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Talk Sup Week 25 Review and Preview

February 26, 2018

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



If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education (BOE) Business Meeting held on Tuesday, February 20th, here is what you missed. Mr. Glock-Molloy, Assistant Superintendent of Information, Technology and Operations, and Dr. Shediack, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, began the presentation portion of the meeting by giving the following budget presentations respectively: [Technology](#) and [Curriculum and Instruction](#). Click on each presentation to see them.



The Board then moved the action items from the Superintendent's Report onto the Board Agenda and approved nearly 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 a resolution authorizing the district to sell through GovDeals disposed of and obsolete equipment, and accepted a donation of funding to sponsor two staff members from the district to attend the 2018 National Conference on Science in Atlanta, Georgia from DuPont Electronics & Imaging as part of their commitment to improve science education. It also withdrew the motion to approve the December Treasurer of School Monies Report. On the Student Achievement portion of the agenda the Board of Education approved co-curricular trips and activities, including but not limited to a trip to the Career Council Central NJ College Fair at Bishop Ahr High School in Edison, NJ on March 7th for 75 high school students, and the Project Before Preschool Open House on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm in the Samsel Upper Elementary School (SUES) Auxiliary Gym and Project Before classrooms.

On the Governance portion of the agenda, the BOE approved and adopted several new and revised policies and regulations. Likewise, they approved several more for a first reading. Finally, the Board decided to table the repeal of the Parent Involvement Council (PIC) and Parent Involvement Council Representative to the Board of Education Policies upon the request of a parent who promised that she would increase participation in PIC meetings and would also attempt to find parents to volunteer to report out to the Board and public during BOE meetings. Finally, on the Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education accepted the retirement of Patricia Wisk, Paraprofessional at Sayreville War Memorial High School, effective July 1, 2018. It also appointed new certificated and non-certificated staff for the 2017-18 school year, and approved of staff members to work in the Sayreville Special Olympics Unified Sports Program for the Spring Basketball Season. Lastly, the Board of Education approved of teachers to work in the Algebra 1 Middle and High School Title I PARCC Tutorial Programs for the remainder of the 2017-18 school year.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, a parent asked the Board to reconsider its position on **not** allowing students to walkout of classrooms in protest of the current federal gun laws in the wake of the school shooting in Parkland, Florida. Another parent stated that she understood the district's position but stated that she too was in favor of it allowing a student walkout for this cause. Conversely, three other parents commended the Board and district, and spoke out against the walkout. In fact, one suggested that there should be consequences for any student who disobeys the authority of his or her teachers and administrators, and walks out of class and the school. However, each one of these parents also expressed to the BOE the need for them to continue to do everything possible to protect students and staff and increase safety in the district. As previously mentioned, later in the meeting,

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a parent asked that the Board of Education to not repeal the Parent Involvement Council (PIC) and Parent Involvement Council Representative to the Board of Education Policies. Finally, another parent expressed hope that upon the recommendation of the District Curriculum and BOE Student Achievement Committees, the Board will eventually reduce or possibly eliminate the assigning of student homework. That same parent also made several inquiries about Mr. Glock-Molloy's aforementioned Technology Budget presentation, particularly Wi-Fi access points, and offered his assistance to the district in advancing technology services.

During open discussion, Mr. Ciak commented on school security and the Board and district's decision to not condone, support, or encourage a student "walkout of class" protest that is currently being promoted on Facebook. He also informed the Board and public about the upcoming Middlesex County School Boards Association Recognition Dinner, in which two SWMHS students will be honored, and commented about his recent trip to several different school districts in North Carolina. Mr. Esposito thanked the parents who spoke earlier in the meeting for recognizing the efforts that the district has made to improve school security, but stated that he also realized that more needs to be done to protect our students and staff. Mr. Esposito also reviewed what was discussed during a recent shared services meeting that he attended with Mr. Ciak, and Mr. Walsh, as well members of the Borough Council; and after a motion was approved by the Board, asked Ms. Hill, Business Administrator, to explore with the Borough the possibility of entering shared purchasing agreements with the Borough for the construction of the new turf field and track at SWMHS, as well as the potential construction of a new bus garage in a location in the Borough to be determined. Finally, upon the recommendation of Mr. Biesiada, the Board approved a motion for the Superintendent to explore having the parents of students pay to play sports and to participate in other co-curricular activities.

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 6th**. It will be a Workshop Meeting, and thus will feature the following budget presentations: Buildings and Grounds, Capital Projects, Transportation, and Personnel. If you would like to see the agenda for this meeting, it will be posted in the evening on our website on Friday, March 2nd. In addition, a complete copy of the **February 20th** 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 6, 2018**.



Last Monday evening I attended the SUES Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Meeting. During it, I had opportunity to discuss school security, the 2018-19 School District Budget, technology, and curriculum and instruction, particularly the new resources that we have budgeted for students at SUES next year.



Last Saturday afternoon I had the privilege to attend the Howell Cheer Competition and to witness the amazing performances of our Sayreville Middle School and SWMHS Competition Cheer Teams. They were spectacular! In fact, while the level of competition was extremely high, I am proud to inform you that due to their grace, precision, and fearless acrobatics, the SWMHS team took First Place and the middle school team came in second. To see our middle school team perform, click [here](#). Likewise, to see the 1st Place performance by our SWMHS Cheer Team, click [here](#). Bomber Nation salutes all our amazing cheerleaders at both schools, their incredibly dedicated coaches, led by Ms. Krainski and Ms. Lynch, and with their wonderful and very supportive parents. In fact, I was so





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proud to easily notice how many more Bomber fans were in attendance than those from any other team participating.

This winter has been yet another impressive season for our athletic programs at SWMHS. The Boys Basketball team currently has an overall record of 16-7. They clinched their 3rd consecutive Greater Middlesex Conference (GMC) White Division Championship and fourth in the past five years. In addition, Zac Kaczmarek and Elijah Clark were selected to the All-White Division Team. It now heads into the Central Jersey Group 4 State Tournament as the 4th seed and will host Hillsborough in the 1st round. Similarly, the Girls Basketball team has a current overall record of 15-9 and finished 2nd in the White Division. As with the boys team, the Lady Bombers are looking to be very competitive when the State Tournament begins next week.

In bowling, the Boys Team ended the season with an overall record of 6-11-1. However, they did better in the GMC White Division with a 6-8 record. Since four starters will be returning next season, they are looking forward to building on their success this season, and are hoping that one or two bowlers will qualify for individuals. Likewise, the girls finished up the season with a 6th Place finish in the Joe Romer Classic. On an individual level, Melissa Yataco placed 9th in the GMC Individual Tournament. They too look to build upon their success this year for next year.

This year the Boys and Girls Swim Teams had one of the highest point scoring seasons in recent history. They were led by senior Captains Taylor Friedman, Sara Gulick, Antonino Tramontana, Arek Moczulski, and Ryan Shrestha. The Girls Team ended the season with a record of 3-5 and finished 10th overall in the GMC out of 18 teams. Junior Angelina Hansel finished 6th overall in the 100 Butterfly and 500 Freestyle at the GMC Swim Tournament. Likewise, senior Captain Taylor Friedman finished 6th overall in the 100 Backstroke and 8th in the 100 Butterfly. The Boys Team ended the season with a record of 2-6 and also had a great showing in the Greater Middlesex Championships, scoring more than double the amount of points than last year, and giving them an 8th Place finish out of 17 teams. In fact, Antonino Tramontana, Damian Lech, Jacob Fritz, and Bryan Paez, who were the boys on the 200 Freestyle Relay team, placed 4th overall in the county meet, which tied the school record set in 2011 with a time of 1:36.08. Antonino Tramontana also broke another school record in the 100 Meter Breaststroke (his 5th in his 4 years of swimming for SWMHS) at the Championship Meet, taking down a record that hasn't been broken since 1981, and beating it by over 2 seconds with a time of 1:05. 64.

In winter track, the Boys and Girls Teams had another phenomenal year! The Boys Team repeated as White Division Champions and finished 5th in the GMC, while the Girls Team won their 3rd straight GMC White Division Championship, finishing 3rd overall in the GMC. In addition, they narrowly missed winning their 1st state sectional title in school history. Individually, the boys track athletes did very well. Zuriel Wright was crowned GMC Champion in the High Jump, and teamed up with Jacari Carter to win the GMC High Jump Relay. Similarly, for the girls, Jasmine Van Note was the GMC and Central Jersey Group 4 Champion in the Shot Put, and teamed up with Adijah Simmon to win the Central Jersey Group 4 Shot Put Relay. Jasmine was currently the 4th best shot putter in the state heading into this past weekend's Meet of Champions. Kayla Rosario also continued to be one of the premier distance runners in the state, and was crowned Central Jersey Group 4 Champion in the 1,600 Meter Race, took 2nd place in the 3,200 Meter, and 4th place in the 800 Meter. In addition, Jasmine Van Note, Kayla Rosario, Adijah Simmon, and Ruth Itua all medaled in the Central Jersey Group 4 Meet to advance to the State Group 4 Meet. Both Kayla and Jasmine represented Sayreville at the Meet of Champions last Saturday, and are entertaining scholarship offers from Division I schools. In fact, we are proud to announce that while Jasmine is still narrowing down her options, Kayla will be competing at Rutgers University next year. Finally, we congratulate Coach Joseph Pastva, who was recently named White Division Coach of the Year! We are so proud of you Coach!!

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Last, but certainly not least, the Bomber Wrestling team finished the regular season with a record of 20-5 and won the GMC White Division Championship. It also earned the 5th Seed in the North 2 Group 4 State Sectional Wrestling Tournament, which is the team's best seed in 7 years. In addition, four wrestlers placed in the top three in the District 19 Tournament. In fact, Trevor Mastorio won the District 19 Championship at 145 pounds. Furthermore, we are proud to inform you that both he and Benedict Arthur performed extremely well in the Regions this past weekend and as a result, will be wrestling in the New Jersey State Wrestling Championships in Atlantic City this weekend. Finally, Coach Marcus Ivy was named District 19 Coach of the Year. Congrats Coach!!

Bomber Nation salutes and commends all our amazing student athletes and coaches. Moreover we thank them and want them to know how incredibly proud we are of them and their very supportive parents, booster clubs, and fans, for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. Go Bombers!!

During the aforementioned BOE Workshop Meeting on February 20th, the BOE approved a new policy and regulation to address the exorbitant amount of money that is owed to the district for outstanding food purchase balances. In fact, there are currently 883 students in the district who owe money for a total of \$14,770. Therefore, the district developed and the Board adopted Policy and Regulation R 3542.2 – School Meal Program Arrears for the purpose of recouping this money. To see the policy and regulation, click [here](#). Last week the Food Services Department began contacting parents with balances of over \$18 and will begin to implement this policy and regulation to its fullest extent until we are able to collect the funds that are owed. If you currently have an outstanding food purchase balance, please do all you can to assist us in ameliorating it. Likewise, if you think you may be eligible for the free and/or reduced lunch program, please let the office staff in your child's school know or complete the online registration by clicking [here](#).

As per the broadcast email that I sent out yesterday evening, 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 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, 2018. Students entering preschool must be 3 years old on or before September 30, 2018. Following the completion of the online registration you will be contacted by the district to schedule an appointment to register a child.

Have a wonderful week!

Dr. Labbe