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Talk Sup Week 40 Review and Preview

June 21, 2021

Good morning Sayreville! Welcome to the **last** edition of *Talk Sup Review and Preview* for the 2020-21 school year. In fact, you will not receive another from me until **September 7th**.



As we put the finishing touches on an unprecedentedly challenging but productive school year and begin the long process of preparing for 2021-22, we would like to take the time to express to our staff and parents our sincere gratitude for EVERYTHING you did to either directly or



indirectly promote the most positive outcomes for the children in Sayreville. Please understand that the Sayreville Board of Education, Administration, and I deeply appreciate and fiercely admire all that you do for our students. We know all too well, how hard you work and how much you sacrifice every day for our children. In fact, not a day goes by in which I do not count my blessings and feel forever grateful to have the privilege of serving this district and working alongside of you to make a difference in the precious lives of our students.



That said, the end of a school year is also a time for us to say goodbye. For those members of our staff who will be pressing on through the summer, we thank you in advance for extending

learning and for helping us prepare for 2021-22. For those of you that will be leaving and returning in September, we wish you a relaxing and rejuvenating summer break, and anxiously await your safe return back to us. Finally, for those who will be leaving us for one reason or another, please know the indelible

impact you have made on all of us, and how grateful we are to you for the service you have provided to our district and most importantly, our students. Please remember that goodbyes are not forever, nor are they the end. They simply mean, we'll miss you until we see you again.







they were rich in just the right amount of pomp, circumstance, and tradition, which we hope resulted in an everlasting memory for all who attended, especially our graduates and their parents. To see the middle school promotion ceremony, click <u>here</u>. To see the high school graduation ceremony, click <u>here</u>.



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We would like to thank Mr. Rubino, Mr. Gluchowski, their administrative teams, and their promotion and graduation committees for all they did to plan, organize and implement both ceremonies flawlessly. We would also like to thank Mr. Kolmansperger, Director of Facilities and Operations, and our wonderful buildings and grounds staff for the construction of our stage, which was graciously donated to us by the Sayreville Borough, and for the entire facility set up. Likewise, we would like to thank Mr. Glock-Molloy, Assistant Superintendent of

Information, Technology and Operations, Mr. Sprague, our School Safety and Security Specialist, the Sayreville Police Department, and all the Sayreville Police Officers, campus security monitors, and other staff members who assisted with security on both evenings. Finally, we would like to thank Mr. Waranowicz, Director of Technology, Mr. Hochron, District Technician, and all our technology engineers and technicians for the production of each event and video simulcast.



Next, we would like to salute our extraordinary teachers, administrators, and support staff for doing yet another



outstanding job of effectuating learning and ensuring the most positive outcomes for all our students this year, particularly our graduating 8th graders and seniors. Along those lines, we would also like to compliment the wonderfully supportive parents of our graduates and thank them for entrusting their faith in us and for collaborating with us for the past several years to promote the success of the children we share. Finally, and most importantly, we would like to congratulate the incredible 8th graders and Class of 2021 graduates who worked tirelessly to be promoted and

graduate, and while we know that they will not need it, we wish them the very best of luck as they transition to the next exciting chapter in their education and lives.



Sayreville BOE Meeting 06-15-2021 Part 2.1

If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education (BOE) Business Meeting held on Tuesday, June 15th, here is what you missed. During the presentation portion of the meeting, the Board and administration honored and recognized the 2020-21 Governor's Educators of the Year and the two New Jersey Elementary Educators of the Year recipients from Sayreville. In addition, the Superintendent reviewed the district's Safe



Return Plan and held a public hearing on it afterward. If you recall this was a requirement in order for the district to receive American Rescue Plan Act Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) Grant funding. Finally, Mr. Glock-Molloy, gave his annual 2020-21 School Safety Data Systems (SSDS) Cycles 1 & 2 Report presentation.

The Board then moved the action items from the Superintendent's Report onto the Board Agenda and approved them all. To see the Agenda click <u>here</u>. To see the Agenda Addendum click <u>here</u>. To view the video of this meeting, click <u>here</u>. Among other motions, on the Vision 2030 Finance



and Infrastructure portion of the agenda, the BOE approved of the district to transfer a maximum of \$5,000,000 of unanticipated revenue and/or unexpended line-item appropriation anticipated at year end into its Capital Reserve account, \$2,000,000 into its Maintenance Reserve Account, and \$250,000 into its Emergency Reserve

Account. In addition, the Board of Education approved the submission of the Window Replacement Project at the Truman Elementary School to the New Jersey Department of

Education (NJDOE) for review and approval as an "other capital project" with no state funding which is consistent with its 2019 approved long range facilities plan. The Board also awarded a contract to Simon Roofing for roof

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maintenance work at the SWMHS, SMS, Truman Elementary School, and Eisenhower Elementary School in the amount of \$54,400 to be paid for using Energy Savings Improvement Program (ESIP) funding. Likewise, it approved a contract in the 2021/2022 School Year with The Gillespie Group for the replacement of the gymnasium floor at the Truman Elementary School in the amount of \$114,632. Furthermore, it approved the submission of the Middle Grades Career Exploration Grant in an amount to be determined. The purpose of this three-year competitive grant program is to cultivate the development of career awareness and exploration programs focused on engaging career-focused instruction and unique experiences for students in the middle grades. Finally, the BOE rejected the unaccepted bids received in response to Bid #2021-22-01 for Student Transportation Services for the 2021-2022 School Year due to high cost and approved the rebidding of those routes.

On the Student Achievement portion of the agenda, among other motions, the Board approved the following new curriculum guides: Grade 6 Math POR, Grade 6 Language Arts Literacy POR, Grade 7 Language Arts Literacy POR, and Grade 8 Language Arts Literacy POR. Likewise, it also approved several course title changes. Finally, the BOE approved the expansion of the Air Force Junior ROTC Program to 8th graders at SMS. Among other motions, on the Governance portion of the agenda, the Board of Education approved the district Safe Return Plan. In addition, the Board approved several new and revised job descriptions. To view them, click <u>here</u>.

Finally, on the Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education appointed new certificated staff for the 2021-22 school year. The Board also approved the transfer of certificated and non-certificated staff members, and administrators for the 2021-22 school year. In addition, the BOE approved the



employment renewal of Secretaries and Clerks, Bus Drivers and Bus Aides, Campus Security Monitors, and Cafeteria Workers and Manager/Cooks. Likewise, it approved the renewal and salary increase of the central administration and all non-collective bargaining unit affiliated employees. Furthermore, it approved the employment renewal of all Teamsters noncertificated staff members. Finally, it withheld the annual salary increment of an



employee.

During the Open Public Comment portion of the meeting, members of the public asked questions and provided feedback regarding the district's Safe Return Plan. Due to the amount of people present at the meeting for the purpose of giving public comment to the Board, each person was given a specific amount of time to speak and all questions, including those pertaining to the Safe Return Plan, were answered by the Superintendent at the end of the meeting. In addition, other members of the public provide commentary and asked questions about why the Superintendent was recommending to the Board that a teacher's annual salary increment be withheld. As noted above, at the conclusion of the meeting, the Superintendent explained why corrective action was being recommended for this teacher.

During the Board Discussion portion of the meeting, Mr. Balka reviewed what was discussed during the last Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting, as did Mr. Walsh for the last Personnel Committee Meeting, and Mrs. Kenny for the last Student Achievement Committee Meeting. Finally, Mrs. Bloom also shared news from the Middlesex County School Boards Association.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday**, **July 20**th. A complete copy of the **June 15**th meeting minutes will be posted on the BOE Meeting Minutes page of our website once they are approved by the BOE during the next BOE Meeting on **July 20, 2021**.

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In other happening across the district, thanks to our magnificent teachers and instructional staff, our students had a ton of fun learning during this last week of school. Students at the Truman School students painted beautiful butterflies and celebrated Flag Day. Likewise, in Project Before, our

preschool students and staff celebrated Flag Day and made amazing sidewalk art projects. At the Wilson School, students had a blast learning about each other's



g sidewalk art each other's culture, while at the Samsel Upper Elementary



School, students went on a Disney Virtual Field Trip where they created their own land for a

theme park and participated in a drawing class with Disney cast member Jason Zucker. At SWMHS, students in Ms. DiPaulo's Human Anatomy Class participated in their last dissection of the year while others enjoyed some outdoor fun with their future classmates from SMS.



This past week our students, staff, and community members continued to impress us with their amazing accomplishments. We begin by once again congratulating and commending our Class of 2021 High School Graduates. We also congratulate all our 8th, 5th, and 3rd grade students, along with our 4 and 5-year-old preschool students who were promoted to their next respective school level in our district. In addition, we congratulate and commend SWMHS junior Oro-Oluwatoromo Ade-

Festus who recently received special congressional recognition for her submission to Congressman Pallone's Sixth



Annual contest honoring National Poetry Month. Likewise, we commend SWMHS Woodshop Class students Ashmin Paulino and Gianna Conroy for the amazing furniture they created. Furthermore, we commend Mr. Craft and the student vocalists in the SWMHS Choir for their magnificent virtual chorus. To

view it, click <u>here</u>. Finally, we commend and congratulate Ms. Benavides for being selected by her colleagues as the June



Teacher of the Month at SWMHS. Bomber Nation salutes these and all our students, staff, and community members for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They Rock!



As per the 2020-21 School District Calendar, which you can access by clicking <u>here</u>, and the June Head of the Class Calendar, which you can access by clicking <u>here</u>, please remember that **Report Cards** for students in **grades K-5** will be issued on **June 21**st and on **June 25**th for students in **grades 6-12**. On **July 1**st the district will **open 2021-22** <u>new</u> student registration for students who will be in grades <u>1-8</u> and <u>10-12</u> next year. Similarly, the district will conduct its mandatory annual student enrollment update

beginning on July 12th and concluding on August 20th. Finally, 2021-22 school year student schedules and busing information will be released on August 24th to parents who submitted the enrollment update for their children.

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On January 29, 2021, the district officially opened registration for our **free Full-Day Project Before Preschool and Kindergarten Programs**. Therefore, parents of ALL eligible (**must be 3 for preschool and 5 for kindergarten by September 30, 2021**) preschool and kindergarten students are invited to visit our website in order to register via **Oncourse Connect**, our online registration software. The link to student registration will be clearly identified on our district website homepage (<u>www.sayrevillek12.net</u>) as "<u>Student</u>

<u>Registration</u>^{*}. Once on this registration page, you can obtain pertinent information regarding the registration of all students including preschool and kindergarten students, and you can begin completing the online registration application by clicking on one of the following links noted in the **2021-2022 Project Before and Kindergarten** text box: <u>New Student Registration Preschool and Kindergarten</u> or <u>Returning Student Enrollment Update for</u> students entering grades PreK and Kindergarten during the 2021-2022 school year.

Have a wonderful week!

Dr. Labbe