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Talk Sup Week 34 Review and Preview

May 13, 2019

Good morning Sayreville and happy belated Mothers' Day! I hope you had a relaxing weekend. Welcome to another edition of Talk Sup Review and Preview.



As I indicated last week, May is National Educator Appreciation Month and last week was Teacher Appreciation Week. However, in last week's Talk Sup I failed to let you know that along with National Teacher Appreciation Day last Tuesday and National School Nurses Appreciation Day last Wednesday, last Monday was also the **New Jersey Education Association School Bus Driver Appreciation Day**. Therefore, we commend all of our hard-working, dedicated, and exemplary bus drivers and bus aides in Sayreville. More importantly, we thank them for extreme care and pride that they take in safely transporting over 4,000 of our children each day to and from school. They **ROCK!**



Last Friday, I had the honor and privilege to attend the Class of 2019 Senior Prom, which was held at the South Gate Manor in Freehold. Words cannot accurately express how impressed I was with all our young women and men who attended. Moreover, based upon the incredibly positive feedback that we received about them, I must share with you how proud we are of all of them. In fact, the general manager of the Manor, who is also an educator in Wall Township, could not stop raving about our young people for the maturity and respect they demonstrated throughout the evening as they sang, danced, and thoroughly enjoyed their prom. Therefore, we commend and thank the following Class of 2019 Advisors: Ms. Gassman, Mr. Mergner, Ms. DiPaulo, and Mr. Truhan, along with the other staff members who volunteered to chaperone, for making the evening such a memorable one for all, especially me. To see a short video highlighting my experience, click [here](#).



Last Wednesday evening the Superintendents Parent Advisory Council met for the last time during 2018-19. The meeting, which was open to the public, began with the discussion of old news. As such, it reviewed the major highlights of the 2019-20 School District Budget, discussed Mr. Dale Rubino becoming the next Principal at SWMHS, and talked about revising high school policy in order to award students at SWMHS who participate in the fall drama and spring musicals, concert band, and possibly Odyssey of the Mind, with varsity letters.

Dr. Labbe also notified the Council that the Board of Education decided that the staff and students at the high school and middle school will not be required to make up the day school was closed on April 8th due to a water main break on Washington Road, and that it approved a revision to the 2018-19 School District Calendar, which would make the last day of school for students Friday, June 21st. As a result, he noted that Friday, June 21st will be the new date for the SWMHS Graduation Commencement Ceremony, and Thursday, June 20th will be the new date for the Sayreville Middle School (SMS) Promotion Ceremony. As always, both ceremonies will be held in the SWMHS Stadium at 6 pm. Speaking of the high school graduation commencement and middle school promotion ceremonies, Dr. Labbe informed the Council that the district will implement the same security procedures for both activities this year. Thus, no bags, other than clutch wallets or purses that fit in the palm of a hand, will be permitted into either, unless the spectator is the parent of an infant or toddler, is elderly, or has serious medical conditions. Additionally, spectators will not be permitted to bring into the stadium air horns.

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In addition, Dr. Labbe reported to the Council that next year the Sayreville Middle School (SMS) would be implementing a Junior National Honor Society program. He also discussed fundraising and reminded the Council that such cannot be required in order for a student to participate in any school sponsored activity, including a banquet. Furthermore, he reminded the Council that the next Sayreville Parent University workshop will take place on Monday, May 13th at 6 pm at the Sayreville Police Department Headquarters and will feature a presentation by the Sayreville Police Department on "Hidden Dangers in the Home." Likewise, a Council member reminded those in attendance about the Parents of Autistic Children (POAC) Walk, which will take place from 11 am – 2 pm in the SWMHS Stadium on Saturday, May 24th.



While I did not have the opportunity to attend, last week SMS hosted a Title 1 and ASI Family Literacy Night. Many students and parents took the time to participate in this celebration of literacy that was designed by the amazing ASI and English teachers at the middle school in order to promote reading. Moreover, the parents and students who attended this wonderful activity learned how reading can be a formative family experience while also an enriching literary adventure. We extend our sincere appreciation to Ms. Grossman, Supervisor of Language Arts, Mr. Gluchowski and the middle school administration, and of course all our wonderful middle school ASI and English teachers who took part in making this activity so special.



If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education Business Meeting held on Tuesday, May 7th, here is what you missed. During the presentation portion of the meeting, Dr. Labbe presented the major highlights of the 2019-20 School District Budget as part of the required Budget Public Hearing. To see it click [here](#). To see all the presentation and information pertaining to the 2019-20 Budget, including the User Friendly Budget, 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](#). Among other motions, on the Vision 2030 Finance and Infrastructure portion of the agenda, the Board approved the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. In addition, it approved professional service contracts for the 2019-20 school year.

On the Student Achievement portion of the agenda, the Board of Education approved co-curricular clubs and activities, including but not limited to the creation of a Volleyball Club at the SWMHS and the inception of a National Junior Honor Society at the Sayreville Middle School during the 2019-20 school year. On the Governance portion of the agenda, among other motions, the BOE approved a motion to not require the students and staff of the Sayreville Middle School and Sayreville War Memorial High School to make up the school day missed on April 8, 2019 due to a water main break. Likewise, it also approved a motion to revise the 2018-19 School District Calendar in order to make June 19th a half day and June 21st the last day of school for students. Furthermore, this change will now make the date of the Sayreville Middle School Promotion Ceremony, Thursday, June 20th and the SWMHS Graduation Commencement Ceremony Friday, June, 21st. To see the calendar, click [here](#). Lastly, the Board approved the First Reading of several new and revised BOE policies and regulations. To see them, click [here](#).

Finally, on the Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education accepted the retirement of Diane Hayes and Tremaine Lieberman, Cafeteria Workers, Maureen Proudman, Confidential Secretary, and Carmen Davis, Principal, effective July 1, 2019. It also appointed new certificated and non-certificated staff for the 2018-19 and 2019-20 school years, the transfer of a non-certificated staff member for the

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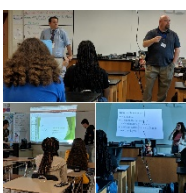
remainder of the 2018-29 school year, and the approval of coaches and advisors and their stipends for the 2019-20 school year. In addition, it appointed personnel to perform Summer IEP work from June 26, 2019 through August 31, 2019, certificated and non-certificated staff to work during Camp XL (Extended School Year Program) from July 8, 2019 through August 8, 2019, and teachers to write the curriculum as listed for implementation in the 2019-2020 school year. Lastly, the BOE approved the Secretarial Summer Hours (2019) Sidebar Agreement between the Sayreville Board of Education and the Sayreville Education Association.

During the Public Comment portion of the meeting a community member expressed her concern and disappointment with the proposed 2019-20 School District Budget.

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 inquired about when the new student identification card swipe system will be implemented in the district. Dr. Labbe informed him and the Board that due to the fact that the district will not receive the IDs until later this month, it will be implemented during the 2019-20 school year.

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, May 21st**. During this meeting, we will recognize and honor the 2018-19 Governor’s Teachers of the Year, Education Specialists of the Year, and Education Support Specialists of the Year, along with ASI Teachers Barbara Coyle and April Magistro, who earlier in the year were recognized as New Jersey Exemplary Elementary Educators. In addition, a complete copy of the **May 7th** 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 **May 21, 2019**.



During the past several weeks, our students and staff continued to impress and inspire us with their incredible accomplishments. This past week I also had the pleasure of visiting several classes at SWMHS to watch and marvel at the wonderful presentation made by our students. In Mr. Ferlisi’s and Mr. Mish’s Environmental Science Class, I was incredibly impressed with

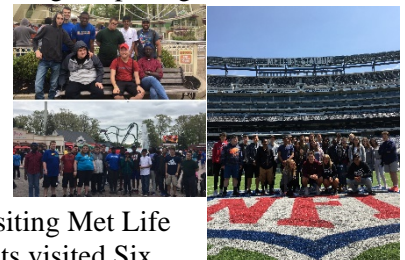


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proud of the students who made short presentations on natural disasters, such as hurricanes and earthquakes. Likewise, in Mr. Michaels Plane Geometry Class, I was amazed and inspired by his students’ presentations, including a rap song that a student created for the purpose of

teaching his classmates essential geometry vocabulary. To see a snippet of it, click [here](#). In addition, last week students in Mr. Coleman’s SWMHS Physics classes, proudly displayed some incredible projects while students down the hallway in Ms. DiPaulo’s Human Anatomy class dissected pig



hearts. Finally, the students Ms. Berman’s Marketing class had a wonderful time visiting Met Life Stadium, the home of the New York Giants and Jets. Likewise, several other students visited Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson to celebrate Autism Day.

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In athletics, we commend and congratulate the below April Athletes of the Month. Additionally, we congratulate SWMHS seniors Megan Furbush and Ryan Casano, who were recently honored as the Sayreville recipients of the Greater Middlesex Conference Sportsmanship Award. We thank them and all our amazing student athletes for proudly and impeccably representing Sayreville. Go Bombers!

Track (B) - Robert Voto
Track (G) - Leah Williams-White
Golf (B) - Joe Phillips

Golf (G) - Kayla McMahon
Baseball - Nick Lodzinski
Softball - Morgan Wehrle

Tennis - Aarsal Shaikh
Unified - Davide Morsella

As per the May Head of the Class Calendar, **Sayreville Parent University** will present a workshop on **“Hidden Dangers in the Home”** at **6 pm at the Sayreville Police Department on Monday, May 13th**. Please also note that **4th Marking Period Progress Reports for students in grades 6-12 will be issued on Friday, May 17th**. In addition, if you have the time, please consider attending the **SWMHS National Honor Society Breakfast**, which is its annual fundraiser for the Brain Injured Child foundation, in the morning on **Saturday, May 18th**. Rather than the traditional pasta dinner, which it has served for many previous years, this year the students will be serving a delicious **pancake breakfast in the cafeteria from 8 – 11 am**. Lastly, please remember that **all students will be dismissed early on Monday, May 20th** so that our staff can participate in professional development, and that **all our schools will be closed on Monday, May 27th** in observance of Memorial Day.

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**.

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