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Talk Sup Week 29 Review and Preview

March 26, 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 Business Meeting held on Tuesday, March 20th, here is what you missed. During the meeting the Board of Education (BOE) and Central Administration were joined by more than a dozen 5th graders from the Samsel Upper Elementary School (SUES) as part of the annual “Let the Children Lead” program. During this very popular and unique activity, the 5th grade students who participated actually applied to perform in the capacity of a specific board of education member or administrator. Thus, except for a few occasions, the 5th grade representatives for each, including Ms. Coglianese, Principal of SUES and Mr. Tola, Assistant Principal of SUES, voted and commented publicly on behalf of the BOE member or administrator who they represented.



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 the Proposed Tentative School District Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, and to hold the public hearing for it on May 1, 2018, in the Sayreville War Memorial High School Cafeteria. In addition, it approved a resolution authorizing the district to sell a retired bus through GovDeals. The BOE also appointed the firm CME Associates as Engineers for the district and to pay them an amount not to exceed \$12,000 for the purpose of consulting and construction administration related to the Turf Field Replacement at Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS).

On the Student Achievement portion of the agenda, the Board of Education approved co-curricular trips and activities, including but not limited to the Camp XL Extended School Year Integrated Summer Program at Samsel Upper Elementary School from July 2, 2018 through August 2, 2018 and the Summer Enrichment Program from July 2, 2018 through August 10, 2018 at the Samsel Upper Elementary School. Additionally, the BOE approved a revision to the K-5 2nd Marking Period and the 6-12 3rd Marking Period calendars to allow for school days lost due to hazardous weather. Likewise, on the Governance portion of the agenda, the BOE approved a motion to **not** require the students and staff of the Sayreville Public School District to make up the school day missed on March 8, 2018 and due to hazardous weather. It also approved the first reading of BOE Policy 5131- Student Code of Conduct. Lastly, the Board approved both a settlement agreement and a sidebar agreement with the Sayreville Education Association (SEA), but denied a sidebar agreement with the Sayreville Principals Association (SPA) and Sayreville Supervisors Association (SSA).



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Finally, on the Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education accepted the retirement of Diane Zawistoski, Cafeteria Worker at the Sayreville Middle School, effective July 1, 2018. In addition, it appointed a new night custodian for the 2017-18 school year and approved a motion to transfer a custodian.



During the public portion of the meeting, a student from Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) expressed his disappointment in the Board and administration for not permitting students to walk out of school on March 14th during the national student walkout protest. Similarly, several more students, who authored an online petition that obtained over 1,000 signatures, expressed understanding of the Board and administration's decision to not allow students to walk out of school, but asked for the Superintendent and Mr. Brown, Principal of SWMHS, to work with them to coordinate a panel discussion in the very near future so that they could learn first-hand what the district is and will be doing in the future to protect them from violence. Lastly, a parent requested an update on the BOE's plans for restructuring the Parent Involvement Council.

During open discussion, Mr. Esposito reviewed what was discussed during the last BOE Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting. Likewise, Mrs. Batko discussed major highlights from the recent BOE Health Benefits Committee Meeting. Finally, the students from Samsel discussed ideas for improving school security and previewed their upcoming Kindness Campaign.

In addition, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board made and approved a motion to **forgive and not require** that our students and staff make-up the school day missed on **Wednesday, March 21st** due to the recent snowstorm. Furthermore, to make up for the day missed on Thursday, March 22nd, they retroactively approved of a calendar change that would require students to attend school on **Friday, June 22nd** rather than come back to school from Spring Break early on Friday, April 6th, which is what was previously noted on the 2018-19 School District Calendar. To see the revised calendar, click [here](#).

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, April 17th**. During this meeting, we will celebrate and honor the SWMHS Top 10 Students, our two MCASA/MCSBA Student Recognition Recipients, our Greater Middlesex Conference Champions Boys Basketball, Wrestling, and Girls and Boys Winter Track Teams, along with Marcus Ivy, Head Wrestling Coach, and Joe Pastva, Winter Track Coach, who were both named Coaches of the Year. If you would like to see the agenda for this meeting, it will be posted in the evening on our website on Friday, April 13th. In addition, a complete copy of the **March 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 **April 17, 2018**.

Last Friday evening I had the privilege of attending the SWMHS Theatre Society production of *Shrek the Musical*. James Craft, Vocal Music Teacher at SWMHS, directed this theatrical adaptation of the beloved

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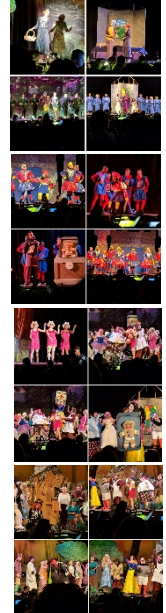


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movie. Mr. Craft also served as the Technical director and Vocal Coach. Claire Craft, Social Studies Teacher at the Sayreville Middle School, along with several other Sayreville Public School staff members and volunteers assisted in making this production so successful. As a result of their incredibly hard work, the students that took part in this unbelievable theatrical experience had the privilege of participating in a Broadway-like show with all the amenities. In fact, rather than recorded music, the music for the production was actually performed by a pit orchestra. Furthermore, the sets and costumes were vibrant, authentic, and parallel to that of which you would see in a Broadway show. Moreover the acting, singing, and dancing performed by our high school and even some middle school students, led by Michael Magielnicki, who played Shrek, Jessica Deluca, who played Princess Fiona, Dominic Afriyie, who played the beloved Donkey, and Neev Mistry, who played the evil but loveable Farquaad, was incredibly impressive and quite inspiring. It was clear in the performances of all our students that they and the wonderful staff and volunteers that assisted them, worked tirelessly over the past several months to prepare this masterpiece. Finally, if you did not see the amazing trailer video produced by SWMHS senior Dylan Lam, click [here](#). Thus, Bomber Nation salutes and thanks everyone who took part in this magical production. Bravo!



As many of you already know, when we return from Spring Break, our students in grades 3-11 will begin taking the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessments. Testing at the high school will begin on April 17th and will end on April 25th. Likewise, testing at the middle school will also begin on April 17th but will not end until May 3rd. Finally, testing in grades 3-5 will begin on April 30th and will end on May 17th. For exact subject testing dates, please contact your child's principal. If you will be opting your child out of testing, please complete the form on our website. Click [here](#) for more information about 2018 PARCC testing and to download the refusal form.

Congratulations to Mala Maharana, Supervisor of Math Instruction, who was recently nominated by the New Jersey Department of Education to work collaboratively with educators, university professors, and others selected by the PARCC states to provide feedback on the quality, accuracy, alignment, and appropriateness of test items that are developed annually for PARCC mathematics assessments. In addition, we commend Katherine Mojzsis, SWMHS Art Teacher, who was recently awarded a summer Art Educator Fellowship to the Maine College of Art. The fellowship includes a 6 day residency with classes, workshops, and lectures. Last, but certainly not least, we are so proud of Dawn Kosobucki, Paraprofessional at SWMHS, who was recently named Lions Club District 16 J Governor. Her Testimonial Celebration Dinner will be on April 28th at 7 pm in the Victorian Hall in Parlin. All are invited to attend. We are so proud of these and all our wonderful staff members!





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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, last week we opened **registration for [Camp XL](#) and [Summer Enrichment](#)**, but online registration for both of these programs will continue to be performed on [InfoSnap](#). Click on each program to register and learn more information about both of these acclaimed programs. Lastly, please also note that Camp XL students will be eligible for [after care](#) in Summer Enrichment **Mondays through Thursday from 12 – 4 pm** and on **Fridays from 8 am – 4 pm**. In addition, **Springboard Education** will also be providing before care services from 7 – 8 am and after care services from 4-6:30 pm. Click [here](#) for more information about Springboard.



On Tuesday (March 27th) Sayreville Parent University will present a workshop on the **benefits and dangers of social media** in the **SWMHS Cafeteria at 7 pm**. The St. Peters Hospital **Community Perspective on the Opioid Epidemic: What You Need to Know** special workshop, which was cancelled due to last Wednesday’s snowstorm, has been rescheduled to take place on **Tuesday, April 3rd in the Sister Marie de Pazzi Center in St. Peters Hospital at 6:30 pm.**



If you have the time in April, please consider attending one the following functions, which have become staples in the Sayreville community. First, please consider attending the Brain Injured Child (BIC) Dinner on April 15th from 12 – 5 pm at the Grand Marquis in Old Bridge. If you are not aware of this organization, it was founded in 1968 with the purpose of raising funds for people with disabilities in Sayreville, particularly children. In fact, proceeds from the dinner will pay the tuition for a child to attend the annual BIC

Summer Camp. For more information on the BIC Dinner, click [here](#). Likewise, please also give thought to joining the high school community in celebrating and honoring the 2018 SWMHS Hall of Fame inductees during our annual banquet on May 5th from 6-11 pm in the Sayreville Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall. Below please find this year’s class. For more information on the SWMHS HOF Banquet, click [here](#).

- Gregory Braun, Class of 1995: Registered Licensed Professional Engineer in New York & New Jersey
- Sharyn Fisher, Class of 1998: Completed Ed.D. in Literacy Education & Earned Dissertation of the Year Award
- Harry JanesJ'h.D., Class of 1967: Founding Director of the Rutgers University EcoComplex
- Joseph Myers, Class of 1965: 34 years of service with the Sayreville Police Department
- Commander Steven Tarr, Class of 1995: Current Commanding Officer of the Nuclear Submarine USS Topeka
- Maureen Wlodarczyk, Class of 1969: Author of Six Books & a Genealogist and Lecturer
- Edward Thalmann, Class of 1962 (Posthumous Induction): Regarded as one of the world's foremost authorities on diving physiology





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As per the March Head of the Class Calendar, our **Unified Sports** student athletes will engage in their own form of *March Madness*, as they compete in our annual **Bombers Unified Basketball Tournament at SWMHS** this Wednesday (**March 28th from 2:30 – 5:30 pm**). Please also note that **report cards** will be issued to all students in **grades 3-5** this Thursday (**March 29th**). Finally, remember that our schools will be **closed** for the spring recess from **March 30th – April 6th**.

Have a wonderful week and a safe and relaxing Spring Break!

Dr. Labbe