
**Bayonne Board of Education Restructuring
Achieves Savings**

“The Bayonne Board of Education has achieved a savings of over \$1,000,000 through the restructuring of administration in the school district,” states William Lawson, President of the Board of Education. This was done in response to the request of Mayor Mark Smith, who, as Chairman of School Board of Estimate, in April, instructed the Board of Education to investigate and implement permanent cost savings in the budget by reducing administrative positions, similar to what the Mayor accomplished in the City.

Some of the cost saving measures taken by the Board of Education included eliminating positions through attrition and reassigning the duties to other administrative positions. In total, six administrator positions were eliminated. In addition, six positions were replaced by existing staff – either teachers or other administrators.

The savings from these changes will be effective in the 2010-2011 budget and will also carry forward to succeeding years.

According to Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Patricia L. McGeehan, the following administrative positions were appointed or modified at the June 24, 2010 Board Meeting:

Elementary principal Maryann Connelly from Philip G. Vroom School was re-assigned to Dr. Walter F. Robinson School, and elementary principal Maria Hoffmann from Dr. Walter F. Robinson School was re-assigned to School #14.

Acting elementary principals were appointed to the following schools: Kenneth Kopacz, Washington Community School; Edward Beales, John M. Bailey School; and Kathleen Bingham, Philip G. Vroom School. Also, Leo J. Smith, Jr., former Vice Principal of Bayonne High School, has been appointed School Business Administrator.

The following administrative positions were changed: Sharon Colasurdo was made Acting Supervisor of Special Services; Monica Flynn, Director of World Languages/ESL/Bilingual Education; Dr. Michael B. Pierson, Director of Athletics/Community Education; Rosalie Moran, Director of Title I/Early Childhood Education/Assessment; and Maribeth Doria, Director of Special Programs/Media/Library Services.