

If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education Workshop Meeting held on Tuesday, May 5th, here is what you missed:

During this meeting the Board of Education held its mandatory public hearing for the 2015-16 School District Budget. Dr. Labbe began the hearing by presenting a video on the budget. During his video presentation, which can be viewed by clicking [here](#), Dr. Labbe communicated that despite significant fiscal challenges, particularly increases in staff wages and health care premiums which amounted to about a \$4,000,000 increase, the Board and District were still able to develop a fiscally responsible budget that appropriately addressed the needs of the district and the goals approved by the Board of Education earlier in the school year. He concluded by indicating that this year's \$88,767,916 budget, which includes a 2.78% tax levy increase, will result in a \$121.57 tax increase for the average Sayreville home assessed at \$144,000. Click [here](#) to see all the information and presentations pertaining to the development of 2015-16 Budget.

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 the proposed 2015-2016 School District Budget. It also approved for the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to advertise for Transportation bids for in/out of district students for the 2015-2016 School Year. Additionally, the BOE approved School Board Members Daniel Balka, Phyllis Batko and Michael Macagnone to attend the New Jersey School Boards Association 2nd Annual iSTEM NASA Field Trip to Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, MD on Friday, May 29, 2015, and for Board Member John Walsh to continue to serve on the Representative Assembly of the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Lastly, the BOE approved the Teamsters Local 469 Holiday Schedule for the 2015-2016 school year; a joint transportation contract for the 2014-2015 school year with the south Amboy School District; and several student trips with transportation costs, especially for the Tomorrow's Teacher Program.

On the Vision 2030 Student Achievement portion of the agenda the Board approved a revision to the 2014-15 School Calendar to include June 22, 23 and 24, 2015 as early dismissal student school days. Likewise, it approved a revision to the 2015-16 School Calendar to include June 20, 21 & 22 as early dismissal days, June 22nd as the last day for students, and June 23rd as the last day for staff. In addition, the BOE approved a SWMHS Marching Band Competition Fundraiser on Sunday, September 20, 2015 from 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM in Bomber Stadium at Sayreville War Memorial High School, and for Education First Tours to conduct an information meeting at Sayreville War Memorial High School on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 7:00 PM in Room A90 to discuss next year's 2016 Summer European Trip.

On the Vision 2030 Governance portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the BOE approved for a Second Reading the following policies/regulations: Policy 2130 - Principal Evaluation, Regulation R2130 - Principal Evaluation, Policy 4116 - Evaluation of Teaching Staff Members, Regulation R4116 - Evaluation of Teaching Staff Members, Policy 6164.1-

Intervention and Referral Services for General Education Pupils, Policy 6172 - Alternative Educational Programs, and Policy 6173 - Home Instruction. In addition to that the Board approved the following policies and regulations for a Frist Reading: Policy 4112.2 – Certification, Policy 4115 - Supervision, Policy 4123 - Classroom Aides, Policy 4222 - Noninstructional Aides, Policy 5120 - Assessment of Individual Needs, Policy 5127 - Commencement Activities, Policy 5141.21 - Administering Medication, Policy 5141.4 - Child Abuse and Neglect, Regulation R5141.4 - Child Abuse and Neglect, Policy 5141.8 - Sports Related Concussion and Head Injury, Policy 5145.11 - Questioning and Apprehension, Policy 6147.1 - Evaluation of Individual Student Performance, and Policy 6178 - Early Childhood Education/Preschool.

On the Vision 2030 Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education accepted the retirements of Deborah Glaser, Grade 1 Teacher at the Truman Elementary School, Susan Kaprowski, Administrative Secretary in the Business Office at the Selover School, and Karen Rubio, Grade 5 Language Arts Teacher at the Samsel Upper Elementary School. Furthermore, it accepted the resignation of Brian Fitzgerald, Custodian (3 pm to 11 pm) at the Arleth Elementary School, Melissa Menden, Head Varsity Cheerleading Coach at Sayreville War Memorial High School, and Janet Cook, JV Girls Softball Coach for the Sayreville War Memorial High School. Additionally, the Board approved the Director of Athletics and Student Services and Supervisor of Professional Development/Middle School Education job descriptions; several leave of absences (LOA) and changes to previously approved LOAs; and appointed a new JV Softball Coach for the remainder of the 2015 season, a replacement speech and language therapist for the 2014-15 school year, and a replacement English teacher for 2015-16. Finally, the Board approved the withholding of the 2015-16 salary increment for two custodians

The next meeting will be a business meeting. It will be held on Tuesday, May 19th. During this meeting Dr. Labbe will share his proposed 2014-17 School Climate and Staff Morale Strategic Action Plans.

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 May 19, 2015.