



# Sayreville Public Schools Vision 2030

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## Talk Sup Week 7 Review and Preview

October 19, 2020

Good morning Sayreville. I hope you had a pleasant weekend.



This week, we will continue with our plans to expand in-person instruction for students in kindergarten and first grade in Phase 2a. Thus, tomorrow students in Cohort A will attend our K-3 schools to participate in in-person instruction, while students in Cohort B will do such on Thursday. If all goes well, these students and staff will transition to Phase 2b next week. Therefore, next Monday and Thursday students in Cohort B will attend their school for in-person instruction. Conversely, next Tuesday and Friday students Cohort A will participate in in-person instruction. Finally, today our speech and language therapists will return to their respective schools so that they can begin delivering in-person therapy.



If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education Business Meeting held on Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, here is what you missed. After Mr. Esposito's and Mr. Walsh's opening remarks about two beloved members of our community who tragically passed away this month, Stephen Farley from Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) and Maeve Witte from the Sayreville Middle School (SMS), provided their respective Student Council Representative reports. During the presentation portion of the meeting, the district presented pertinent information pertaining to the current state of the schools in Sayreville, which included presentations on the 2019-20 District Goals that were accomplished, the proposed District Goals for 2020-21, 2019-20 Advanced Placement and SATY/ACT student assessment results, and district and individual school 2019-20 Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying self-assessment ratings. To see the entire State of the Schools Address Presentation, click [here](#).



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The Board then moved the action items from the Superintendent's Report onto the Board Agenda and approved all of them. To see the Agenda click [here](#). To see the Agenda Addendum click [here](#). To view the video of this meeting, click [here](#). Among other motions, on the Vision 2030 Finance and Infrastructure portion of the agenda, the Board approved resolutions pertaining to the Energy Savings Obligation Refunding Bond Ordinance. Likewise, it approved a resolution to authorize the use of competitive contracting procedures set forth in N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 5:34-9.4 to solicit proposals for a power purchase agreement for solar panels. In addition, the BOE approved the application and acceptance of the Coronavirus Relief Fund Grant in the amount of \$435,312; the Special Olympics New Jersey Unified Champion Schools grant in the amount of \$30,000; and a grant from Dupont in the amount of \$15,000.00 for a STEM Lab at the Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS). Furthermore, the Board of Education approved resolutions to award the bid for HVAC upgrades in the SWMHS Gymnasium to Performance Mechanical Corporation in the amount of \$1,163,000 and to withdraw that amount from capital reserve in order to pay for those upgrades. Lastly, the BOE approved a contract, which will be subject to negotiations by Board Counsel and approval by the Superintendent, with Back to Work Solutions, LLC for the purpose of Telemedicine and COVID-19 testing for staff members during the 2020-2021 School Year.

On the Student Achievement portion of the agenda, the Board of Education approved revisions to the Pre-Calculus Honors and Managerial Accounting Honors Curriculum Guides. On the Governance portion of the agenda, among other motions, the BOE approved the 2020-21 District Goals, 2021-22 Budget Development Calendar, and the district and individual school 2019-20 HIB Self-Assessment Ratings. Additionally, it approved a motion to revise

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the 2020-2021 Restart of School Plan and to authorize the Superintendent to implement in-person occupational and physical therapy beginning on September 29, 2020; in-person speech and language therapy beginning on October 19, 2020; Phase 2a in-person instruction beginning on October 6, 2020 and then Phase 2b beginning on October 12, 2020 for all preschool students and students in K-12 Multiple Disabilities and K-5 Behavioral Disabilities self-contained classrooms; and Phase 2a in-person instruction beginning on October 20, 2020 and then Phase 2b beginning on October 26, 2020 for all students in kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade.

Finally, on the Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education accepted the retirements of Mary Beth Iannacone, Science Teacher at SWMHS; Mary Anne Gordon, Special Education Teacher at the Sayreville Middle School (SMS); Marie Valente, Teacher at the Eisenhower Elementary School, Elissa Dembner, Speech and Language Therapist at the Eisenhower Elementary School, and Jose Aponte, Custodian at SWMHS. All will be effective January 1, 2021. It also appointed new certificated and non-certificated staff for the 2020-21 school year and the transfer of certificated and non-certificated staff for the 2020-21 school year.

During the Open Public Comment portion of the meeting, a parent inquired about the status of the SWMHS Junior Prom and Senior Class Trip to Disney World. She also shared survey data pertaining to how students in the high school were coping with virtual instruction.

During the open BOE discussion portion of the meeting, Ms. Hill, Business Administrator, engaged the Board and public in a public hearing about the bond financing of the district Energy Savings Improvement Project (ESIP). Ms. Batko inquired about why the school district was continuing with efforts to expand in-person instruction and asked what the protocol would be if a student or staff member in an in-person classroom tested positive for COVID-19. Ms. Hill also reviewed what was discussed during the last BOE Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting. Likewise, Ms. Kenney reviewed what was discussed during the most recent BOE Student Achievement Committee Meeting and Mr. Callahan did the same with regard to the last BOE Personnel Committee Meeting. Finally, Mrs. Bloom shared news from the Middlesex County School Boards Association.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**. The agenda for this meeting will be posted on the district website on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. A complete copy of the **October 13<sup>th</sup>** meeting minutes will be posted on the BOE Meeting Minutes page of the website once they are approved by the BOE during the next BOE Meeting on **November 17, 2020**.



In our schools this week, SMS held a virtual Junior National Honor Society Induction Ceremony. We commend and congratulate all our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade



students that were inducted. Furthermore, we thank Mr. Gluchowski, his administrative team, and all the faculty who made the evening so memorable and special for all who participated, especially our inductees and their families. In addition, our preschool students in Project Before had a ball decorating pumpkins.



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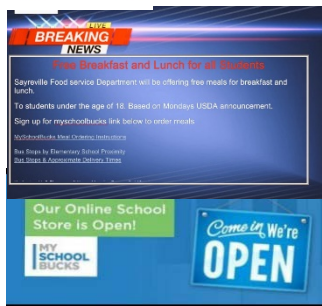
In athletics, last week the SWMHS Boys Soccer Team won its 3<sup>rd</sup> straight game of the year after defeating South Brunswick High School (HS) last Saturday 1-0. They are now 3-3 on the season. Likewise, SWMHS Field Hockey Team won its 3<sup>rd</sup> match of the season by beating Piscataway HS by the score of 3-1. In addition, the SWMHS Boys Cross Country defeated John F. Kennedy HS to



earn its 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive victory. Unfortunately, while they all ran hard, the Girls Cross Country Team lost. Last Friday the SWMHS Football Team bounced back with a great win over Franklin High School (HS) to notch their first win of the season. The SWMHS Girls Soccer Team also played extremely well and earned their second win of the season over Edison HS last week. Lastly, the SWMHS Girls Tennis Team won consecutive games last week against John F. Kennedy HS and Perth Amboy HS to improve their record to 3-3 on the season. Win or lose, all our amazing student athletes continued to compete fiercely and demonstrate the teamwork and sportsmanship that makes us all proud to be Bombers. Thus, we thank them and their coaches for their hard work, dedication, and the manner in which they represent SWMHS and our community. To see this week's high school and middle school athletics schedule, click [here](#). Go Bombers!



Please make sure that you consider participating in the remaining October Parent University workshop offering: **Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-5:30pm** – *A Parent's Guide to enVision Math with Michelle DiPaolo*. To register for any of them, click [here](#). If you have any questions about these workshops, please contact Nina Obryk at [nina.obryk@sayrevillek12.net](mailto:nina.obryk@sayrevillek12.net).



As was the case last spring, the district is now permitted to provide **FREE** meals for **ALL** parents who wish to order breakfast and/or lunch for their child(ren). Therefore, if you would like to order **FREE** prepackaged bagged breakfasts and lunches daily, please do so on [My School Bucks](#) by clicking [here](#). For more information on how to order through [My School Bucks](#), [download the app](#), and to see the [delivery locations](#) as well as the [estimated times of delivery](#), click [here](#). Finally, to **apply for free and/or reduced lunch** for your child, click [here](#). Finally, if you have additional questions, please email Nancy Mannino ([nancy.mannino@sayrevillek12.net](mailto:nancy.mannino@sayrevillek12.net)), our director of Food Services.



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Have a wonderful week!

Dr. Labbe