

If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education Business Meeting held on Tuesday, April 21st, here is what you missed:

Dr. Labbe began the presentation portion of the meeting by introducing Dr. Joseph Trivisonno, Supervisor of Instruction for Mathematics. Dr. Trivisonno presented to the Board and public the district's plan to revise the current grades 6-12 Math Curriculum Continuum so as ensure that beginning next year approximately 75-80% of students in Grade 8 successfully complete Algebra 1 and that by the year 2018-19 the same percentage of students successfully complete Pre-Calculus by the end of their junior year in high school. According to Dr. Trivisonno, beginning in September 2015, 8th grade students will be enrolled in one of three courses: Algebra 1 Honors, Algebra 1 CP, or Algebra 1A. By completing these Algebra 1 courses in 8th grade these students will ultimately have the opportunity to explore higher level math classes at the high school, such as Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus, Calculus and beyond.

Next, Dr. Labbe reviewed with the Board and public the proposed 2014-17 Curriculum and Instruction Strategic Action Plan. He began his presentation by expressing that, in accordance with Vision 2030, in order to ensure the success of all students and to address the challenges they will face next year and up to the year 2030 when the district's current 1st Grade students will graduate from college, the district will need to develop and implement an aggressive three year action plan. Essentially, the major activities and strategies listed in the action plan focus on integrating science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) into multiple disciplines of study, including existing curriculum and new courses; implementing Reader's and Writer's Workshop; developing a math program designed to increase the number of students successfully completing Algebra 1 prior to the 9th grade; including a Response to Intervention (RTI) Methodology in the district I&RS Program; and reorganizing the current special education program continuum in order to provide greater opportunities for students with disabilities to be educated in the least restrictive environment (LRE).

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 to terminate the existing contract and then approve a new 3 year contract with Lightpath, the district's broadband internet provider. It also approved the Superintendent to attend the NJASA/NJAPSA 33RD Annual Spring Conference in Atlantic City from May 13, 2015 to May 15, 2015 and for all Board Members and Central Office Administration to attend the New Jersey School Boards Association Annual Workshop from October 27, 2015 through October 29, 2015 in Atlantic City. Additionally, the Board approved several facility usage permits, several student trips with transportation costs, and the renewal of special education transportation routes for the 2015-16 school year. Lastly, the BOE approved a private out of district placement tuition at Children's Center in Neptune, two retroactive placements at Middlesex Academy in the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission (MRESC), and a personal paraprofessional for a student with a disability at MRESC Center for Lifelong Learning.

On the Vision 2030 Student Achievement portion of the agenda the Board approved the April 2015 HIB Report, including any investigations and/or recommendations for action provided by the Superintendent. Additionally, the BOE approved a motion to revise the 2014-15 School District Calendar to include the Middle School Promotion Ceremony on June 23, 2015 and High School Graduation on June 24, 2015. In addition, the BOE approved the following summer of 2015 programs: Summer Enrichment Program at Samsel Upper Elementary School from July 6th through August 14th; Camp XL Extended School Year Integrated Summer Program at Samsel Upper Elementary School from July 6th to August 6th; and Credit Completion Summer Program for students in grades 6-8 at Samsel Upper Elementary School from July 6th to August 14th. Finally, it approved several student co-curricular activities and the chaperones for the SWMHS senior trip to Walt Disney World in Florida from May 28 to June 1, 2015.

On the Vision 2030 Governance portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the BOE approved the following school hours for the 2015-16 school year: High School (7:30 AM – 2:15 PM), Middle School (8:15 AM – 2:49 PM), and the Elementary Schools (9:05 AM – 3:20 PM). In addition to that, the Board approved for a first 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.

On the Vision 2030 Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education accepted the retirement of Daniel Feldman, Guidance Counselor at the Sayreville War Memorial High School; and the resignation of Dawn Wright, Paraprofessional at Eisenhower Elementary School and Jasmine Hoyer, Speech Language Specialist for the Sayreville School District. In addition, the Board approved the transfer of Michele Cetta, Cafeteria Worker at Eisenhower School to the Variably Assigned Custodian position. It also approved several leaves of absence and professional days. Finally, the BOE approved the appointment of several certified and non-certified employees and several SPRING 2015 SAT Prep stipends.

The next meeting will be a workshop meeting. It will be held on Tuesday, May 5th. During this meeting the Board will conduct the mandatory public hearing on the proposed 2015-16 School District Budget.

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 5, 2014.