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Talk Sup Week 18 Review and Preview

January 8, 2018

Good morning Sayreville! I hope you stayed warm and had a relaxing 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) Reorganization Meeting held on Tuesday, January 2nd, here is what you missed. Ms. Hill, the District Business Administrator and Board Secretary, began the reorganization portion of the meeting by swearing in the following Board members that were either elected for the first time or reelected for another three-year



term: Phyllis Batko, Christopher Callahan, and Karen Rubio. Next, the Board elected Kevin Ciak as the Board President and Anthony Esposito as the Vice President. After congratulating the new and incumbent

members on their elections, the Board adopted the code of ethics, policies, and regulations, and the business decisions made by the previous Board, along with the other motions on the Reorganization portion of the agenda, including the 2018 Workshop/Business Meeting dates, but excluding a motion to appoint the firm of CME Associates, as the District's Engineers of Record. Instead, the



BOE approved a motion for the district to complete a request for proposal to determine which organization will provide these services.

After emerging from Executive Session, which was closed to the public, the Board moved the action items from the Superintendent's Report onto the Board Agenda and approved them all. To see the Agenda click [here](#). Among other motions, on the Vision 2030 Student Achievement portion of the agenda, the Board approved the Standards Based Report Card Meeting on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Samsel Upper Elementary School Cafeteria. Likewise, on the Governance portion of the agenda the BOE approved the December 2017 HIB Report, including any investigations and/or recommendations for action provided by the Superintendent. Finally, on the Personnel portion of the agenda, the Board of Education approved the transfer of two teachers and the appointment of new certificated staff for the 2017-18 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 BOE meeting will take place on **Tuesday, January 16, 2018**. During this meeting the Board will begin publicly reviewing and discussing the 2018-19 School District Budget. If you would like to see the agenda for this meeting, it will be posted on our website this Friday evening. In addition, a complete copy of the December 19th and January 2nd BOE meeting minutes will be posted on the BOE Meeting Minutes

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page of the website once they are approved by the BOE during the next Business Meeting on **January 16, 2018**.

The big story last week was naturally the weather. As you may or may not know, the district built into the 2017-18 School District Calendar three snow days (Click [here](#) to see the calendar). Since we have already used two of them, it is conceivable that this year the district may need to make up days in accordance with the language at the bottom of the calendar. Therefore, please note that if we were to have to close our schools two more times before **January 15th**, that day would become a half day of school. Furthermore, if we were to close schools beyond that, **February 19th** will become a full day, and full days will be taken from the last day of Spring Break (**March 30th through April 6th**) beginning with **April 6th** moving **backward**.

Last Wednesday evening I attended the Grades 3-5 Standards-Based Report Card Meeting in the Samsel Cafeteria. The meeting was attended by about 45 parents. During the meeting, Dr. Shediack, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, provided the parents in attendance with a presentation on the standards-based grading philosophy and reviewed the new Grades 3-5 Standards-Based Report Card, as well as the rubric that is used to determine whether a child is “Not Meeting, Approaching, Meeting, or Exceeding Standards.” To see more information on our K-5 Standard-Based Report Card click [here](#). After the presentation, several parents asked poignant questions and provided candid feedback on the manner in which the district implemented the new grading policy, which included the following suggestions that the district will discuss and give great consideration to: eliminate “exceeding standards” or ensure that teachers clearly explain to students the difference between it and “Meeting Standards;” move back to quarterly reporting; combine a conventional grade for the subject with the standards-based grading in grades 4-5; and make sure that our new student information software system will be compatible with standards-based grading so that parents can once again access real time student performance.

On Tuesday the SWMHS Boys Basketball Team defeated Edison High School, while the Girls Basketball Team beat South Plainfield High School. Two days later, both teams defeated North Brunswick High School. Likewise, on Thursday evening the Bombers Swim Team competed valiantly during Senior Night at the Center for Lifelong Learning Pool. Later in the week on Saturday the Boys Winter Track Team won the Greater Middlesex County White Division High Jump Relay Championship. In addition, the Girls Winter Track Team won the GMC 4x400 Relay Championship.

This Friday evening our Bomber Wrestling Team will wrestle at John F. Kennedy High School and then again on Saturday morning at Bishop George Ahr High School. This Tuesday and Thursday evening, and Saturday morning the Girls Basketball Team will play home games against Monroe, Woodbridge, and New Brunswick High Schools respectively. Similarly, the Boys Basketball Team will play each of these schools at their gymnasiums on the same days this week. This Monday and Thursday afternoon the Girls and Boys Bowling Teams will have matches against Colonia High School and North Brunswick High School respectively. The boys will also bowl against St. Joseph High School on Tuesday afternoon. Finally, the

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Boys and Girls Winter Track Team will continue to pursue their winning ways in a competition on Saturday morning.

Please remember that this week we will **dismiss students and staff early** in order to hold Parent/Teacher Conferences. In fact, below please find each school's respective Parent/Teacher Conference Schedule. In addition, please note that this **Friday at 7 pm and this Saturday at 2 pm and 7 pm in the Sayreville War Memorial High School Auditorium** the middle school theatre will present the play **Annie**. Finally, please note that **schools will be closed on Monday, January 15th** in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

The Sayreville Middle School Players
proudly present



Based on the popular musical,
Annie is the perfect family-friendly musical!
Please join us for this spectacular production!

Performances will take place on Friday, January 21, 2017 at 7:00 pm
& Saturday, January 22, 2017 at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm.
Admission is \$10.00 for all ages 5 and up.
Childcare available for \$3.00.
All other ticket prices, seating and performance will be available in the
Sayreville War Memorial High School Auditorium.
For ticket information please call Maria Adams at 732-987-2006 or
www.spsdrama.com
Ladies! Lizards! Don't miss this terrific show!

Monday, January 8, 2017

- Early Dismissal for students and staff in **preschool, K-3, and the high school** for parent/teacher conferences from **12:39-2:30 pm at the high school, 1:35-3:35 pm in preschool and 7-9 pm in grades K-3.**

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

- Early Dismissal for students and staff in **preschool, K-3, and the high school** for parent/teacher conferences from **1:35-3:35 pm in grades K-3, 6-8 pm in preschool and from 7-9 pm at the high school.**

Wednesday, January 10, 2017

- Early Dismissal for students and staff in **SUES and the middle school** for parent/teacher conferences from **1:05-3:05 pm in the middle school, and from 7-9 pm in SUES.**

Thursday, January 11, 2017

- Early Dismissal for students and staff in **SUES and the middle school** for parent/teacher conferences from **1:05-3:05 pm in SUES, and from 7-9 pm in the middle school.**

Have a wonderful week!

Dr. Labbe