



In case you missed it:

At the January meeting, Mr. Colantano of BKC Auditors presented the annual audit to the full board. Each year, school districts are required to have a full financial accounting of the district. The auditors comply with the regulations set forth by the State of NJ. To share, here are some of the compliance items they look at: all payroll, purchases, bids, policies, student records, state reporting records, benefits, pensions, and transportation to name just a few. We are happy to report there were no findings or recommendations. It was noted that we are more fiscally solvent, and our administration and board have done a great job in keeping expenses in line with the budget.

Mrs. Ruane's 8th grade class presented their history projects to the board. Two teams presented their created websites depicting facts of specific battles of the American Revolutionary War. It was great to see how our teachers use a multi-disciplinary teaching approach; History, Research, Writing and Technology.

At the February meeting, we were treated to a one scene preview of the Middle School play Aladdin Jr. It was great to see all of our performing artists. Additionally, two 7th grade, students shared the STEM project (**S**cience, **T**echnology, **E**ngineering and **M**ath) they developed for a local competition for girls where they received an honorable mention for a 4th place finish. Their chosen topic and experiment was titled "What will happen when landfills are not controlled" Congratulations to them and their teachers Mrs. Nassi and Mrs. Duffy.

And finally, we, the members of your School Board, would like to express our sincere sorrow concerning those who lost their lives in the most recent school shooting in south Florida. We know how far our own district has come in developing safer procedures and practices to protect our students and staff. Continuing this work, the Board has formed a Safety and Security Committee to take an even more comprehensive look at security measures for our buildings.

LOPATCONG BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Please attend and
feel free to ask
questions of the
school board
members**

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MEETING DATES

January 24, 2018

February 20, 2018