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### Talk Sup Week 3 Review and Preview

September 23, 2019

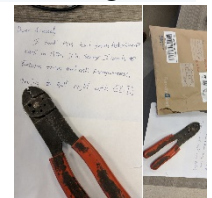
Good morning Sayreville. I hope you had a relaxing weekend. Welcome to another edition of *Talk Sup Week Review and Preview*.



Although we are going into our fourth week of the school year, our schools are still celebrating the start of what we know will be yet another magical one in Sayreville. For instance, while I was unable to attend, last Friday evening the Arleth Elementary School held its annual Welcome Back to School Barbeque. Thanks to the efforts of Mr. Preston, Principal, his faculty and staff, and the very gracious and generous PTO at Arleth, several hundred students and parents were treated to delicious back yard barbeque cuisine prepared by Mr. Preston. In addition, the students played a variety of different games and enjoyed the beautiful courtyard at Arleth. We commend and thank Mr. Preston, his faculty and staff, and the Arleth PTO for a fitting celebration and most memorable evening. Similarly, last Thursday evening at Project Before, Ms. Burns, her faculty and staff, and the wonderful Project Before PTO treated our preschoolers and their families to a delicious Welcome Back to School Ice Cream Social and Magic Show. We commend and thank Ms. Burns, her staff, and the Project Before PTO for a very cool, magical and refreshing evening.



Last Tuesday afternoon, a representative from the College for Creative Studies in Detroit came to speak to Ms. Mojzsis' s Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) Advanced Art Classes. Subjects, such as career paths, course offerings, and the cultural and climate of Detroit were discussed. Speaking of the high school, over the summer our staff received a suspiciously heavy envelope. When they opened it, they found a pair of pliers and an anonymous note that read: "I took this tool from the auto shop in 1976. I'm sorry, I wish to return them and ask for forgiveness. I am trying to get right with God." You cannot make this up! If the person who took the pliers is reading this, we thank you for returning them, grant you our forgiveness, and wish you all the best in your journey to redemption and righteousness.



If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education Business Meeting held on Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, here is what you missed. After Mr. Ciak's opening remarks about the Preschool Expansion Aid that the district received, and Mr. Esposito's opening statements, which included the district highlights, Stephen Farley from Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) and Abigail Maher from the Sayreville Middle School (SMS), provided their respective Student Council Representative to the Board of Education Reports. During the presentation portion of the meeting Mr. Knaster, Director of Pupil-Special Services, and Ms. Burns, Director of Early Childhood Education, gave a brief presentation on the Preschool Expansion Aid that we received, and how the district will implement the program plan that was submitted with its application. To see the 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 the acceptance of New Jersey Department of Education Preschool Education Expansion Aid in the amount of \$2,799,800.00 for the period of October 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Likewise, it approved the application and acceptance of the New Jersey Special Olympics Play Unified School Partnership Grant in the amount of \$22,000. Lastly, the BOE approved the purchase of a 2020 54 Passenger School Bus from Truck King International Sales and Service, Inc. through the utilization of funds from a lease purchase at a total cost of \$92,604.

On the Student Achievement portion of the agenda, the Board of Education approved new textbooks, several revised curriculum guides, and the use of the newly purchased EnVision Math 2.0 curriculum and instructional materials for mathematics instruction in grades K – 5. It also approved several co-curricular clubs and activities. On the Governance portion of the agenda, among other motions, the BOE proudly accepted designation from Special Olympics New Jersey and Special Olympics International, in recognition of the district and the individual commitment by SWMHS, SMS, SUES and Arleth to a culture of inclusion. Likewise, it graciously accepted recognition from James Pitaro, Co-Chair, Disney Media Networks and President of ESPN, as a global presenting sponsor for Special Olympics Unified Sports, for Sayreville War Memorial High School as an ESPN Honor Roll school for setting a high standard of inclusion. In addition, the Board approved a new [Master Preschool Teacher](#) job description. Lastly, the Board of Education approved a [Sidebar Agreement between the Sayreville Education Association \(SEA\) and the Sayreville Board of Education \(SBOE\)](#) for the purpose of including Self-Insured Prescription Surplus Refund language into the 2017-2020 collective bargaining agreement.

Finally, on the Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education appointed new certificated and non-certificated staff for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year and the transfer of certificated and non-certificated staff for the 2019-20 school year. In addition, it approved the [assignment of all paraprofessionals and district bus drivers and aides](#).

During the Open Discussion portion of the meeting, the Board engaged Dr. Labbe, Mr. Knaster and Ms. Burns in a discussion about the Preschool Expansion Aid. Mr. Esposito reviewed what was discussed during the last BOE Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting, which included an update on current construction projects, the proposed facilities referendum and ESIP project, and out of district school bus routes. Likewise, Mr. Callahan briefly reviewed what was discussed during the most recent BOE Personnel Committee Meeting, as did Mrs. Rubio with regard to the last Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council Meeting. Mrs. Rubio, Mr. Ciak and several other members of the Board congratulated Mr. Knaster for the recognition that our district and several schools received from the NJ Special Olympics, Special Olympics International, and ESPN, and once again lauded him and Ms. Burns for their efforts in obtaining the Preschool Expansion Aid. Finally, Mr. Ciak and Mrs. Rubio shared with the BOE upcoming professional development opportunities, particularly the New Jersey School Boards Association and New Jersey Administrator Association Workshop 2019, which will be held in Atlantic City from October 21<sup>st</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup>.

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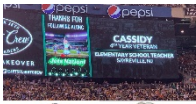
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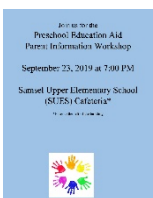
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The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**. During it, our team of central administrators will give the annual State of the Schools Address. In addition, Mr. Glock-Molloy, Assistant Superintendent of Information, Technology, and Operations, will review the district's 2018-19 HIB Self-Assessment Ratings, which is an annual requirement by the NJDOE. Finally, we will recognize and celebrate the certificated staff members who earned or will earn tenure this school year, along with all the staff members in the district who demonstrated perfect attendance during the 2018-19 school year. A complete copy of the **September 17<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 October **15, 2019**.



This past week our students and staff continued to impress us with their accomplishments. We commend and congratulate Cassidy Ritter, a teacher at SUES, and her sister Samantha, a special education teacher at SMS, who started their 4<sup>th</sup> season this year as New York Jet Cheerleaders. We are so proud of you Samantha and Cassidy! In athletics, the SWMHS Girls Soccer Team had big wins against Colonia High School (HS) and Perth Amboy HS last week to improve their record to 3-4. Similarly, our Bombers Field Hockey Team

defeated Piscataway HS last week to improve their record to 3-4. In addition, the SWMHS Girls Tennis Team improved their record on the season to 2-4 with a victory over John F. Kennedy HS last Monday. Lastly, SWMHS Boys Cross Country Team runners Justin Moran, Vincent Torres, Muhtasim Noor, Adrian Blanchard, and Brett Moran took home medals at the Thompson Park Class Meet last Saturday. To see this week's high school and middle school athletics schedule, click [here](#). Go Bombers!



As per the September Head of the Class Calendar, this week we will hold **Back to School Nights** in the evening (**6 pm**) at each school beginning this evening (**September 23<sup>rd</sup>**) with **Project Before** and the **high school**, all **K-3 elementary schools** on **September 24<sup>th</sup>**, the **upper elementary school** on **September 25<sup>th</sup>**, and the **middle school** on **September 26<sup>th</sup>**. Likewise, as mentioned above, please remember that the **Preschool Expansion Aid Parent Information Workshop** will take place at **7 pm** on **September 23<sup>rd</sup>** in the **Samsel Upper Elementary School Cafeteria**. Furthermore, please note that students will be dismissed early on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. Finally, please remember that all our schools will be closed on Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup> in observance of Rosh Hashanah.

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@sayrevillek12.net](mailto:deborah.devico@sayrevillek12.net).

Have a wonderful first week of school!  
Dr. Labbe

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