

If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education Workshop Meeting held on Tuesday, November 17th, here is what you missed:

Dr. Labbe began the meeting by asking Mr. Ciak, Board of Education Member, to assist him and the entire Board of Education in recognizing and honoring the SWMHS Band and Honor Guard for winning the 2015 State Group 3A Championship and the NY/NJ Group 3A Regional Championship. Dr. Labbe then asked Mr. Macagnone, Board of Education President, to assist him in honoring Genevieve Corrales and the students in the SWMHS SADD program for their accomplishments at this year's SADD Convention, particularly their video on Brandon Narleski, a SWMHS graduate who died tragically last year in a car crash.

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 declared obsolete a floor cleaning machine and several overhead projectors. Additionally, the BOE approved the sale of lawn mowers to the highest bidder, Jersey One Auto Sales, Inc. It also approved a contract with Phoenix Advisors to serve as Financial Advisors on Refunding Opportunity and McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, Roseland, New Jersey to provide specialized legal services necessary in connection with the capital program and the authorization and the issuance of obligations of the Board. It also approved tuition contracts with the South Amboy Board of Education for a student to attend the SMS Behavioral Disabilities Program and with the Trenton Board of Education (sending) and the Sayreville Board of Education for a student to attend the Somerset County Educational Service Commission-Somerset Elementary Academy for the 2015-2016 School Year. Finally, the Board of Education approved tuition contracts for two students with disabilities attending private out of district (OOD) schools, one general education student to attend the Interim Alternative Education Program (IAEP) at MRESC, bedside tutoring, home instruction, and other related services for students with disabilities in district and in schools outside of the district.

On the Vision 2030 Student Achievement portion of the agenda the Board approved several co-curricular activities and two co-curricular trips without transportation costs.

On the Vision 2030 Governance portion of the agenda the BOE approved a resolution recognizing and honoring the aforementioned accomplishments of the SWMHS Band and Honor Guard. In addition, it approved the 2015-16 district Nursing Plan and the 2015-16 QSAC Statement of Assurance and District Performance Review. Finally, the Board approved the October 2015 HIB Report, including all investigations and/or recommendations for action provided by the Superintendent.

On the Vision 2030 Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education accepted the retirement of Marie Malara, Middle School Music Teacher, effective February 1, 2016; and Ira Babyatt, SWMS Mathematics Teacher, effective January 1, 2016. Likewise, it accepted the resignation of a Cafeteria Worker at the Truman Elementary School and a Maintenance Worker for the District, effective October 30, 2015. Furthermore, the Board

of Education approved the suspension with pay a Woodshop Teacher at SWMHS, effective November 5, 2015 pending the outcome of an investigation. Additionally, the Board approved several leaves of absence (LOA) for 2015-16, the hiring of 3 certified replacement teachers for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year, and it appointed the SWMHS Girls Bowling coach and Girls Junior Varsity Basketball Coach. It also hired a Lead Custodian at the Eisenhower School and a Lunchroom/Playground Aide at Samsel Upper Elementary School for the 2015-16 school year. Finally, the Board approved the transfer of a cafeteria worker from SMS to Eisenhower and a cafeteria worker from Eisenhower to SMS, as well as a special education secretary from SUES to Selover; and they approved Dr. Labbe's 2015-16 Merit Bonus Annual Goals.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, a community member questioned whether parents are getting information on SAT preparation, college planning, and financial aid services. He also asked the Board to investigate whether teachers would be willing to provide SAT prep to students during their time off if paid appropriately. Another community member applauded the Board for taking action with regard to the Borough PILOT housing project. She also noted that the SWMHS sign was in need of an update.

During open discussion, the Board reviewed what was discussed during the latest PILOT housing project meeting with the Borough Council. It was noted that the members from the Council who participated in the committee meeting were agreeable to the Board receiving a percentage of the revenue earned from the two proposed PILOT housing projects. However, it was also noted that the Borough Council has not yet publicly voted on anything regarding the projects.

In addition, Mr. D'Andrea, Business Administrator, proposed contracting with an advertising and marketing company to do a valuation study of Sayreville to determine the maximum amount of revenue that the district is capable of generating through print, electronic, field sign, and bus sign advertising. The Board was agreeable to pursuing potential advertising and paying for this study.

The next meeting will be a business meeting. It will be held on Tuesday, December 1st. During this meeting the District will present the State of the School Address to the Board and will kick-off the 2016-17 School Year Budget development presentations.

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 December 1, 2015.