

SWEDESBORO-WOOLWICH BOARD OF EDUCATION

COMMUNITY UPDATE #5

July 21, 2017

What Decision Was Made at the July 12th BOE Regarding the Paraprofessionals?

On Wednesday evening, July 12th, the BOE and the Swedesboro-Woolwich Teachers' Association (SWEA) reached an agreement for the 2017-2018 school year where the District would retain its current paraprofessional staff in district. This mutual agreement was still being finalized during the very last moments on Wednesday evening just before the BOE's public meeting session. The Board of Education is very pleased with the outcome of this agreement and is happy that this conclusion was achieved.

This agreement, in addition to the extra \$230k funding being provided by the state, will allow the District to also reinstate at least 2 of the 4 teaching staff positions that were eliminated from the previous budget. The additional teaching staff will provide support in in-class resource room classrooms as well as kindergarten.

Thank You!

The BOE would like to thank everyone who took time to email the Board of Education and the administration to ask questions and express their opinions both for and against the RFP. All of your thoughts were appreciated and very much respected.

We sincerely thank those community members who understood that this was a difficult process for everyone: our talented staff, District administration, and the Board of Education. As leaders of an educational district, it is our job to ensure that the district maintains a responsible school budget for our community while also supporting and enhancing services, programs, and opportunities for all of our 1,720 students.

The BOE continues to be proud of all our professional and talented staff and looks forward to moving forward together to focus on our most important clients, our children.

Sincerely,
The Swedesboro-Woolwich Board of Education