

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

Dr. Labbe began the presentation portion of the meeting by introducing Jennifer Lascala and Katherine Mojzsis, who are both Art Teachers at Sayreville War Memorial High School. Ms. Lascala and Ms. Mojzsis then assisted Mrs. Blum, Board of Education Member, and Dr. Labbe in recognizing the outstanding art work of several students from both of their classes.

After that, Dr. Labbe presented the proposed 2015-16 Special Education Budget. During his presentation, Dr. Labbe reviewed the Special Services Department vision, which is to provide a free and appropriate public education to all students with disabilities in the district and emphasized the importance of educating them to the maximum extent in the least restrictive environment. He concluded his presentation by reporting that expenditures for 2015-16 Special Education Budgets will decrease by \$362,517.

Next, Ms. Reese, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Operations, and Compliance, presented the proposed 2015-16 Personnel Budget. During her presentation Ms. Reese stated that personnel costs make up more than 80% of the entire School District Budget. Furthermore, she expressed that the majority of funds in the Personnel Budget are needed to pay for instructional and special education salaries, as well as employee health benefits. She concluded her presentation by reporting that due to wage increases across the district and a 20% increase in health benefit premiums, personnel costs will increase by nearly 4 million dollars in 2015-16.

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 2015-16 School District Preliminary Budget. Additionally, it approved a two year extension to the contract for insurance brokerage services with Doyle Alliance Group and Willis HRH. Lastly, the BOE approved the schematic plans prepared in connection with the SWMHS Partial Roof Replacement Project, further authorized the submission of them to the Middlesex County Executive Superintendent and the NJDOE for approval, and authorized the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to advertise to bid the Roof Replacement.

On the Vision 2030 Student Achievement portion of the agenda the Board approved the March 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 June 18 and June 19, 2015 as regular full-day session student school days and to include June 23 and June 24, 2015 as half-day session student school days. To see the calendar click [here](#). Finally, it approved several student co-curricular activities, such as the Hispanic Honor Society Ceremony, which is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 in the Sayreville War Memorial High School; a student/faculty basketball game at the Sayreville War Memorial High School on April 1, 2015, sponsored by the Boys Basketball Team; and the

SWMHS DECA trip to the 2015 DECA International Career Development Conference in Orlando, Florida, from April 24-April 29, 2015.

On the Vision 2030 Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education accepted the retirements of the following employees: Clare Goscienski, Supervisor of Science/TAG/World Languages for the District; Mary Porter Ballard, Reading Teacher at Arleth Elementary School; and John Tutela, Music Teacher at Truman Elementary School. In addition, the Board approved the transfer of a variably assigned custodian to a full time custodian at the Arleth Elementary School. It also approved several leaves of absence and professional days. Finally, the BOE approved the appointment of several certified and non-certified employees and some coaching aides.

The next meeting will be workshop meeting. It will be held on Tuesday, March 31st. During this meeting Dr. Labbe will make a presentation on the 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 March 31, 2014.