



# Board of Education COMMITTEE REPORTS

AUGUST 17, 2017

## Policy & Legislative Committee

*The Policy & Legislative Committee met on July 13, 2017 to discuss wellness and food service policies.*

- 1. Policy 8505, Local Wellness Policy/Nutrient Standards for Meals and Other Foods** – This comprehensive policy promotes nutrition standards for school meals and wellness standards for physical activity and other school-based activities for all students. It includes goals and regular progress assessments. The Committee approved the policy for First Reading by the full Board.
- 2. Policy 8550, Unpaid Meal Charges/ Outstanding Food Service Charges** – Following the philosophy of the district that hunger will negatively impact a student's educational experience, and that therefore no student be without food during the school day, the Committee put forth this policy for First Reading by the full Board. It outlines specific steps schools/principals must take to collect unpaid food service charges, while ensuring all students' nutritional needs are met.
- 3. Legislative Update**— Mr. Connors updated the Committee on the recent NJSBA Legislative Committee work, highlighting legislative developments for hiring Class III Special Law Enforcement Officers, changes to charter school regulation, and new requirements for varsity letters for competitive interscholastic activities beyond athletics. Mr. Rubin will report further information on the varsity letter statute.
- 4. State/Federal Update**— Mr. Stern reported on Governor Christie's decision to not reappoint the State Board of Education President, and U.S. Education Secretary DeVos's agenda.

## Curriculum Committee

*The Curriculum Committee met on Monday, August 14, 2017, to discuss Curriculum Updates.*

- 1. Curriculum Updates**— Twenty-three course updates in subject areas that include Math, Science, Music, World Language, Theater, Health and Physical Education, Government & Politics, Expository Writing, and TV Broadcasting were reviewed by the committee. These included mandatory five-year reviews as well as new courses. The administration developed a uniform format that all course descriptions now follow, which should aid students and parents in understanding course content.
- 2. Digital Literacy**— iPads from the middle schools were re-purposed for K-5 education to build coding skills, create digital art, photography and video, and supplement projects such as virtual field trips.
- 3. AP Chemistry**— The new textbook, for this course, Chemistry, The Central Science 13th edition, was reviewed.
- 4. Go Math**— Eight kindergarten pilot classes have been identified for this new curriculum that may ease transition to first grade math.