Mind and one teacher to attend the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals at Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa from Wednesday, May 25 through Saturday, May 29, 2016. Finally, the Board of Education approved an out of district tuition contract for a student with a disability; paraprofessional services for one in-district student with disability and one currently being educated in a private out of district school; and it approved a psychological evaluation for a student with a visually impairment.

On the Vision 2030 Student Achievement portion of the agenda the Board accepted the enrollment of a new Kindergarten student and approved several co-curricular activities. It also approved the placement of two students in out of district educational programs for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year.

On the Vision 2030 Governance portion of the agenda, the Board of Education approved a revision to the 2015-16 District School Calendar, which will make June 21, 2016 the last day of school for students and June 22, 2016 the last day for teachers. To view the calendar, click [here](#) or see below. In addition, it approved the following pertinent District Calendar dates: Middle School Promotion Ceremony - June 20, 2016 and High School Graduation - June 21, 2016.

On the Vision 2030 Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education accepted the resignation of a cafeteria worker at Sayreville Middle School (SMS), effective April 12, 2016; and the Athletic Director/Supervisor of Health and Physical Education for the Sayreville School District, effective July 1, 2016. Furthermore, the Board of Education approved several leaves of absence (LOA) for 2015-16 and 2016-17. It also approved staff members, who will be compensated directly by the New Jersey Special Olympics, to work in the Sayreville Special Olympics Unified Sports Program from April 1, 2016 until May 6, 2016. Additionally, it approved all SWMHS and SMS summer, fall, and winter season coaches and advisors for the 2016-17 school year. Finally, the Board approved the hiring of a certified substitute and several professional days.

During the public comment portion of the meeting a community member asked for an update on the valuation study recently conducted by a contracted organization. Dr. Labbe reported that the study was completed and the results have been submitted to the district. He also indicated that the study yielded that the maximum potential funding that could be generated by advertising revenue was estimated to be more than \$400,000 annually. Finally, he expressed that Mr. D'Andrea, Business Administrator, would be developing a formal request for proposal for advertising agencies to contract with the district for the 2016-17 school year. Another community member, who recently moved into Sayreville, inquired about student field trips, uniforms, and if the Sayreville schools provide breakfast for students. Dr. Labbe noted that students in the district can attend field trips if they are aligned to the curriculum and will enrich and/or extend it. He also stated that students in the district are not required to wear uniforms and pondered the legality of mandating such. Finally, the parent was informed that all the schools in Sayreville provide the opportunity for students to purchase breakfast and that the Arleth School is currently piloting a "breakfast in the classroom" program.

During open discussion Mr. Macagnone reported that the Board received thoughtful invitations to attend both the Junior and Senior Proms at SWMHS. Mrs. Batko inquired about a report on the cafeteria that the Board used to receive in the past and requested that one be disseminated to the BOE periodically. Dr. Labbe discussed with the Board a proposed change to parent/teacher conferences that was discussed at the last Student Achievement Committee Meeting. He expressed that the district is strongly considering reducing the number the parent/teacher conferences from two to one time per year. He indicated that due to the low turnout during the spring conferences, as well as the advanced student progress communication that the district is currently employing, which includes emailing and posting report cards and progress reports on

the Parent Portal, and real time academic and behavioral push-out data that parents are eligible to receive using school apps, there is no longer a need to have the two conference dates. Thus, he proposed that the district move to a model that includes Back to School night at the beginning of the school year and parent/teacher conferences at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> marking period in mid to late January. The Board demonstrated no resistance to this change and several expressed their approval of it.

The next meeting will be a workshop meeting and will include in it the 2016-17 Budget Public Hearing. It will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2016. During it Dr. Labbe will present the 2016-17 School district Budget and will ask the Board to adopt it.

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 May 3, 2016.