



Sayreville Public Schools Vision 2030

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Talk Sup Week 2 Review and Preview

September 21, 2020

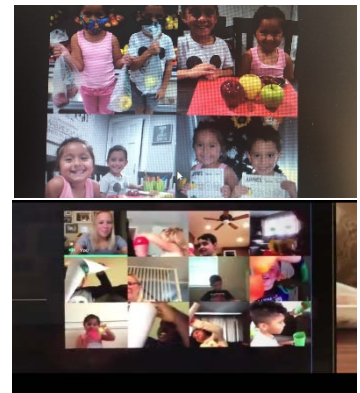
Good morning Sayreville. I hope you had a pleasant weekend. Likewise, we hope that all our Jewish families had a blessed Rosh Hashanah. Please remember that this Friday, September 25th, there will be **no office hours** so that our staff can participate in professional development. Likewise, please note that beginning tomorrow, we will hold our first virtual **Back to School (Night) Week**. As part of this, each school will post a video presentation on their website, which will cover the same topics that they would normally do during their live Back to School Night presentations each year. More importantly, each teacher in each school will create a video presentation and post it on their individual Oncourse teacher website. Parents will be able to access these websites on **Tuesday, September 22nd** through the **Dashboard** in **OnCourse Connect** by scrolling down to the 2020-21 **Grades** section and clicking on the **teacher's name**, which will be in **blue** font. In addition, each school website will include a quick link to access teacher websites.



Virtual Therapy Dog Visit
#3: Back to School!



In our schools this week, our students and staff continued to make progress with remote learning, and as always, had tons of fun doing so. In fact, at the Truman School, Svetlana the therapy dog visited students remotely from home. In Project Before, our preschool students had fun sharing their own ice cream at home after reading *Should I Share My Ice Cream*. In addition, other preschoolers had a great time taking the Apple Test and making apple stamping wreaths. Finally, they had a blast participating in STEM lessons and making shaker egg instruments during their Music and Movement class.



Sayreville BOE Meeting
09-15-2020 Part 2
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If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education Business Meeting held on Tuesday, September 15th, here is what you missed. After Mr. Esposito's and Mr. Walsh's opening remarks about a middle school student who is currently recovering from a serious bicycle accident, Stephen Farley from Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) and Maeve Witte from the Sayreville Middle School (SMS), provided their respective Student Council Representative to the Board of Education Reports. 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 appointed Dr. Matthew Speesler as the new School District Physician, and Dr. Kenneth Swan of University Orthopedic Associates (UOA), to be present at all home football games and to be available for consultation regarding all orthopedic sports related injuries for Sayreville student-athletes. Likewise, it approved the submission of the Digital Divide Grant application, the acceptance of the grant in the amount of \$912,476, and the utilization of the funds in it to purchase technology supplies. In addition, the BOE approved a contract, which will be subject to negotiation by Board Counsel and approval by the Superintendent, with Gallagher Benefit Services and CVS/Caremark for the administration of the self-insured prescription program for the term of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2023, and it authorized Ms. Hill, the district Business Administrator, to make weekly claims payments. Lastly, the BOE approved several

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resolutions and motions pertaining to the district Energy Savings Improvement Project (ESIP), particularly for the proposed bond refunding of it.

On the Student Achievement portion of the agenda, the Board of Education approved revisions to the Grade 11 English Curriculum Guide. It also approved memorandums of understanding with Rider University's Tomorrow's Teacher Program and with Middlesex County College for the High School Scholars Program. Finally, on the Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board accepted the retirements of Marybeth Iannacone, at Science Teacher at SWMHS, Eleanor Knoll, a Cafeteria Worker from SWMHS, and Virginia Zammit, a Paraprofessional at the Arleth Elementary School. It also appointed new certificated and non-certificated staff for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year and the transfer of certificated and non-certificated staff for the 2020-21 school year.

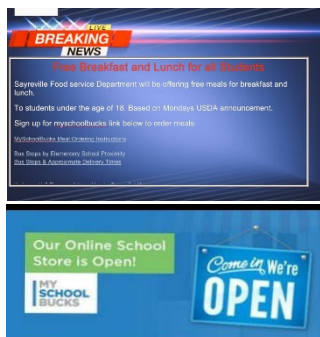


During the Open Public Comment portion of the meeting, a parent commented about the installation of solar carport panels. She also recommended a social and emotional program and inquired about a tutoring idea involving the students from the SWMHS National Honor Society that was suggested during a previous meeting. In addition, another parent commented about remote learning in the high school and shared survey data pertaining to physical education virtual instruction and the

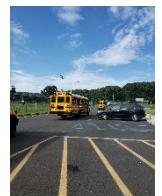
social and emotional learning needs of SWMHS students that she collected. Finally, another parent called into the meeting to ask questions about the ventilation systems in each school.

During the open BOE discussion portion of the meeting, Ms. Hill, Business Administrator, engaged the Board in dialogue about the bond financing of the district ESIP. This led to a related discussion regarding the installation of rooftop and carport solar panels, which is an integral part of the ESIP. Ms. Hill also reviewed what was discussed during the last BOE Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting, which included an update on current construction projects and the aforementioned funding for the ESIP project. Likewise, Mr. Callahan briefly reviewed what was discussed during the most recent BOE Personnel Committee Meeting. Finally, Mrs. Bloom shared news from the Middlesex County School Boards Association.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, October 13th**. During it, our team of central administrators will give the annual State of the Schools Address. The agenda for this meeting will be posted on the district website on Friday, October 9th. A complete copy of the **September 15th** 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 **October 13, 2020**.



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), our director of Food Services.





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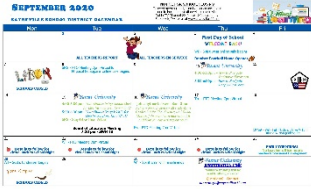
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If you or someone you know would like to **advertise** with us on our **website** and via **Bomber Blasts**, you should click [here](#) and submit an inquiry with *School Revenue Partners*. Naturally, we will continue to Bomber Blast activity information and community service announcements for our schools and the greater community at no cost. Likewise, if you would like to advertise on our **busses**, click [here](#). Lastly, if you or someone you know wants to **lease our facilities**, contact Deborah DeVico at deborah.devico@savrevillek12.net.

Have a wonderful week!

Dr. Labbe