

If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education Business Meeting held on Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, here is what you missed:

Dr. Shediak, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, began the presentation portion of the meeting by reviewing with the Board and public the 2015 Partnership for the Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) testing schedule and the district's standard operating procedure for addressing the refusal of parents to have their child(ren) take the test. According to her presentation, PARCC testing will take place in the elementary schools from 3/2/15 – 3/6/15, in the middle school from 3/9/15 – 3/13/15, and in the high school and upper elementary school from 3/16/15 – 3/20/15. In addition, she reported that while the District will not recognize “opting out” from taking the test, students will be allowed to read a book in their assigned testing location if their parents express in writing by February 25<sup>th</sup> that they refuse to allow their child to take the test.

After that, Ms. Reese, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Operations, and Compliance, gave a presentation on the Period 1 Electronic Violence, Vandalism, Weapons, Substance Abuse and Harassment Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) Data that was recently reported to the New Jersey Department of Education. As per her presentation, there were 22 incidences of violence, 0 incidents of vandalism, 0 incidents of weapons, 13 incidences of substance abuse, and 10 confirmed cases of HIB between the period of July 1, 2014 and December 31, 2014. In addition to that Ms. Reese reviewed revisions to BOE Policies 6145 Extra Curricular Activities and 6145.1 Intramural Competition/6145.2 Interscholastic Competition, which the Board would later be asked to approve for a First Reading. According to Ms. Reese, these policies will now include that all students participating in extra-curricular activities sign a behavioral contract and complete an HIB/hazing training module, in addition to having a physical and their parents signing a permission slip for them to participate. Furthermore, the parents of extra-curricular activity participants will have to cosign the contract and participate in a mandatory parent meeting, which must consist of HIB/hazing training. Finally, along with obtaining and maintaining their CPR/AED certifications, all coaches will be required to complete the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching, Concussion in Sports, Heat Illness Prevention, and First Aid, Health and Safety for Coaches courses. In addition, they will need to complete a Global Compliance Network training module on HIB and hazing. Finally, they will be required to sign in acknowledgement that they have read the Staff/Pupil Relations, HIB, Extra Curricular Activities, Intramural Competition/Interscholastic Competition BOE Policies and Regulations, particularly the procedures pertaining to the constant supervision of students, as well as our district's new coaches manual.

***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 motion to amend the contract with Sharing Communication Speech Therapy from \$26,000 to \$50,000. Additionally, it approved a motion for the use of three Board buses to transport students enrolled in the Samsel Upper Elementary School Title I Tutorial Program at an

estimated cost of \$3,623.40, as well as other student trips, including several SUES and one middle school TAG trips, with transportation costs. Lastly, the BOE approved an out of district placement tuition for a student with a disability.

On the Vision 2030 Student Achievement portion of the agenda the Board approved revisions to the 2014-15 School District Calendar in order to include May 22, 2015 as a regular session student school day. In addition the BOE approved the February 2015 HIB Report, including any investigations and/or recommendations for action provided by the Superintendent. It also approved several Sayreville Middle School extra-curricular activities, the revised date of the TV and Film Society's Blood Drive from March 11, 2015 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015 from 8:00AM to 3:00PM in the Auxiliary Gym at Sayreville War Memorial High School, and approved other school activities, such as: Wilson School Bingo on Friday, May 15, 2015; the Arleth Elementary School Blood Drive for a very special 2<sup>nd</sup> grade student on Tuesday, March 10, 2015; and the PTO Health and Fitness Fair at Dwight D. Eisenhower School on Thursday, February 26, 2015.

On the Vision 2030 Governance portion of the agenda the BOE approved the second and final reading of the following Policy/Regulation: Policy 1330 Use of School Facilities and Regulation 1330 - Use of School Facilities. In addition, it approved the first reading of the following Policies: Policy 6145 Extracurricular Activities and Policy 6145.1 Intramural Competitions//6145.2 Interscholastic Competitions

On the Vision 2030 Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education accepted the retirements of Michelle Carinha, Paraprofessional at Arleth Elementary School; Deborah Cooper, Confidential Secretary to the Assistant Superintendent for the Sayreville Public School District; and Kathleen Stricker, Grade 4 Math/Science/Social Studies Teacher at the Samsel Upper Elementary School. The BOE also approved several leaves of absence, and appointed an occupational therapist, two paid coaches and 4 coaching aides, curriculum writers, and several certified and non-certified substitutes. In addition, the Board of Education approved a motion to return a teacher from suspension, to withhold his annual salary increment, and to transfer him to the Eisenhower Elementary School. Finally, it approved a motion to transfer a teacher from the Eisenhower Elementary School to Sayreville War Memorial High School

The next meeting will be a workshop meeting. It will be held on Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. During this meeting Debra Shedlock, Transportation Coordinator, will make a presentation on 2015-16 Proposed Transportation Budget and Dr. Labbe, Superintendent of Schools, will present the proposed 2015-16 Extra-Curricular Activities 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 March 3, 2014.