

If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education Business Meeting held on Tuesday, March 1st, here is what you missed:

Dr. Labbe began the presentation portion of the meeting by asking Mr. Esposito to assist him in recognizing and honoring the NJ Group 3 and overall State Champion Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) Boys Bowling Team and Mary Kate Kersting, from the SWMHS Girls Bowling Team, who placed 14th in the NJ Individual Girls Bowling Championship.

Due to a lack of time, Dr. Labbe recommended to the Board that the presentations on the proposed 2016-17 Special Education and Personnel Budgets be rescheduled to the March 15, 2016 Business Meeting.

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 approved of the participation of the wrestling state qualifiers and the coaching staff at the NJSIAA State Championship Wrestling Tournament Friday, March 4 – Sunday, March 6, 2016 in Atlantic City and for one chaperone to attend the SWMHS Senior Class Trip in the amount of \$1,621.00, which will be paid for out of the School Climate Student Activity Account. In addition, the BOE approved purchased professional service agreements with BA Vision Educational Services, LLC to provide Teacher of the Blind and Visually Impaired services at a rate of \$150.00/hour; and MDW Educational Services to provide Teacher of the Blind Services at a rate of \$130.00/hour. It also approved three building permits, two of which are for fees in accordance with the BOE facility usage fee schedule; and it approved the use of Board buses on to shuttle passengers between the Sayreville Middle School and Dwarkadhish Temple in Parlin, which will be paid for by the Temple. Finally, the Board of Education approved of 164 students from the SWMHS High School Senior Class and 16 SWMHS teachers to go to Newark Airport for the Senior Class Trip on June 3, 2016 and for them to return to SWMHS on Monday, June 6, 2016 from Newark Airport/Philadelphia Airport.

On the Vision 2030 Student Achievement portion of the agenda the Board accepted two new Kindergarten students and approved two co-curricular activities.

On the Vision 2030 Governance portion of the agenda, the Board of Education approved the February 2016 HIB Reports, including any investigations and/or recommendations for action provided by the Superintendent. In addition, it approved the submission of the ESEA Accountability Action Plan – 2015 Participation Rate and Assurances. Finally, the Board approved the recommendation made by the BOE Student Discipline Committee to place a student in the Middlesex Regional Education Services Interim Alternative Education Program.

On the Vision 2030 Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education honored and recognized the retirement Patricia Gers, full-time bus aide for the District, effective July 1, 2016. Furthermore, the Board of Education approved several leaves of

absence (LOA) for 2015-16, and the appointment of several replacement certified staff members for the 2015-16 school year. It also approved the transfer a 1st grade teacher from the Wilson Elementary School to ASI teacher at the Samsel Upper Elementary School. Additionally, the BOE approved of a teacher to work in the Special Education Literacy Academy at the Sayreville Middle School on an as-needed basis depending on student enrollment for the 2015-16 school year, and appointed a volunteer coaching aide for the SWMHS Baseball Team. Finally, the Board approved the hiring of several certified and one non-certified substitutes, and several professional days.

During the public comment portion of the meeting about a dozen parents and several employees from the BASC Network expressed their disappointment with the Superintendent and the Board of Education for their decision on 2-16-16 to replace the BASC Network with Springboard Education as the district's new before and aftercare program patron. Another community member and several members of the SWMHS band also expressed their concern regarding discussions that are currently taking place that may alter the middle school related arts schedule and potentially limit the amount of band elective time that middle school students can participate in. Finally, another community member expressed her disapproval of a motion made during the meeting for the Board to pay for several members to attend the National School Boards Association (NSBA) conference in Denver Colorado in 2017 where Mr. Ciak may be inaugurated as the next National President.

During open discussion Mr. Ciak congratulated Chris Beagan, SWMHS Head Football Coach, for being named the 2016 U.S. Marine Corp Semper Fi Coach of the Year. Mr. Biesiada made a motion to terminate the district's current health insurance broker. While the motion was seconded, it was later pulled. Mrs. Bloom also made a motion, which was seconded, for the Board to pay for several members to attend the National School Boards Association (NSBA) conference in Denver Colorado in 2017 where Mr. Ciak may be inaugurated as the next National President. After a roll call vote, the motion was not approved by the Board. Finally, Mr. Biesiada questioned why the South Amboy Athletic Association (SAAA) fields behind the Selover School were named, as evidenced by signs that are currently posted on the property. After confirming that this is in violation of the long term lease signed by the SAAA, Mr. Macagnone directed Dr. Labbe to send them a letter informing them of this violation of the lease.

The next meeting will be a business meeting. It will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2016. During it the district will present the proposed 2016-17 Special Education and Personnel Budgets and the Board will approve the preliminary 2016-17 School District Budget.

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 March 15, 2016.