

If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education Business Meeting held on Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, here is some of what you missed:

Mr. Ciak, Board of Education President, began the meeting by honoring the Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) Marching Band and Color Guard, who played the National Anthem at the beginning of the meeting, for their 2014 Tournament of Bands Championship. On behalf of the entire Board of Education, he and Dr. Labbe presented Dr. Paul Caruso, SWMHS Marching Band Director, his assistants, and each member of the Marching Band and Color Guard with a Certificate of Recognition.

Next, Dr. Shediak, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, presented the 2013-14 Standardized Assessment Results. During her presentation she noted the following High School Proficiency Assessment highlights: Sayreville students continued to outperform the average scores of students in the same district factor grouping and across the state in Math, 99% of general education students passed the Language Arts Literacy (LAL) assessment while 89% passed the Math assessment, and special education student math scores increased by 14% while their language arts literacy scores increased by 4%. Likewise, she shared the following NJASK English Language Arts (ELA) noteworthy accomplishments: Sayreville students continued to outperform the average ELA scores of students in the same district factor grouping and across the state, 91% of 8<sup>th</sup> Grade general education students passed the ELA assessment while the scores of students who are considered to be socio-economically disadvantaged increased by 4%, and the scores for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students at the Truman Elementary School increased by nearly 23%. Finally, the major NJASK Math achievements reported were: Grade 8 special education student scores increased 12.3%, Grade 7 Hispanic student scores increased 14%, and the scores for special education students at the Truman Elementary School increased by 35.5%.

After that, Mr. D'Andrea, the school district's Business Administrator, presented the proposed 2015-16 Utilities Budget. According to Mr. D'Andrea's presentation, expenditures for heating and electricity will increase in 2015-16 by nearly \$53,000.

Mr. D'Andrea concluded the presentation portion of the meeting by asking an architect from the DI Group, Sayreville's architectural agency of record, to present information on the facility assessment that was recently performed for the Jesse Selover Elementary School, which is currently being used as a central administration office. According to the presentation, it will cost the district several million dollars to renovate the school so that it can reopen for students, approximately \$10,000,000 in renovations charges to make it equivalent to the four other elementary schools in the district, and about 15-25 million dollars to tear it down and construct a new facility.

***If you would like to see the meeting and each of the above mentioned PowerPoint presentations, please click [here](#) or find them below.***

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 2014-15 Non Public Technology Grant, the 2014-15 District Comprehensive

Maintenance Plan, and a Municipalities Continuing Disclosure Cooperation Initiative Resolution. In addition to that, the BOE approved of the disposal of items, some for the purpose of recycling; the cancellation of several bus routes, two field trips involving transportation, and several district-wide bus evacuation drills.

On the Vision 2030 Student Achievement portion of the agenda, along with other motions, the Board approved 2014-2015 Progress Targets Action Plans, which were shared in Dr. Shediak's aforementioned presentation, and several co-curricular school activities and trips, such as Family Math and Reading Night at the Arleth Elementary School on November 20<sup>th</sup>, Family Night at the Wilson Elementary School on November 20<sup>th</sup>, and SWMHS Marching Band trip to play at Winterfest on December 29<sup>th</sup>.

On the Vision 2030 Governance portion of the agenda the Board approved the annual Veteran's Day Resolution in honor of the many brave men and women of our community and nation that have served the United States in the armed forces.

On the Vision 2030 Personnel/Negotiations portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the BOE approved the retirements of Adele Goldenberg, a Grade 5 Special Education Teacher at the Samsel Upper Elementary School (SUES), Kathryn Moskal, a Grade 5 General Education Teacher at SUES, and Sherry Popowski, a Physical Education Teacher at SUES. In addition to that, the Board approved the salaries for all certified staff effective December 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, leaves of absence for several staff members, the transfer of a non-certificated staff member, and the overnight compensation for the SWMHS Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) and Distributive Education Club of America (DECA) advisors. Finally, they approved the appointment of tenure and non-tenure track certificated staff members, as well as certificated and non-certificated substitutes, and returned several teachers who were previously suspended with pay to their teaching duties.

The next meeting, which will be a Workshop Meeting, will be held on Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. During this meeting the district will present the 2015-16 Proposed Buildings and Grounds 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 December 2, 2014.