

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

Dr. Labbe began the presentation portion of the meeting by reviewing with the Board and public the 2015-16 Budget Calendar and the purpose for the eight workshops or presentations which will take place up to the formal public hearing in April. As noted by Dr. Labbe, the purpose of the workshops are for fostering collaboration, clarity and transparency during the budget development process, while also giving members of the community the opportunity to ask questions, provide feedback, and to offer recommendations to the Board and administration. Dr. Labbe then had Mr. D'Andrea, the school district's Business Administrator, present the proposed 2015-16 Debt Services Budget. According to Mr. D'Andrea's presentation, debt services expenditures will increase in 2015-16 by \$9,412.

Next, Ms. Reese, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Compliance, and Operations, provided the Board with its state-mandated annual training on the Anti-Bullying Statute and the BOE Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) Reporting Procedures. After that, Ms. Reese shared the Period 2 (January 1, 2014 – June 30, 2014) 2013-14 Electronic Violence, Vandalism, and Substance Abuse and Incidences of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Report with the Board and public. According to her presentation, there were 29 total incidences of violence, vandalism, weapon possession, and substance abuse; and 15 confirmed cases of harassment, intimidation, and bullying.

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 dictionary donations by the South Amboy/Sayreville Library, the submission of the amended FY 2015 NCLB Grant, the FY 2015 NCLB funded salaries, and tuition contracts for two South Amboy students. In addition, the BOE approved two joint transportation contracts and several student trips requiring transportation, including the SWMHS Band trip to Middletown South HS, as well their trip to Met Life Stadium for the Chris Carton NY Jets Pregame Show. Finally, they approved several private out of district tuitions for students with disabilities, and some special education and related services for several other students with special needs.

On the Vision 2030 Student Achievement portion of the agenda, along with other motions, the Board approved long term suspensions for several students, the October HIB Report, and several co-curricular activities and trips, including an Autism Awareness Car Wash at the Arleth Elementary School, and Trunk or Treat at the Eisenhower Elementary School.

On the Vision 2030 Governance portion of the agenda the Board approved the 2014-15 District Nursing Plan.

On the Vision 2030 Personnel/Negotiations portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the BOE approved the retirements of Linda Coffey, Truman Elementary School Principal, Angela Cavalieri, Paraprofessional at Truman, and Stanley Wilkowski, SWMHS Custodian. Additionally, the Board approved a staff member resignation, the transfer of a custodian to a maintenance position, several leaves of absence, and the appointment of personnel for full time positions, professional development presentations, tutoring, and other stipends, including a new Varsity Girls' Basketball Team Coach and Varsity Swim Team Coach. Finally, they rescinded a previous coaching and advisor appointment, suspended several teachers with pay, and approved adjustment to the salaries of the Football Team coaches.

The next meeting, which will be a Workshop Meeting, will be held on Tuesday, November 18th. During this meeting the district will present the 2015-16 Proposed Utilities 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 November 18, 2014.