If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education Workshop Meeting held on Tuesday, December 15th, 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. He then asked Dr. Shediak, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, to share the current level of student achievement in the district. Next, he asked Mr. D'Andrea, Business Administrator, to report on the current fiscal and infrastructural state of the district. Mr. Glock-Molloy, Director of Technology, then reported on technology and was followed by Ms. Reese, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Operations, and Compliance, who communicated the current state of personnel services and the level of local, state, and federal compliance of the district. After that, Dr. Labbe asked Ms. Jenkins, Director of Food Services, to present the 2016-17 Proposed Food Services Program. Ms. Jenkins noted that the program is making great strides, particularly with regard to student meal participation. In fact, she shared that participation district-wide is still well above 40% daily. As a result, Mr. D'Andrea, reported that last year the program produced a net profit of \$36,104. Mr. Macagnone, BOE President, and Mrs. DePinto, BOE Vice President, concluded the presentation portion of the meeting by asking the Board and public to join them in recognizing and honoring Board of Education Members Mrs. Trapp and Mr. Brodzinski, who will no longer be serving on the BOE after January 4, 2015.

If you would like to see the meeting and each of the above mentioned PowerPoint presentations, please 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 a resolutions to refund all or a portion of its outstanding callable school bonds and to approve Change Order #1 to Integrity Roofing Incorporated for roof replacement at the Sayreville War Memorial High School in the amount of \$5,200.00, which will be deducted from an original allowance of \$40,000. Additionally, the BOE approved a resolution to appoint and approve the agreement for professional services between the Board and the firm CME Associates and to pay them \$8,500.00 for professional engineering services for Middle School Drainage Design/ Bid Services. It also approved the submission of the 2016 New Jersey Achievement Coaches Program Grant application. Finally, the Board of Education approved several student trips with transportation costs, tuition contracts for two students with disabilities attending private out of district (OOD) schools, bedside tutoring, and a bilingual psychological evaluation for a student being evaluated for a suspected disability.

On the Vision 2030 Student Achievement portion of the agenda the Board approved several cocurricular activities and trips. It also approved a revision to the Honors Geometry Curriculum. On the Vision 2030 Governance portion of the agenda the BOE approved the denial of several grievances filed by the Sayreville Education Association. It also approved the following policies for a Frist Reading: Policy 5111 – Admission and Policy 5020 – Role of Parent/Guardian.

On the Vision 2030 Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education accepted the resignation of a 7th grade special education teacher at Sayreville Middle School, effective December 23, 2015; the Stage Production – Costume Advisor (Spring Musical), effective January 16, 2016; and a Lunchroom/Playground Aide at the Eisenhower School. Furthermore, the Board of Education approved several leaves of absence (LOA) for 2015-16, the hiring of two certified replacement teachers for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year, two part time paraprofessionals, and a district maintenance worker. It also approved the transfer of a custodian from SWMHS to Variably Assigned, and the transfer of another custodian from SMS to SWMHS. Finally, the Board approved the appointment of an unpaid coaching aide and an athletic department volunteer.

During the public comment portions of the meeting, a community member and student thanked Mrs. Trapp for her service to the school district. Additionally, a former BOE member lauded and thanked Mrs. Trapp and Mr. Brodzinski for their performance on the Board.

During open discussion Mr. D'Andrea, Business Administrator, discussed and asked for the Board to support the potential name change of the Middlesex Regional Educational Service Commission to the New Jersey Regional Educational Services Commission. In addition, the Board commented on the outstanding service provided to the school district and community by Mrs. Trapp and Mr. Brodzinski.

During the next meeting on Tuesday, January 5, 2015, the 2016 Board of Education will reorganize.

If you would like to see the agenda for this meeting, please visit the BOE Agenda 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 January 5, 2015.