

If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education Business Meeting held on Tuesday, December 16th, here is some of what you missed:

Dr. Shediak began the presentation portion of the meeting by asking the Vox Humana Choir from Sayreville War Memorial High School to sing the National Anthem and several holiday songs. The Board thanked and commended the students for their magnificent performance. Next, Dr. Labbe introduced Patsy Palma and Steve Tyska, teachers from the Sayreville Middle School, and asked them to present the *ALS Challenge Tribute: Sayreville Staff Music Video (Cover of "Rude")* that they wrote, sang, and produced. The Board also commended and thanked them for the positive attention that the Sayreville community received as a result of this amazing video, which has been a huge hit on YouTube and social media, and was recently featured in a segment that recently aired on New 12 NJ.

Mr. D'Andrea, school district Business Administrator, and Ms. Jenkins, district Director of Food Services, concluded this portion of the meeting by presenting the 2015-16 Proposed Food Services Enterprise Budget. Ms. Jenkins noted that the nutrition requirements that are mandated by the Bureau of Child Nutrition via the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act have negatively impacted lunch participation and food sales for the district. However, she also indicated that she is working very closely with a newly formed district Wellness Committee and the Youth Advisory Committees in each school to elicit suggestions for improving the quality of the food served. In fact, she also reported that the district recently hired a consultant for the same purpose. According to Mr. D'Andrea, they anticipate a surplus of approximately \$15,000 this year and a potential loss of the same amount for the 2015-16 school year.

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 allowance deductions to Posylio GC Corp for roof replacements at the Truman Elementary School, and a contract with Di Cara/Rubino Architects for Roof Replacement at the Sayreville War Memorial High School. In addition, the BOE approved the 2013-14 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (Audit) furnished by Samuel Klein & Co. and the corrective action plan to address the recommendations noted in it. Lastly, they approved the purchase of technology equipment from the Nonpublic Technology Grant, two quoted transportation contracts, several trips with transportation, and the declaration of obsolete equipment, technology, and supplies.

On the Vision 2030 Student Achievement portion of the agenda the Board approved the early dismissal (12:15pm) of Sayreville War Memorial High School students for the purpose of Mid-Term Exams on January 27, January 28, January 29, January 30th and the following new and revised curricula: Grades 6-8 Health, Grade 8 PE, Grades 9-12 Trends in Computing, App Development & Game Design, and Introduction to Computer Science. Additionally the BOE approved the December 2014 HIB Report and several co-curricular clubs, activities, and trips not involving transportation.

On the Vision 2030 Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the BOE approved the retirement of Anne C. Bandola, a social studies teacher from the Sayreville Middle School, the suspension with pay of the district Athletic Director/Supervisor of Physical Education, and the resignation of a Night Custodian. In addition to that, the Board approved several leaves of absence, and the transfer of a day custodian to a Night Lead Custodian position, along with the transfer of a 2nd Grade contracted long term substitute (LTS) teacher to a 1st Grade LTS Teacher. Finally, they approved the appointment of coaches and coaching aides, Sayreville Middle School Title 1A Language Arts Tutors and several “tenure and non-tenure track” certificated staff members and substitutes.

The next meeting will be the annual Reorganization Meeting. It will be held on Tuesday, January 6th. During this meeting the newly re-elected board of education members will be sworn in for another term. In addition to that, each elementary school principal will present their Proposed 2015-16 Discretionary Supplies 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 January 20, 2014.