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#### Week 27 Talk Sup Review and Preview

## March 11, 2019

Good morning Sayreville! I hope you had a relaxing weekend. Welcome to another edition of *Talk Sup Week Review and Preview*. <u>Please remember that today we will dismiss our students early so that our staff can</u> <u>participate in professional development</u>.



If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education Business Meeting held on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, here is what you missed. During the meeting the Board of Education (BOE) and Central Administration were joined by more than a dozen 5<sup>th</sup> graders from the Samsel Upper Elementary School (SUES) as part of the annual "Let the Children Lead" program. During this very popular and unique activity, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students who



participated actually applied to perform in the capacity of a specific board of education member or administrator. Thus, except for a few occasions, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade representatives for each, including Ms. Coglianese, Principal of SUES and Mr. Tola, Assistant Principal of SUES, voted and commented publicly on behalf of the BOE member or administrator who they represented.



During the presentation portion of the meeting, Megan Corby, a freshman at Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) gave a wonderful presentation on the project that she is currently working on to achieve her Girls Scouts of America Gold Award, which is the equivalent to the Boys Scouts of America Eagle Scout Award. For her Gold Award project, she will start a baseball program in the Sayreville Little League for special needs children called the Challenger Division. We are so proud of you Megan!

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 <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 accepted the generous donations of furniture from DonorsChoose.org for a classroom project called "Comfy Counseling;" and 30 inch and 24 inch pedestal fans, a basketball hoop and net, and paint and stencils for the playground from the Wilson Elementary School PTO. In addition, it approved a resolution to accept the Advanced Computer Science Competitive Grant funding for FY2019 in the amount of \$47,900. Lastly the BOE approved a resolution authorizing the district to sell through GovDeals obsolete textbooks and technology equipment.

On the Student Achievement portion of the agenda, the Board of Education approved new quarterly elective courses to be offered beginning in September 2019 at the Sayreville Middle School. Additionally, the BOE approved co-curricular activities, including but not limited to the Sayreville Credit Completion Summer School Program at the Middle School from July 8, 2019 through August 15, 2019; the Summer Enrichment Program at Samsel Upper Elementary School from July 1, 2019 through August 9, 2019; the Camp XL Extended School Year Program at Samsel Upper Elementary School from July 8, 2019 to August 8, 2019; and the attendance of the SWMHS Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams at the Disney Cross Country Classic at

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#### the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando, Florida from October 2 – October 6, 2019.

Likewise, on the Governance portion of the agenda, the BOE approved the revised District School Calendar for the 2019-2020 school year. To see it, click <u>here</u>. It also approved the revised job description for High School Principal. To see it, click <u>here</u>. Lastly, the Board approved an agreement between the Sayreville BOE and Sayreville Education Association (SEA) settling Unfair Labor Practice Complaint CO-2019-169.

Finally, on the Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education accepted the retirement of Ann Cosentino, Assistant Cook at the SWMHS, effective May 1, 2019. In addition, it appointed a new paraprofessional in the Project Before preschool program for the 2018-19 school year. Finally, the BOE appointed additional teachers to work in the Reach for the Stars Academy and to write curriculum during the 2018-19 school year.

During open discussion, Ms. Rubio and Dr. Shediack reviewed what was discussed during the last BOE Student Achievement Committee Meeting. Likewise, Mr. Ciak reviewed recent news regarding the National School Boards Association as it pertained to New Jersey. He also reminded the Board and public that the Middlesex County School Boards Association (MCSBA) in conjunction with the Middlesex County Association of School Administrators (MCASA) will be once again recognizing and honoring two students from each high school in the county, including SWMHS, who have overcome adversity, during the Annual MCSBA/MCASA Student Recognition Dinner at Old Bridge High School on March 26<sup>th</sup>. In addition, he reminded them that New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA) will be joining Jostens this spring during the April 6<sup>th</sup> Student Renaissance Fair and NJSBA Cultural event at SWMHS. Finally, the students from Samsel discussed ideas for improving the school district and shared why they would like this change to be made.

# 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 on **Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**. During this meeting the Board will vote on the Preliminary 2019-20 School district Budget. In addition, during the presentation portion of the meeting the BOE will honor and celebrate the SWMHS Girls and Boys Winter Track Teams, which both won GMC White Division Championships this winter. Furthermore, it will recognize and celebrate the SWMHS Wrestling Team, which won both the GMC White Division and New Jersey District 19 Championships. Likewise, it will honor Head Wrestling Coach Marcus Ivy for being named the 2019 District 19 Coach of the Year. Lastly, Ms. Maharana, Supervisor of Mathematics Instruction, will make a presentation to the Board and public on the district's newly developed Career and Technical Education program. If you would like to see the agenda for this meeting, it will be posted in the evening on our website on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. In addition, a complete copy of the **March 5<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 **March 19, 2019**.



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Last Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students at the Arleth Elementary School participated in a Skype interview with Cressida Cowell, author of the *How to Train Your Dragon* series. Along with learning about the many literary accomplishments of Ms. Cowell, the students learned how to turn their own ideas into stories. In addition, while I was unable to attend, on Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup> Parent University presented a workshop on District Technology Resources. To watch the video of it, click <u>here</u>.



This past week our amazing students continued to impress and inspire us with their incredible accomplishments. Early last week several students in the SWMHS Distributive Education Club of America (DECA) competed in the New Jersey Championships. We are proud to inform you that the students noted below will advance to the national competition, which is better known as the International Career Development Conference, and will take place in Orlando, Florida from April 26-May 1, 2019.

- Neha Bhat Won a medal for being a top 10 finalist in all of NJ in her category of Human Resource Management and won 2nd place in her 1st role play in the category of Human Resource Management.
- Anjolaoluwa Sola-Ojelade & Yash Kaple Won the Community Service Project
- Ishan Mishra, Eesha Imran, & Priya Shah Won the Membership Campaign
- Karanveer Panesar and Michelle Lee Won the Chapters Activities Project

In addition, I am also very proud to report to you that during last Saturday's Odyssey of the Mind Gateway Regional Championships, the students from SWMHS who were competing on the Problem 1 and Problem 5 Odyssey of the Mind Teams will advance to the New Jersey Championships. The Problem 1 Team won 1<sup>st</sup> Place while the Problem 2 Team took 2<sup>nd</sup> Place. Although they will not be advancing to the state championship, the students on the Problem 4 Team placed 3rd. They also received an OMER Award for the outstanding display of sportsmanship that they demonstrated while helping another team with materials to correct their structure. Ironically, that team eventually advanced to the state championships.

We would like to commend all the students from the SWMHS DECA and Odyssey of the Mind clubs for their amazing accomplishments and thank them for representing SWMHS and our district in such an impeccable manner. Likewise, we commend and thank Ms. Ferreri and Ms. McCabe, respective advisors for each club, and all the incredible teachers that contributed to the success of each one of the students who competed. Bomber Nation salutes you!

Please remember that parents of ALL eligible preschool and kindergarten students are invited to visit our website (click <u>here</u>) in order to register for our Project Before Preschool or Full-Day Kindergarten programs via Oncourse Connect, our online registration software. <u>Please review the Parent Letters found in this section for more information and detailed instructions</u>. Please note that <u>students entering kindergarten must be 5 years old on or before September 30, 2019</u>. <u>Students entering preschool must be 3 years old on or before September 30, 2019</u>. Following the completion of the online registration you will be contacted by the district to schedule an appointment to register a child.

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As per the March Head of the Class Calendar, please remember that <u>we will **dismiss**</u> <u>students early on Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> so that our teachers can participate in professional</u> <u>development.</u> In addition, please note that there will be a **Board of Education Business** <u>Meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup></u>. Lastly, if you have the time, please consider attending *West Side Story*, this year's SWMHS spring musical. Show times are on Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the SWMHS Auditorium. Tickets are available at <u>www.showtix4u.com</u>.

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Remember to **stay connected** to our district by monitoring the <u>home page of our website</u>, our <u>Facebook</u> <u>page</u>, out <u>Twitter feed</u>, and our <u>Instagram account</u>.

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 wonderful week!

Dr. Labbe



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