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Talk Sup Week 27 Review and Preview

March 12, 2018

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



If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education (BOE) Workshop Meeting held on Tuesday, March 6th, here is what you missed. Mr. Kolmansperger, Director of Facilities and Operations, Ms. Vastano, Director of Transportation, and Dr. Aguiles, Director of Human Resources, began the

presentation portion of the meeting by giving the following budget presentations respectively: **Buildings and Grounds**, **Transportation**, and **Personnel**. Click on each presentation to review 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 change to the Fuscon Enterprises, Inc. contract in the amount of \$7,500 (credit), which amended the contract amount to \$70,400 for Gymnasium Window Replacement at Sayreville Middle School (SMS). Similarly, it approved the change to the Westco Corporation contract in the amount of \$10,000 (credit), amending that contract amount to \$196,675 for Partial Window Replacement at Arleth Elementary School. The BOE also approved a contract with Hanover Research Council LLC to provide grant services from March 8, 2018 through March 7, 2019, and graciously accepted a generous grant from the Middlesex County Office of Culture and Heritage in the amount of \$2,000 to be used for transportation costs for the Samsel Upper Elementary School (SUES) field trip to Cornelius Low House Museum. Lastly, the Board awarded the request for proposal for a financial management database to be partially operational and integrated by July 1, 2018 and fully operational and integrated by January 1, 2019, for the 2018-19 school year through the 2020-2021 school year (3 year contract) to Systems 3000. Finally, it approved bid specifications for student transportation services for the 2018-19 school year, and authorized the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to advertise them.

On the Student Achievement portion of the agenda the Board of Education approved co-curricular trips and activities, including but not limited to an Algebra 1 Parent Meeting on Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 6:00. Likewise, on the Governance portion of the agenda, the BOE approved the job description for the Director of School Nutrition and Food Services. In addition, it adopted several new and revised policies. Lastly, the Board decided to table the first reading of the revised Student Code of Conduct BOE Policy.

Finally, on the Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education accepted the retirement of <u>Linda Jakubik-Tanchyk</u>, Language Arts Teacher at Sayreville War Memorial High School and Patricia Wisk, Paraprofessional at Sayreville War Memorial High School, effective July 1, 2018. Click on Ms. Jakubik-Tanchyk's name to see a video showed in her honor.

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During open discussion, Mr. Ciak facilitated a conversation with the Board regarding a possible referendum vote to fund highly needed facility upgrades, including but not limited to, the construction of state of the art secure vestibule entrances at each school with "man trap" doors, the installation of interior video surveillance cameras in each school, the installation of solar panels, and the installation of air condition units for each school. He then asked for a motion, which the Board unanimously approved, to authorize the Blue Ribbon Committee and administration to begin the process of developing the referendum. Mr. Esposito then reviewed what was discussed during the last District/BOE School Security Committee Meeting. Likewise, Mrs. Bloom discussed major highlights from the recent Education Council Meeting with members of the Sayreville Education Association. Finally, Dr. Shediack reviewed what was discussed during the most recent Student Achievement Committee Meeting.

If you would like to view the meeting PowerPoint presentation, click <u>here.</u> Likewise, to see the video of this meeting, click <u>here.</u>

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 20th**. It will be the annual **Let the Children Lead** meeting, in which 5th grade students from the Samsel Upper Elementary School represent each BOE member and the administration during the entire public portion of the meeting. During this meeting, the Board will also vote on the 2018-19 **Preliminary** School District Budget. If you would like to see the agenda for this meeting, it will be posted in the evening on our website on Friday, March 16th. In addition, a complete copy of the **March 6th** 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 20, 2018**.



Last Tuesday, Mr. Ciak, Board of Education President, joined other distinguished guests, including newly elected Governor Murphy, at the New Jersey Public School Labor Management Collaboration Conference at Rutgers University in New Brunswick. During his speech, Mr. Ciak lauded all New Jersey public educators for making our state one the best in education, and emphasized the importance of collaboration between all constituents in

public education, particularly the New Jersey Education Association, New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association, New Jersey School Boards Association, and the New Jersey School Administrators Association, to ensure the success of all students.

As we closely monitor yet another potential snowstorm for tomorrow, the big topic of discussion last week was the snowstorm that forced the closing of schools on Wednesday and Thursday. Since then, parents and staff have asked if the school district is going to follow the language noted at the bottom of the 2017-18 School district Calendar, which states that we will take back vacation days beginning on April 6th and move backward. Since in Sayreville we have the luxury of two more student school days than the state required 180 days, during the Business Meeting on March 20th, we will discuss the possibility of forgiving the day missed on Thursday and not have our students or staff make it up on either April 6th or at the end of the school year. Finally, please note that because of the four school closings during the second grading trimester for students in grades K-5, we will extend the marking period four additional days. Thus, the marking period will end on **March 22nd** and report cards will be issued on **March 29th**.



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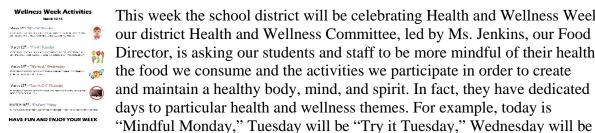


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As I have communicated for the past several weeks, the Board of Education recently approved Policy 3542.2 – School Meal Program Arrears to address the exorbitant amount of money that is owed to the district for outstanding food purchase balances. To see the policy, click here. Several weeks ago the district began implementing the policy so that it can work with parents to reconcile

all outstanding balances as soon as possible. Therefore, if you currently have an outstanding food purchase balance, please do all you can to assist us in paying it off. 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**.



This week the school district will be celebrating Health and Wellness Week. Therefore, our district Health and Wellness Committee, led by Ms. Jenkins, our Food Services Director, is asking our students and staff to be more mindful of their health, particularly the food we consume and the activities we participate in order to create and maintain a healthy body, mind, and spirit. In fact, they have dedicated days to particular health and wellness themes. For example, today is

"Workout Wednesday," Thursday will be "Turn it Off and Try it Thursday," and Friday will be "Fit Fam Friday."



In addition, on Thursday, March 21st St. Peters Hospital will be presenting a special workshop entitled Community Perspective on the Opioid Epidemic: What You Need to **Know**. In essence, the presentation will provide participants with information pertaining to laws and law enforcement, drug trends, red flags, and other warning signs. Moreover, the parent of a victim of this heart wrenching addiction will share her personal story. The workshop will take place in the Sister Marie de Pazzi Center in St. Peters Hospital at

6:30 pm. In addition, at 7 pm on Tuesday March 27th, Sayreville Parent University will present a workshop on the benefits and dangers of social media in the SWMHS Cafeteria. While we recognize that social networks are a part of daily life for us and our children, as they are a great way to keep in touch with friends and loved ones, share photos and videos, learn new information and ideas, and so much more, sometimes these networks, particularly Snapchat, Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook, can be misused and become dangerous tools in the hands of our children. Thus, please attend this very important workshop to learn more about their impact.

Please remember that 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. Kindly 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 your child. In addition, next Monday (March 19th) we will



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open registration for Camp XL and Summer Enrichment, but online registration for both of these programs will continue to be performed on InfoSnap.

As per the March Head of the Class Calendar, **Shrek**, the SWMHS Theatre's spring production will take place in the evening on **Friday, March 23rd** and in the afternoon and evening on **Saturday, March 24th**. Please also mark on your calendar that students will be **dismissed early** today (**Monday March 12th**) so that our certificated staff can engage in professional development. Furthermore, please remember that **report cards** will be issued to all students in **grades 3-5** on Thursday, **March 29th**. Finally, note that our schools will be **closed** for the spring recess from **March 30th** – **April 6th**.



Have a wonderful week!

Dr. Labbe

MARCH 2018		NOTICE FOR SCHOOL CLOSING Delayed opening, early dismissal or cancellations due to inclement weather will be made via: Cable TV Channel 22. News 12 News Jersey.		"You're never too did, too wackp, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child."
SAYREVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR		Facebook, Twitter or at <u>www.sayrevillek12.net</u>		Or. Seuss
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Happy	Birthday euse Warch 2nd Read Across America	"The more you read the more ning 5 you know. The more that you learn the more place 5 you'll go."	1 Project Before - "My Many Colored Days" Eis - Spring Pictures Tru - Read Me Day Wil - Cat in the Hat Day SUES - Box Tops Contest #3 begins	2 All Elementary Schools Read Across America Activities Eis - Tricky Tray 6:45pm Tru - Favorite Thing Friday SUES - Crazy Hat Contest & Character Ed Movie Night 6:15pm
5 Arl - PTO Meeting 7pm Wii - Spring Food Drive begins SUES - Book Fair MS - Scholastic Book Fair	6 Progress Reports Grades 6-12 SUES - Book Fair & Quaker Steak and Lube Proceeds Night MS - Scholastic Book Fair Board of Education Meeting 7:30 pm - SWMHS	7 Arl - Willabees 3:35pm SUES - Book Fair MS - Scholastic Book Fair	8 SUES - Book Fair MS - Scholastic Book Fair & PTO Meeting 6:30pm	9 Wil - School Spirit - Comfy Day MS - Scholastic Book Fair 10 Sat - HS - SAT Testing 10 Sat - HS - SAT Testing
12 Arl - Wellness Week EARLY DISMISAL for STUDENTS PLC for STAFF	13 Arl - Wellness Week Eis - Book Fair	14 Arl - Wellness Week Eis - Book Fair SUES - PTO Meeting 6:30pm	15 Arl - Wellness Week Eis - Book Fair & Family Fun Night 6:45pm Tru - PTO Meeting 7:00pm Wil - Willabees 3:30pm & 2nd Grade Honors Police Program SUES - Family Bingo Night 6:30pm & Yankee Candle fundraiser ends	16 Project Before - St. Patrick's Day-Green Day Ari - Wellness Week & Walk-A-Thon Eis - Book Fair Wil - School Spirit—Wear Green & Spring Food Drive ends SUES - School Store MS - School Store
19 MS - School Spirit week	SUES - Texas Roadhouse proceeds night MS - School Spirit week &	21 Eis - Willabees 3:30pm SUES - School Spirit Day vs Rivalry Day MS - School Spirit week & 6th & 7th Grade Dance tickets on sale	22 * SUES - Snow Date - Family Bingo Arl - Spring Pictures Tru - Bingo for Books 7:00pm Wil - Book Bingo 6:30pm MS - School Spirit week & 6th & 7th Grade Dance tickets on sale	23 ** SUES - Snow Date - Movie Night Arl - Pizza/Movie Night 6:00pm III - Wilson Pride Day-Wear school gear /colors MS - School Spirit week & 6th & 7th Grade Dance 6:00pm HS - Spring Musical 7:00pm 24 Sat - HS - Breakfast Sing-A-Long with Shrek and Friends 9:30am to 11:30am & Spring Musical 7:00pm
26	27 Wil - PTO Meeting 7:00pm SUES - Lynx Sub proceeds night	28 Arl - Golden Awards SUES - Willabees 2:45pm & Lynx Sub proceeds night	29 Project Before - Spring Egg Hunt SUES - Character Ed Luncheon & Lynx Sub proceeds night MS - Talent Show	30
Report Cards Issued Grades K-5				SCHOOL CLOSED SPRING BREAK