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Week 25 Talk Sup Review and Preview

February 25, 2019

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



As always, I am having wonderful time working and learning with our students and staff at the Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS). In fact, this week I visited Ms. Nappe's Pre-Calculus class to observe her students attempt to solve real life math problems, integrated with some African American history, in order to get out of virtual "Escape Rooms" designed by Ms. Nappe. Along with being the first time I have ever set foot in a Pre-Calculus class☺, I was very impressed by the inductive and deductive reasoning skills that the students combined with their knowledge of mathematics to escape from their virtual rooms. This week I also had a blast watching the students in Ms. Charmello's art class produce the first ever pieces of art using the high school's new 3D printer. Lastly, I was thrilled to learn how much fun our World History and Advanced Placement Art History students had when they visited the Metropolitan Museum of Arts in Manhattan last Thursday.



While I was unable to attend, on February 7th several SWMHS students participated in the Sayreville Human Relations Commission's Special Black History Celebration at Borough Hall. The highlight of the celebration was guest speaker Mildred Scott, Middlesex County Sherriff. If you are not familiar with the work of the Sayreville Human Relations Commission, they are a group of dedicated community members appointed by Mayor O'Brien and led by Chairperson Mindy Schifman, who are charged with the responsibility educating the residents of Sayreville about the diverse cultures, religions, and ethnic groups in Sayreville for the purpose of promoting an appreciation for those differences.



If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education (BOE) Business Meeting held on Tuesday, February 19th, here is what you missed. During the presentation portion of the meeting, the Board honored and celebrated the SWMHS Distributive Education Clubs of



America (DECA) and Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Club members who recently placed in the Regional Championships and will be competing soon in the State Championships, as well as the Girls and Boys Bowling Teams. The Girls Team won the GMC White Division Championship, while the Boys Team recently won the Central Jersey Group 3 Championship. In addition, the following 2019-20 Budget Presentations were given: [Buildings and](#)



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[Grounds/Capital Projects](#) and [Personnel](#). Click on each presentation to see them. To see all of the 2019-20 Budget Development presentations, click [here](#).

With the exception of Vision 2030 Finance and Infrastructure motion #13, which was withdrawn, the Board then moved all other action items from the Superintendent's Report onto the Board Agenda and approved them all. To see the Agenda click [here](#). To see the Agenda Addendum click [here](#). Among other motions, on the Vision 2030 Finance and Infrastructure portion of the agenda, the Board of approved a resolution for a Professional Services Agreement between the Board and the Firm Spiezle Architectural Group, Inc. and agreed to pay the Firm \$39,700 for professional services rendered for a permanent partition in Room C7 at Truman Elementary School and the Boys and Girls Locker Room upgrades at Sayreville Middle School (SMS). Likewise, the BOE approved a motion to withdraw from Capital Reserve \$15,900 for professional services for the permanent partition in Room C7 at Truman and from Maintenance Reserve \$23,800 for the professional services for the locker room upgrades at the middle school. In addition, the Board awarded the bid for Security Vestibule Upgrades at SWMHS, SMS and the Samsel Upper Elementary School (SUES) to Pharos Enterprises, LLC as the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$697,000 for bids opened on February 12, 2019. Similarly, it approved a motion to withdraw from Capital Reserve \$337,000 for the security vestibule upgrades. Lastly the Board of Education approved the purchase of the Hanwha Network Video Management System and corresponding licenses, installation services, and training from New Era Technology through the Ed-Data award for IP Integration, bid number 8599 for a total cost of \$76,380.43.

Furthermore, on the Student Achievement portion of the agenda, the Board approved several co-curricular trips and activities. On the Governance portion of the agenda, the BOE approved a settlement agreement for Grievance #2015-53, Cafeteria Workers Longevity, between the Sayreville Education Association (SEA) and the Sayreville Board of Education (SBOE).

Finally, on the Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education accepted the retirement of Teresa Waters, Grade 2 Teacher at the Arleth Elementary School, effective July, 2019. It also appointed a new School Safety and Security Specialist for the 2018-19 school year. In addition, the Board approved the transfer of an Evening Custodian to a District Groundskeeper position for the 2018-19 school year. Furthermore, the Board of Education appointed teachers to write curriculum for implementation in school year 2019-2020, Tier 3 Tutors for the Response to Intervention (RTI) Program at the Sayreville War Memorial High School, and teachers to work in the Reach for the Stars Academy on an as needed basis depending on student enrollment. Lastly, the BOE placed a teacher on paid administrative leave until a date to be determined.

During open discussion, Mrs. Rubio reviewed what was discussed during the last Superintendent's Advisory Council Meeting. Lastly, Mr. Ciak announced 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 26th. In addition, he also announced that New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA) will be joining Jostens this spring during the April 6th Student Renaissance Fair and NJSBA Cultural

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event at SWMHS. Lastly, upon the verbal motion of Mr. Ciak, which was unanimously approved by the Board, the Board of Education directed Dr. Labbe and Mr. Knaster, Director of Pupil-Special Services, to develop a comprehensive proposal for an 18-21 Students with Disabilities Transition Program.

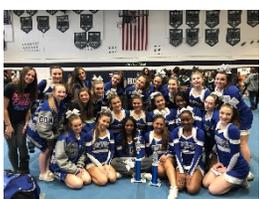
If you would like to view the meeting PowerPoint presentation, click [here](#). Likewise, to see the video of this meeting, click [here](#).

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 5th**. It will be the annual **Let the Children Lead** meeting, in which 5th grade students from SUES represent each BOE member and the administration during the entire public portion of the meeting. If you would like to see the agenda for this meeting, it will be posted in the evening on our website on Friday, March 1st. In addition, a complete copy of the **February 19th** 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 5, 2019**.



This past week our amazing students and staff continued to impress and inspire us with their accomplishments. Congratulations to students in Ms. Mojzsis's Advanced Art Class at SWMHS who created prints of moths that will be included in two art galleries in Australia. The Moth Migration Project is a collaborative exhibition that will be on display at the Bundaberg Regional and Gympie Regional Galleries in May. Likewise, those same students had a video chat with Lauren

Mc Donald, Program Coordinator at University of the Arts in Philadelphia. They also got a virtual tour of the school's art studios by Assistant Professor and Program Director, Cynthia Thompson.



In athletics, this week we once again congratulate and commend the SWMHS Competition Cheer Team, which on Saturday won First Place at the Howell High School Cheer Tournament. Moreover, they were crowned Grand Champions, which is for the team that received the highest score in the competition. We would also like to once again congratulate the SWMHS Wrestling Team, which not only advanced 6 wrestlers to the New Jersey Quarterfinal Wrestling

Championships, two wrestlers, Savon Kirksey (195 pounds) and Benedict Arthur (285 pounds), advanced to the finals and will now wrestle for a potential State Championship this upcoming weekend in Atlantic City. Lastly, we congratulate Head Wrestling Coach Marcus Ivy for being named the 2019 District 17 Coach of the Year! Go Bombers!



As per the broadcast email that I sent out on Saturday, as of this morning, parents of ALL eligible preschool and kindergarten students are invited to visit our website (click [here](#)) in order to register for our Project Before Preschool or Full-Day Kindergarten programs via Oncourse Connect, our online registration software. Please review the Parent Letters found in this section for more information and detailed instructions. Please note that students entering kindergarten must be 5 years old on or before September 30, 2019. Students entering preschool must be 3 years old on or before September 30, 2019. Following the completion of the online registration you will be contacted by the district to schedule an appointment to

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register a child. Also, please remember that as per the February Head of the Class Calendar, this evening (**Monday, February 25th**) there will be a **Parent University Workshop at 7 pm in the SWMHS Media Center.** It will feature a presentation on **district resources for students.**

Remember to **stay connected** to our district by monitoring the [home page of our website](#), our [Facebook page](#), our [Twitter feed](#), and our [Instagram account](#).

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 week!

Dr. Labbe