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Talk Sup Week 12 Review and Preview

November 27, 2017

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

Prior to the Thanksgiving break, the Sayreville Education Association announced the 2017-18 Education Support Professionals (ESPs) of the year. Thus we would like to congratulate the below staff members and commend them for their hard work, commitment, and dedication to their profession, our district, and the wonderful students in Sayreville.

- Sayreville War Memorial High School – **Patricia Wlodarczyk**, Secretary
- Sayreville Middle School – **Marie Basile**, Cafeteria worker
- Samsel Upper Elementary School – **Samantha Attardi**, Paraprofessional
- Truman Elementary School – **Donna Marra**, Cafeteria worker
- Eisenhower Elementary School – **Linda Kudrak**, Secretary
- Arleth Elementary School – **Laurie Aich**, Paraprofessional
- Wilson Elementary School – **Marleen Lewandowski**, Paraprofessional
- Project Before Preschool – **Beth DeMaio**, Physical Therapist
- Transportation – **Joanne Leon**, Bus Driver



If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education (BOE) Business Meeting held on Tuesday, November 21st, here is what you missed. Dr. Labbe began the presentation portion of the meeting by asking Mr. Esposito to assist him and the Board in celebrating the Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) Girls Soccer Team, who were the 2017 Greater Middlesex Conference (GMC) White Division



Champions. Next, Dr. Labbe asked Mr. Walsh to assist him in recognizing the undefeated 2017 GMC White Division Champion SWMHS Girls Tennis Team. After that, Dr. Labbe asked Mrs. Bloom, Ms. Nina Obryk, Supervisor of Professional Development, and Mr. Andrew



Rice, SWMHS Art Teacher, to assist him in commending the SWMHS students who produced artwork for our 2017 “Ignite your Passion” November In-Service Day logo. Finally, Dr. Labbe introduced Colonel Spare and Master Sargent Knowlton from our SWMHS Air Force Junior ROTC program, who then proceeded to invite



two SWMHS cadets to present a brief overview of this new program. To see their presentation, click [here](#).

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 [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

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submission of an amended application for funding under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) and the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) in the total amount of \$1,109,655 for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. In addition, it approved a resolution to sell through GovDeals or dispose of obsolete equipment.

Furthermore, on the Student Achievement portion of the agenda, the Board approved co-curricular activities, including but not limited to the Advanced Placement Night and Freshman Orientation at the Sayreville War Memorial High School, on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 from 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM in the high school auditorium and cafeteria; and the Arleth Elementary School Autism Awareness Fair and fundraising car wash on Saturday, April 21, 2018 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Likewise, on the Governance portion of the agenda, the Board approved of Lori Ann Dobrzynski to serve as the Designee for the Board of Education on the Sayreville Public Library Board of Trustees. It also approved the Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials for the 2017-18 school year. Lastly, the Board adopted the Memorandum of Agreement between the Sayreville Board of Education and the Sayreville Education Association, dated November 20, 2017, and authorized the board president and administration to finalize the collective bargaining agreement covering the period from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020.

Finally, on the Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education accepted the retirement of Thomas Gentile, Supervisor of Social Studies, Related Arts and Extra Curricular Activities for the District. It also appointed new certificated and non-certificated staff for the 2017-18 school year, and retroactively approved the salaries for custodians, maintenance workers, grounds keepers, stockroom clerk, and truck driver for the 2017-18 school year, effective July 1, 2017. Prior to approving the items on this portion of the agenda, the Board retired to Executive Session to discuss the motion to hire a new physical education teacher at SWMHS after the motion was tabled and then untabled. When the Board emerged from closed session, they approved the motion.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, a parent inquired about the possibility of either creating an American Sign Language foreign language class at the high school or teaching students sign language in the elementary and middle school, particularly students with significant verbal communication deficits. Likewise, two parents expressed concern about the bus stop that their children get picked up from and dropped off at, and inquired about the possibility of changing it. After that, a community member commended the high school administration on the updating of the electronic sign located in front of SWMHS. Finally, another community member commented about the school security procedures exercised when he provides SAT and ACT preparation tutoring for students at SWMHS during the evening after school.

During open discussion, Mr. Esposito reviewed what was discussed during the last BOE Finance Committee Meeting, as did Mrs. Bloom, Dr. Shediack, and Mr. Walsh with regard to the last BOE Buildings and Grounds, Student Achievement, and Personnel Committee Meetings respectively. In addition, Mr. Macagnone read a thank you card that the Board received from Bridges for Peace for the

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district's involvement in the collection of supplies for the Hurricane Harvey victims in Houston. Mrs. Bloom followed that by inquiring about the recently approved 2018-19 School District Calendar, particularly whether the district should be closed the Monday after Veteran's Day. She also inquired about the security procedures for students attending SAT and ACT preparation tutoring at SWMHS during the evening after school. Finally, she commented about her experience participating in Legislator's Day at SWMHS on Friday, November 17th. Similarly, Mr. Esposito and Mr. Biesiada also shared with the Board and public what they discussed with students when they participated in Legislator's Day. When they were finished, Mr. Balka inquired as to why the district was requiring food trucks to obtain a permit for an upcoming PTO function at the middle school. Finally, Mr. Ciak summarized his recent experiences traveling around the nation to various public school districts in the capacity of National School Boards Association (NSBA) President and notified the Board and public about an NSBA visit and board meeting in Sayreville on December 4th.

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 is scheduled to take place on **Tuesday, December 19, 2017**. If you would like to see the agenda for this meeting, please visit the BOE Agenda page on our website when it is posted in the evening on **Friday, December 14th**. In addition, a complete copy of the October 17th meeting minutes will be posted on the BOE Meeting Minutes page of the website once they are approved by the BOE during the next Business Meeting on **December 19, 2017**.

On Thursday several members of our SWMHS Marching Band marched in the Philadelphia Thanksgiving Day Parade with the Tournament of Bands All-Star Band. Naturally, they performed outstandingly. We are so proud of them!

Have a wonderful week!

Dr. Labbe

