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### Talk Sup Week 37 Review and Preview

May 27, 2019

Good afternoon Sayreville and happy Memorial Day! I hope you had a relaxing holiday weekend. Welcome to another edition of Talk Sup Review and Preview. Naturally, **all our schools** were **closed** today in observance of Memorial Day.



As we do each year at this time, we pause as a community and nation to salute and thank all the brave men and women in our nation's history who have sacrificed and dedicated their lives to protecting the liberties that make this country the greatest in the world. Furthermore, we also take the time to send our thoughts and prayers to the families of those courageous and selfless service women and men who have made the ultimate sacrifice for us and our country. Therefore, we pay homage to and commend all the brave

men and women who are and have served our great nation. May God bless them and the United States of America!

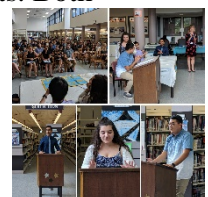
Speaking of dedication and sacrifice, this week will mark the end of Educator Appreciation Month. However, the appreciation that we have for our incredible staff should never be confined to one month of the year. Thus, as you have done all month, please do not ever hesitate to demonstrate your gratitude to them, as we salute all our wonderfully talented and hardworking educators for **EVERTHING** they do for **ALL** our students. The performances that they demonstrate consistently each day of the school year make me proud to work in a district with professionals, like them, who are committed and dedicated to promoting the most positive outcomes for all members of our community.



Last Tuesday I attended the Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) Poetry Club Poetry Festival with two professional poets, Catherine Doty and Tamara Zbrizher. The poets performed their poems in front of over 400 students during an assembly and then answered the students' questions about poetry, writing, and their inspiration. After that, the poets conducted writing workshops with students in a few English classes, who then later had the opportunity to share what they wrote. The festival ended with a luncheon for Poetry Club members and the poets, where students read their poems to the group while everyone enjoyed pizza and snacks. We commend and thank Ms. Chuntz, English Teacher, for planning and coordinating this wonderful literary activity for our students.



Also on Tuesday, I was present when the SWMHS Business National Honor Society inducted more than a dozen students into this very prestigious club. Likewise, later in the week on Thursday, the Math National Honor Society inducted about two dozen students. Both ceremonies were held in the Media Center. We congratulate all our amazing students who were inducted into one or both clubs and commend them for their hard work, dedication, and sacrifice. Moreover, we thank them for being the inspiration to many of our students. Similarly, we thank Ms. Berman, Business NHS Advisor, and Ms. Vasquez, Math NHS Advisor, for coordinating very memorable ceremonies



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rich with tradition, and for all the support and guidance that they have provided the students in their respective clubs all year.



Last Thursday, I also attended a portion of the Bombers Unified Track and Field Meet in the SWMHS Stadium. During it, I was both impressed and inspired to watch our students with intellectual disabilities compete with and against their typically developing peers in



traditional and nontraditional Olympic track and field events. Moreover, I was moved to see the comradery and friendship between our student athletes, which undoubtedly evolved during the process of practicing and preparing for the tournament together. Additionally, I was overwhelmed with joy to witness the amount of staff members, parents, and students who came out to assist and support these incredible student athletes. Thus, we thank and commend Mr. Knaster, his administrative team, and all the Bombers Unified Sports advisors and coaches, particularly Mr. Ivy, for making this event so successful and memorable for the students who competed in it and their families. Go Bombers Unified!

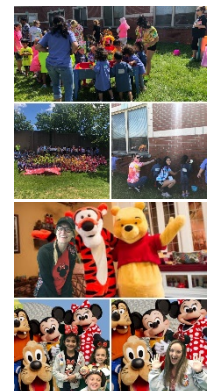


While I was not able to attend, last Saturday the Parents of Autistic Children (POAC) held its annual Walk with hundreds of other people from Sayreville and elsewhere. POAC is a nonprofit organization that provides services, most of which are free, to children and adults with autism, their families, and the professionals who serve them. Led by the amazing Multiple Disabilities Teachers at the Samsel Upper Elementary School (SUES), Sayreville Middle School, (SMS), and SWMHS, Sayreville partnered with POAC once again for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual POAC's Walk for A Difference Walk-a- thon and Activities Fair. A portion of the proceeds that were raised will go back to Sayreville from POAC in the form of training, workshops, and activities for all those affected by autism. We commend and thank Ms. Dana Giorgianni, Ms. Amanda Wilkes, Ms. Melissa Ciampa, Ms. Danielle David, Ms. Alexa Giorgianni, and Mr. Sunil Gano, Special Education Teachers, for all they did to make this wonderful charitable event such a grand success and memorable moment for all the community members who participated.



In other happenings across the district last week, on Monday and Tuesday evenings the Sayreville Middle School (SMS) held its annual 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation. During it, our current 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents got a quick snapshot of the middle school, particularly of the layout of the

building, programs, curriculum, and co-curricular activities. They also had an opportunity to meet and greet the administration, faculty and support staff. In addition, the middle school concert band and choir rocked the house during its Spring Concert on Wednesday, and the staff and students amazed audiences with their talent during its annual Duets Talent Show on Friday night. Also on Friday, the students, faculty, and support staff from the Project Before



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preschool program celebrated the 2018-19 school year with their annual Preschool Carnival. Finally, the Arleth School held its Family Fin Night and Truman held its Disney Day last week.



If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education Business Meeting held on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, here is what you missed. During the presentation portion of the meeting, each member of the Board of Education assisted the administration from each school/department in honoring and celebrating the 2018-19 Governor's Educators of the Year, which included the

teachers, education services professionals, and education support professionals noted below. We commend and thank these and all our amazing educators in Sayreville for their tireless work, expertise, exceptional performance, and the fierce dedication to the students in Sayreville that they demonstrate so vividly day in and day out. They truly are the epitome of excellence. Bomber Nation salutes them!

<b>SWMHS</b>	GEOTY	Christopher Howard	<b>Eisenhower</b>	GEOTY	Kelly Murphy
	GESP	Virginia Kania		GESP	Megan Grove
	ESP	Denise Brown		ESP	Michael Squillace
<b>Sayreville Middle School</b>	GEOTY	Nicole Lynch	<b>Truman</b>	GEOTY	Caroline Whalen
	GESP	Doreen Consulmagno		GESP	Randy Levy
	ESP	Leonard Baiori		ESP	Doreen Ortizio
<b>Samsel/Project Before</b>	GEOTY	Patricia Aloisio	<b>Wilson</b>	GEOTY	Jamie Allen
	GESP	Deirdre LeBlon		GESP	Joy Pollack
	ESP	Cynthia Gallagher	<b>Selover</b>	ESP	Donna Midgley
<b>Arleth</b>	GEOTY	Jessica Terebetski	<b>Transportation</b>	ESP	James Parse
	GESP	Danielle Fellona			
	ESP	Donna Greco			

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](#). Among other motions, on the Vision 2030 Finance and Infrastructure portion of the agenda, the Board approved the renewal rates for employee medical, prescription, and dental premiums. It also rejected all bids in response to the Lawn Maintenance Services, Technotime Business Solutions in response to the Access Control System bids, and all bids in response to the Sayreville War Memorial High School Baseball Field Improvements; awarded the bid for the Access Control System to New Era Technology; and awarded the bid for the Permanent Partition in Room C7 at Truman School and Locker Room Upgrades at Sayreville Middle School (SMS) to Pharos Enterprises, LLC. Likewise, the BOE withdrew funds from Capital Reserve in the amount of \$245,000 for the Permanent Partition in Room C7 at Truman and from Maintenance Reserve in the amount of \$400,300 for the Locker Room Upgrades at SMS. Furthermore, the Board approved a motion to pay the Spiegle Architectural Group, Inc. an additional \$2,110 for Professional Services for the Locker Room Upgrades at SMS and to withdraw from Maintenance Reserve that amount. Finally, it rejected the bids for two nonpublic student transportation routes for the 2019-20 school year.

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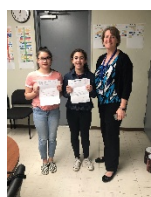
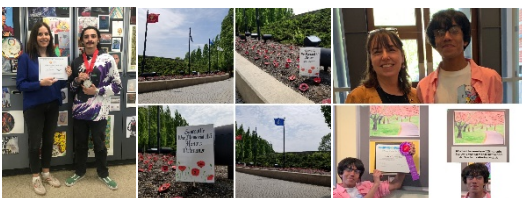
On the Student Achievement portion of the agenda, the Board of Education approved several revised curriculum guides and co-curricular clubs and activities. On the Governance portion of the agenda, among other motions, the BOE approved revisions to the [Webmaster/Digital Media Coordinator](#) and [Web Assistant/Technology Facilitator](#) job descriptions. To see them, click on each. However, the Board also decided to withdraw the motion for the Evening Buildings, Grounds and Security Supervisor job description in order to have more time to review it. In addition, the Board approved the final reading of several new and revised BOE policies and regulations. To see them, click [here](#). Lastly the Board of Education authorized the district Affirmative Action Team to conduct a needs assessment and develop a comprehensive equity plan for the district.

Finally, on the Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education accepted the retirement of Maureen Rochford, Bus Aide, and Carol McCarthy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher at the Truman School, effective July 1, 2019. It also appointed new certificated and non-certificated staff for the 2019-20 school year, the transfer of a non-certificated staff member for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year, and the approval of fall and winter season coaches and their stipends for the 2019-20 school year. In addition, it renewed the contracts for all [certificated](#) and [non-certificated instructional staff](#) for 2019-20 school year. To see them, click on each. Finally, it appointed personnel to perform Summer IEP work from June 25, 2019 through August 31, 2019. To see them, click [here](#).

During the Open Discussion portion of the meeting Mr. Ciak reviewed what was discussed during the last New Jersey School Boards Association Delegates Assembly Meeting. In addition, Mr. Esposito reviewed what was discussed during the last Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting. Likewise, Mrs. Rubio did the same for the last Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council Meeting.

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, June 11<sup>th</sup>**. A complete copy of the **May 21<sup>st</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 **June 11, 2019**.



During this past week, our students and staff continued to impress and inspire us with their incredible accomplishments. We commend Ms. Rasha Abidir, SWMHS Math Teacher, who represented Sayreville and served on a career panel at the Institute

of Advanced Study/School of Math Women in Mathematics Program. In addition, we congratulate SWMHS senior Andrew LaMonica who received his National Silver Medal from the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. Similarly, we congratulate SWMHS Art Teacher Katherine Mojzsis who received a certificate recognizing her dedication and commitment as an art educator.



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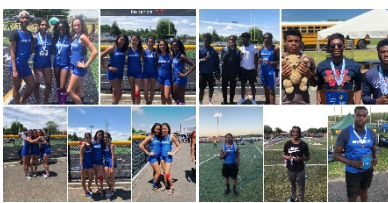
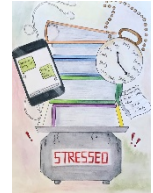
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Furthermore, we commend and congratulate Mikhail Fernandes, another SWMHS art student, whose artwork will be on display in the Spring Exhibit at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center. Mikhail Fernandes, along with Andrew LaMonica, will also have artwork on in an exhibition entitled "Rulers" at Coco Hunday Gallery in Tampa, Florida in June. Likewise, we commend Ms. Jennifer LaScala, SWMHS Art Teacher, and her students for contributing over 200 ceramic poppy flowers made out of used wire hangers for installation and display in the New Jersey Vietnam Veteran's Memorial. Check out this [article](#) about it. From SMS, we commend and congratulate Marissa Mandola who won 1<sup>st</sup> Place and Rachel Galbreath who won 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the 2019 Middlesex County Environmental Essay Contest, which was sponsored by the Middlesex County Department of Public Safety and Health. Lastly we commend and thank Ms. Doreen Consulmagno and Mr. Michael Provenza for representing Sayreville Middle School at the Social and Emotional Learning Conference at Rutgers University.



In athletics, the SWMHS Boys and Girls Track Team finished their spring season in very impressive fashion at the Middlesex County Championships. Congratulations to Ruth Itua who won First Place in the 200 Meter and Adija Simmons, who won First Place in the Discus. Adija's throw of 122'8" also broke a school record. In



addition, we congratulate the Middle School Boys Baseball Team for recently winning the Middlesex County Middle School Baseball Tournament. In addition, we commend the golfers on the SWMHS Girls Golf Team for a very strong season in which they went 9 and 6 and came in third in the Greater Middlesex Conference (GMC) Tournament. In addition, Kayla McMahon placed third in the GMC Tournament as an individual. Lastly, we congratulate the seven student athletes from SWMHS who announced and celebrated their commitment to attend and participate in intercollegiate athletics in their respective colleges or universities last week. Go Bombers!



Please note that all money owed to the district Food Services Program must be paid in full by June 1, 2019. To pay off your child's account you child can either bring cash/check to the cafeteria registers in their school or pay online to MySchoolBucks. Remember that in accordance with Sayreville BOE policy, any negative balance at the end of the school year will result in **denying access to the parent/guardian and child for electronic grade reporting, scheduling, and other related pupil information systems**. In addition, all SWMHS seniors must pay off charges before receiving their **cap and gown for graduation**.

Please remember that online registration via InfoSnap ([Click here](#)) for our [Summer Enrichment](#) and [Camp XL](#) programs is open this morning. Click on each to find information on both programs. Each offers a variety of different thematic **activities** and **trips**.

Have a wonderful week!

Dr. Labbe

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