

Sayreville Public Schools Vision 2030

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Week 17 Talk Sup Review and Preview

December 31, 2018

Good morning Sayreville and happy New Year's Eve! I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable Winter Recess. Welcome to another edition of *Talk Sup Review and Preview*.



If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education Business Meeting held on Tuesday, December 20th, here is what you missed. During the presentation portion of the meeting, Mr. Ciak and the Board recognized and celebrated the SWMHS



Football Team for their NJ Group 5 Central Sectional and Central/Southern Regional Championships and Head Coach Christopher Beagan for being selected as the 2018 GMC Football Coach of the Year. After that, Mrs. Bloom and the Board honored and recognized the three SWMHS sophomores who placed 10th in the nation during last summer's FBLA National Conference in Baltimore, MD. At the conclusion of this, the students gave their award winning presentation to the Board and public. To see it, click <u>here</u>. In addition, the



district kicked-off the budget preparation season with the Food Services Budget Presentation. To see it, click <u>here</u>. During it, Ms. Christa Brown, Director of Food Services provided a brief overview of the Sayreville Food Services Program and highlighted its latest accomplishments, as well as the goals that have been identified for the 2019-20 school year. In addition, Ms. Hill, Business Administrator,



reviewed with the Board and public the current and forecasted financial state of the program.

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>. Among other motions, on the Vision 2030 Finance and Infrastructure portion of the agenda, the Board graciously approved the generous the donation of school supplies valued at \$510 from the Christ Episcopal Church of South Amboy, and musical instruments from the Brandon Narleski Foundation valued of \$1,593. Lastly, the Board of Education approved a resolution to dispose of surplus technology supplies and custodial equipment and to sell it through GovDeals.

On the Student Achievement portion of the agenda, the Board of Education approved the following new courses to be offered at Sayreville War Memorial High School beginning with the 2019-2020 school year: Advanced Placement Computer Science, Integrated Science, and Statistics. In addition, it approved co-curricular trips and activities. Likewise, on the Governance portion of the agenda, the BOE approved the new School Safety and Security Specialist job description. To see it, click <u>here</u>.

Finally, on the Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education accepted the retirements of Darlene Beading, Custodian at SMS, effective December 1, 2018, and Karen Waranowicz,

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Student Information Systems Manager, effective July 1, 2019. The Board also approved motions to appoint new and to transfer existing certificated and non-certificated staff members for the 2018-19 school year. In addition, the Board approved revised Bus Driver and Bus Aide hours per day for the 2018-19 school year, effective December 3, 2018. Lastly, the BOE approved to compensate teachers selected to provide Tier 3 Intervention Services and appointed Dr. Richard Labbe as the Interim Principal of the Sayreville War Memorial High School, effective January 2, 2019 through TBD

During open discussion, Mr. Esposito reviewed what was discussed during the last BOE Finance and Infrastructure Committee and School Safety and Security Meetings. Mrs. Rubio did the same with regard to the last Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council Meeting. Mr. Ciak announced that the New Jersey Delegates to the National School Boards would be partnering with Jostens later this year in the spring for their annual Renaissance Fair, which will be held at SWMHS. Dr. Labbe asked the Board for their permission to begin revising the 2019-20 School District Calendar for the purpose of creating school holidays for sacred Islamic and Hindu holidays. Finally, beginning with Mr. Ciak, each member of the Board took the time to thank Mr. Biesiada, whose term on the Board of Education will be ending on December 31st, for his outstanding service to the students, school district, and greater Sayreville community over the past three years.

During the public comment portion of the meeting a community member also thanked Mr. Biesiada for his support of the community and for the many contributions that he made to the school district while serving on the Board of Education for the past three years.

If you would like to view the meeting PowerPoint presentation, click <u>here</u>. Likewise, to see the video of this meeting, click <u>here</u>.

The next meeting will be this **Wednesday, January 2nd**. Unlike other meetings, during this meeting we will hold the 2019 Reorganization Meeting in public first at 6:30 pm so that we can swear in our newly elected and re-elected Board of Education Members. Immediately following it, we will go into closed session. After emerging from Executive Session we will ask the 2019 Board to approve a very short BOE Business Meeting Agenda. If you would like to see the agenda for this meeting, click <u>here</u>. In addition, a complete copy of the **December 18th** 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 **January 15, 2018**.

Our amazing students and staff once again impressed and inspired us with their accomplishments last week and the one before. The staff and students at SWMHS honored beloved Principal Mr. Brown on December 21st as he took his final walk through the hallways. To see it, click <u>here</u>. If you were not aware, Mr. Brown will be retiring from public education after 40 years of dedicated service and nearly 20 years as an administrator in Sayreville. We cannot possibly thank Mr. Brown enough for EVERYTHING he has done



for ALL our students and staff, and for Sayreville over the past 20 years! We will forever be in his debt. He will be missed by all.

In athletics, the SWMHS Wrestling Team continued their dominance, as this past week they won the 2018 East Brunswick



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Bear Invitational Tournament and Benedict Arthur was named Outstanding Wrestler of the Tournament. They are now 5-0 on the season and have won the first two tournaments that they have participated in thus far. The SWMHS Track and Field Teams also had a great winter recess, as Christina DeSarno, Leah Lopez,

London Martinez and Mona Yuan from the Girls Team won first place in the 4x800 at the Middlesex County Relay Championships. Likewise, Josh Nieratko from the Boys Team





earned 2nd place in the Pole Vault, and Fez Khan, Tommy Lewis, Matt Stowe and Alonzo Molina took 6th Place in the 4x400. In basketball, the Lady Bombers once again attended the WOBM Basketball Tournament Kickoff brunch where they met other athletes and coaches from all around New Jersey. The girls also heard valuable messages from the NBA Nets Color Analyst Tim Capstraw. He

talked about the value of hard work and persistence to pursue dreams. After beating Point Pleasant Borough High School the Lady Bombers fell short to Monsignor Donovan Catholic HS in the tournament. They are now 3-3 overall this

season and 2-1 in the Greater Middlesex Conference. The Boys Basketball Team also competed hard but fell short in the Albert E. Martin BUC Tournament. They are now 2-3 overall and 2-1 in the GMC White Division.

According to the January Head of the Class Calendar, please note that along with the **BOE Reorganization/Business Meeting** on **January 2nd**, there will be another **Business Meeting** on **January 15th**. Likewise, please note that we will <u>dismiss students</u> at **Sayreville Middle School**, **Samsel and in preschool** <u>early</u> on **January 7th and 8th so that we can conduct parent/teacher conferences. We will do the <u>same</u> for student at SWMHS** and in all our K-3 elementary schools on **January 9th and 10th**. Finally, please remember that we will dismiss <u>all</u> students <u>early</u> on **January 14th** so that our teachers can participate in professional development and that schools will be <u>closed</u> on **January 21st** in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

If you or someone you know would like to **advertise** with us on our **website** and via **Bomber Blasts**, you should click <u>here</u> 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 <u>here</u>. Lastly, if you or someone you know wants to **lease our facilities**, contact Deborah DeVico at <u>deborah.devico@savrevillek12.net</u>.

Have a safe and happy New Year, and wonderful week!

Dr. Labbe

