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Talk Sup Week 16 Review and Preview

January 1, 2020

Good evening Sayreville and happy New Year. I hope you had a happy holidays and relaxing and enjoyable winter recess. Welcome to another edition of *Talk Sup Review and Preview*. Remember that our schools will reopen tomorrow morning (January 2, 2020).



In our schools prior to the winter recess, our students and staff participated in a variety of activities to prepare for the upcoming holidays. The 3rd Grade Chorus at the Arleth Elementary School traveled to the Sayreville Senior Center to spread holiday cheer and



then days later joined all the students and staff there on the Polar Express to ring in the holidays in style. Likewise, Ms. Cruz and the Eisenhower Elementary School Chorus performed magnificently during their Winter Concert. Furthermore, the preschoolers in Project Before Samsel and Selover could not contain their excitement when Mr. Ray, acclaimed children's singer and songwriter, rocked out with them during two separate holiday concerts. Additionally, some students

at Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) took a trip to the post office to mail holiday cards to their families. Students at the Samsel Upper Elementary School enjoyed a "Mad Scientist" assembly, while student who were recently recognized for being exceptionally caring attended a character education luncheon in their



honor. Finally, the administration at the middle school treated the entire staff there to a holiday breakfast, as did the Transportation Department for all the district transportation staff, and the central administration for the district staff at the Selover School.



If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education (BOE) Business Meeting held on Tuesday, December 17th, here is what you missed. After Mr. Ciak's opening BOE President remarks about the Superintendent's proposed contract extension and the Facilities Improvement Referendum presentation that was planned for later in the meeting, and Mr. Esposito's opening statements, which included the district highlights, Stephen Farley from 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, Ms. Hill, Business Administrator, presented the 2019 Food Services Fiscal Report. To see her presentation, click [here](#). In addition, the Spiegle Architectural Group, which is the architect of record for the Sayreville Board of Education, presented to the Board and public a proposed Facilities Improvement Referendum Project. Click [here](#) to view the presentation. To view the page on our website dedicated to informing the public of our Facilities Improvement Strategic Plan and Referendum, click [here](#).

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

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meeting, click [here](#). Among other motions, on the Vision 2030 Finance and Infrastructure portion of the agenda, the Board approved a resolution for the scope of a Referendum to address district wide facility needs in an amount not to exceed \$99,793,409, and authorized the Spiegle Architectural Group to prepare documentation to submit to the State of New Jersey Department of Education for approval that includes \$7,414,053 for roofing replacements and repairs, \$13,314,021 for window replacements, \$1,820,533 for interior code compliance repairs, and \$77,244,802 in HVAC additions, replacements and repairs. The Board also approved a resolution to pay the Spiegle Architectural Group \$40,900 for Professional Services for the Secure Retention Vestibule at the Wilson Elementary School, and approved the submission of the “Security Vestibule at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School” project plans to the New Jersey Department of Education for approval. Similarly, it approved a resolution to pay the Spiegle Architectural Group \$39,920 for Professional Services for the design of HVAC in the Sayreville War Memorial High School Gymnasium. Furthermore, it awarded the bid for Window Replacements at the Eisenhower School to Panoramic Window & Door as the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$243,000. Finally, the BOE approved the very generous donation of a \$25 gift card and 105 book bags with basic supplies included in each bag with a total value of approximately \$2,100 from Costco, and tables and chairs from Milina Cuisine restaurant, valued at \$3,000.

On the Governance portion of the agenda, among other motions, the BOE approved the First Reading of a new BOE policy/regulation and the revision of several others. In addition, it approved of the submission of Cooperative Sports Program Applications for the Field Hockey, Football, and Wrestling athletic programs, along with a cooperative extra-curricular activity participation agreement for the Air Force Junior ROTC program between Sayreville War Memorial High School and South Amboy High School, commencing during the 2020-2021 school year. Lastly, the Board of Education approved a delayed opening schedule at Sayreville War Memorial High School for the 2020 NJSLA Testing on the following days: April 21, 22, 27, 28.

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 2019-20 school year and the transfer of certificated and non-certificated staff for the 2019-20 school year. Additionally, it approved a contract extension for the Superintendent of Schools for the period of January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2024 subject to formal approval of the Executive County Superintendent.

During the Open Discussion portion of the meeting, Mr. Esposito reviewed what was discussed during the last Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting, as did Mrs. Rubio with regard to the last Student Achievement Committee Meeting, and Mr. Walsh with regard to the last Personnel Committee Meeting. In addition, Mrs. Bloom discussed news from the Middlesex County School Boards Association and Mr. Ciak discussed the position of the New Jersey School Boards Association on proposed state legislation that would not allow exemptions from the mandatory immunization requirements for public school enrollment, even for religious reasons; and another which would allow certain public school districts, which recently lost state aid, to increase their municipal tax levy beyond the 2% tax levy cap until a time in which their state aid stops decreasing.

The next meeting will be **tomorrow (Thursday, January 2nd) evening** in the SWMHS Cafeteria. Unlike other meetings, during this meeting we will hold the 2020 Reorganization Meeting in public first at 6:30 pm so that we can swear in our re-elected Board of Education Members. Immediately following it, we will go into closed session. After emerging from Executive Session, we will ask the 2020 Board to approve a very short BOE Business Meeting Agenda. If you would like to review the [Reorganization Meeting Agenda](#) and/or the [Business Meeting Agenda](#) for this meeting, click on them. In addition, a complete copy of the **December 17th** meeting minutes will be posted on

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the BOE Meeting Minutes page of the website once they are approved by the BOE during the next BOE Meeting on **January 21, 2020**.



This past few week our students and staff continued to impress us with their amazing accomplishments. We commend and congratulate Sayreville Middle School (SMS) student athlete Travis Gaston for winning the National American Youth Football (AYF) Championship with his New Jersey All Star Team. Likewise, we congratulate SWMHS senior Jayvis Rayside who recently signed a letter of intent to attend and play football at Bryant University in Rhode Island.



In athletics, the SWMHS Wrestling Team got off to an amazing start of their season by winning their first three matches of the year and by crowning three champions (Joe Porcaro, Ryan Bouchard, Dylan Acevedo) at the Old Bridge Tournament, in which they also finished in 2nd Place as a team. The SWMHS Girls and Boys Winter Track Teams also got off to FAST starts



as Tom Lewis, Ruth Itua, Angela Pistilli, Manny Castellanos, and Abraham Ohiokhia-Benson won Gold Medals in their respective events at the New Jersey Spiked Shoe Club Holiday Festival at the New York City Armory.



Likewise, the SWMHS Girls and Boys Bowling Teams continued to ROLL over their competition as both teams defeated South River HS and John F. Kennedy HS to improve their season record to 8-2-1 and 6-4-1 respectively. The SWMHS Girls Basketball Team also improved its record to 2-2 with wins over Edison HS and Matawan HS.



Similarly, the Boys Basketball Team earned its second win of the year over Monmouth Regional HS and improved its record to 2-4. Finally, SWMHS Boys swimmer Damian Lech won the Golden Goggles for his awesome swims during a meet against South Brunswick HS, which included a first place swim in the 50 Meter Freestyle with a time of 23.58. 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!

As per the January Head of the Class Calendar, on **January 6th and 7th** the students at the **high school and each K-3 elementary school** will be **dismissed early** so that our staff can either participate in or prepare for **Parent Teacher Conferences**. They will be held from **1:35 – 3:35 pm on January 6th and from 6:00 – 8:00 pm on January 7th** for parents of students in grades K-3, and from **6:00 – 8:00 pm on January 6th and from 12:39 – 2:30 pm on January 7th** for parents of students in the high school. Similarly, on **January 8th and 9th** the students at the **middle school, SUES, and in Project Before** will be **dismissed early** so that the staff at each can either participate in or prepare for **Parent Teacher Conferences**. They will be held from **1:05 – 3:05 pm on January 8th and from 6:00 – 8:00 pm on January 9th** for parents of students in SUES, and from **6:00 – 8:00 pm on January 8th and from 1:35 – 3:35 pm on January 9th** for parents of students in Project Before and from **1:16 – 3:05 pm at the middle school**. In addition, please remember that we will **dismiss ALL students early** on **January 13th** so that our staff can participate in professional development. Furthermore, please note that our **schools will be closed on January 20th in observance of Martin Luther King Day**. Finally, please remember that we will send home **progress reports** for students who are experiencing challenges in **grades K-5 on January 31st**.

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The parents of ALL eligible (**must be 3 to being preschool and 5 to begin kindergarten by September 30, 2020**) preschool and kindergarten students are invited to visit our website in order to register for our **free full-day Project Before Preschool or Kindergarten** programs via **Oncourse Connect**, our online registration software. The link to student registration is clearly identified on our district website homepage (www.sayrevillek12.net) as “**Student Registration**”. Once on this registration page, parents can obtain pertinent information regarding the registration of all students, including preschool and kindergarten students, and they can begin completing the online registration application by clicking on one of the following appropriate links noted in the 2020-2021 Project Before and Kindergarten text box: **Students New to Sayreville: New Student Registration Preschool and Kindergarten** or **Returning Students: Returning Student Enrollment Update, Grades PreK and Kindergarten.**

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.

Have a wonderful day and fantastic week.

Dr. Labbe