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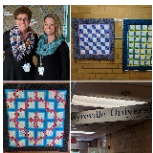
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Talk Sup Week 36 Review and Preview

May 21, 2018

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

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the students, staff, and entire Santa Fe High School community in the wake of yet another senseless and horrific shooting last Friday. As has been reported to you for the past several months, the Sayreville Public Schools, led by the BOE/District School Security Committee and the Sayreville Police Department, have worked vigilantly to create and implement the best procedures and practices to protect the students and staff in Sayreville from violence, including but not limited to the presence of armed police officers in all our schools. However, please remember that the best way to prevent violence in school is for students, staff, and parents to report to administration and/or law enforcement any activity that appears to be suspicious. In addition, our security staff will now be checking student and visitor bags, including pocketbooks, that are brought to school, particularly those that may look suspicious. On that note, please remember that as per a Board of Education motion that was recently approved, **bags, including pocketbooks, and air horns will not be permitted in the SWMHS stadium or gymnasium during the Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) graduation and/or the Sayreville Middle School (SMS) promotion ceremonies in June.** If you would like to learn more about how the Sayreville Police are collaborating with the district to protect our students and staff, please take the time to attend tomorrow's (**Tuesday, May 22nd**) Sayreville Parent University Workshop entitled **Safety in our Schools**. It will take place on at **7 pm in the SWMHS Cafeteria** and will be presented by officers from the Sayreville Police Department. Click <http://ow.ly/z8C230jUDM9> for the registration link.



Last Tuesday, I had the opportunity to witness Barbara DeSantis, the District Technology Integration Facilitator, work with our Little Stars Preschool students and their teachers to demonstrate to them how to use Smartboards to teach and develop phonemic awareness, which is an essential building block to early



literacy development. If you do not know who Ms. DeSantis is, she has worked passionately with hundreds of teachers in Sayreville since 2001 to integrate the vast amount of technology hardware and software that has been implemented into instruction. In addition, she has collaborated with Shannon Johnson, current Vice Principal at SMS, and Nina Obryk, Supervisor of Professional Development, as part of Sayreville University, to provide professional development and training, especially in the area of technology, to new teachers, veteran master teachers, and support staff members. As a STAR Discovery Educator, Certified



BrainPOP Educator, and Google Education Trainer, Ms. DeSantis is an enormous asset to our district. Thus, we are so fortunate and grateful to have her working in Sayreville with our students and staff. If you would like to read one of her acclaimed Blog Highlights, go to her website

<http://sboetechtools.blogspot.com/> or her resource [site](#).



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Last Saturday I attended the Parents of Autistic Children (POAC) Walk with hundreds of other people from Sayreville and elsewhere. POAC is a nonprofit organization that provides services to children and adults with autism, their families, and the professionals who serve them. The vast majority of these services are provided 100% free of charge. In addition, POAC funded the first statewide program for the early detection of and intervention for children with autism.



POAC has partnered with universities and treatment centers to form programs that include researched-based procedures, which have proven to be effective for those with autism. While many organizations exist to find a cause and cure for this developmental disability, POAC has focused its attention and resources on how best to help the children and families who are struggling with autism today. POAC strives to help individuals with autism achieve their highest potential in their homes, schools and communities.



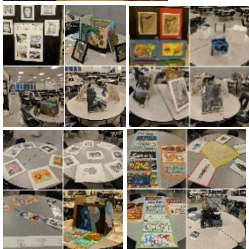
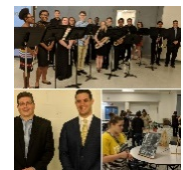
Led by the Multiple Disabilities Teachers at the Samsel Upper Elementary School (SUES) and SMS, Sayreville partnered with POAC once again for the 3rd Annual POAC's Walk For A Difference Walk-a- thon and Activities Fair. Since the last



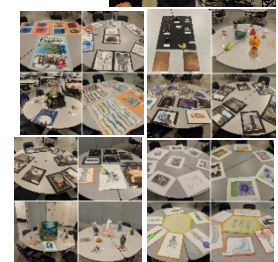
two years were a HUGE success, we hope to have made this year even better, as a portion of the proceeds that were raised will go back to Sayreville from POAC in the form of training, workshops, and activities for all those affected by autism. We commend and thank Dana Giorgianni, Amanda Wilkes, Melissa Ciampa, and Danielle David for all they did to make this wonderful charitable event such a grand success and memorable moment for all the community members who participated.



If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education Business Meeting held on Tuesday, May 15th, here is what you missed. Prior to the meeting, Dr. Caruso and the Sayreville War Memorial High School Jazz Band entertained the audience as they enjoyed refreshments prepared by the wonderful SWMHS Cafeteria Department and viewed the incredible artwork



displayed in the other side of the SWMHS Cafeteria. Mr. Ciak then began the meeting by asking Mrs. Bloom to publicly recognize and commend close to two dozen art students from SWMHS whose artwork, which was on display, received critical acclaim during the 2017-18 school year. In addition, she complimented and thanked Mary Charmello, Jennifer LaScala, Michael Mergner, Andrew Rice, and Kathryn Mojzsis, the



amazing visual arts teachers from SWMHS.



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After that, each member of the Board of Education assisted the administration from each school/department in honoring and celebrating the 2017-18 Governor's Educators of the Year, which included the teachers, education support services professionals, and education support professionals noted below.

SWMHS	GEOTY	Christine Nappe
	ESSP	Kristin Hartnett
	ESP	Patricia Wlodarczyk
Sayreville Middle School	GEOTY	Margaret Fallon
	ESSP	David Fischer
	ESP	Marie Basile
Samsel/Project Before	GEOTY	Laura Hornlein
	ESSP	Alexandra DeCicco
	ESP	Beth DeMaio Samantha Attardi
Arleth	GEOTY	Michael Zorner
	ESSP	Kara Schlaline
	ESP	Laurie Aich
Eisenhower	GEOTY	Cynthia Good
	ESSP	Regina Howard
	ESP	Linda Kudrak
Truman	GEOTY	Irene Werner
	ESP	Donna Marra
Wilson	GEOTY	Daniel Toyé
	ESSP	Pamela Schleck
	ESP	Marleen Lewandowski
Transportation	ESP	Joanne Leon



We commend and thank these and all our amazing educators in Sayreville for their tireless work, expertise, exceptional performance, and the fierce dedication to the students in Sayreville that they demonstrate so vividly day in and day out. They truly are the epitome of excellence. Bomber Nation salutes them!



The Board then moved the action items from the Superintendent's Report onto the Board Agenda and approved them all except for Personnel motion #7, which was withdrawn. To see the Agenda click [here](#). To see the Agenda Addendum click [here](#). To see all the agenda attachments, click on them ([A](#), [B](#), [C](#), [P-1600.1](#), [P-1600.2](#)). Among other motions, on the Vision 2030 Finance and Infrastructure portion of the

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agenda, the Board approved a resolution to pay the Spiegle Architectural Group \$66,000 for the development of a District-Wide Master Plan Assessment. Additionally, the BOE approved medical, prescription, and dental health benefits renewal rates for the 2018-19 school year. Furthermore, it accepted a proposal submitted by Shaw Sports Turf for the turf field replacement at SWMHS through the Education Services Commission of New Jersey via the Shaw Sports Turf Field Direct Purchasing Program at a cost of \$407,234 and approved to withdraw from Capital Reserve \$419,234 to replace the SWMHS turf field and pay for related engineering services. Lastly, the Board of Education accepted the bids contained in BID #2018-19-02 for the 2018-19 single student transportation routes and awarded them to the lowest responsible bidder.

On the Student Achievement portion of the agenda, the Board of Education approved co-curricular trips and activities, including but not limited to the attendance of two Samsel Upper Elementary School 5th grade students, Nicholas Belotti and Joshua Verma, at the Regional Finals of the National History Bee on May 31 – June 1, 2018 in Atlanta, Georgia. We are so very proud of them! Likewise, on the Governance portion of the agenda, the BOE approved a revision to the job description of the Confidential Secretary to the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary. In addition, it approved the second and final reading of BOE Policy 1600.1 Superintendent's Advisory Council and 1600.2 Advertising Sponsorship and Commercial Activities.

Finally, on the Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education accepted the retirement of George Najjar, Physical Education/Health Teacher at Eisenhower Elementary School, effective July 1, 2018. In addition, it appointed new certificated and non-certificated staff for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years, including advisors, coaches, and volunteers. Likewise, the BOE renewed the employment of instructional and non-instructional certificated faculty and paraprofessional staff for the 2018-19 school year. Finally, the Board appointed personnel to work during the Summer Enrichment Program from July 2, 2018 through August 10, 2018.

During open discussion, Mr. Esposito reviewed what was discussed during the last BOE Finance and Infrastructure and School Safety and Security Committee Meetings. Mr. Ciak asked the Board if they had read and were in support of the two National School Boards Association proposed resolutions on school security and finance that he provided them. Mr. Biesiada shared his opinion on any proposed gun regulation resolutions and asked Mr. Ciak to provide the Board with the BOE minutes in which a proposed "pay for play" policy was discussed in public during a previous meeting. Mrs. Bloom then reviewed what was discussed during the last New Jersey School Boards Association Board of Directors Meeting. After that, Mr. Ciak asked the Superintendent to review the new previously mentioned school security procedures, which prohibit people who will be attending the upcoming high school graduation and middle school promotion ceremonies from bringing into the SWMHS stadium or gymnasium pocketbooks and/or bags, as well as air horns. Finally, Mr. Ciak and Mrs. Bloom presented awards to the below Board of Education Members who were recognized at the May 2nd Middlesex County School Boards Association Meeting for the indicated accomplishments.



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- Mr. Esposito for completing New School BOE Member Training.
- Mrs. Bloom for achieving Master BOE Member status.
- Mr. Biesiada for reaching the ten years of service milestone.

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, June 12th**. If you would like to see the agenda for this meeting, it will be posted in the evening on our website on Friday, June 8th. In addition, a complete copy of the **May 15th** 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 **June 12, 2018**.



This week our students continued to amaze us with their incredible accomplishments in and out of the classroom. Congratulations to SMS 7th Grader Lasya Bhattiprolu and her Social Studies Teacher Claire Craft. Lasya won the Lions Club Peace Poster Contest and was awarded with a certificate and \$100 during their May 18th meeting, where the



Lions also presented Ms. Craft with a certificate of appreciation. Likewise, we commend and thank Gabrielle Daino for the very impressive presentation that she made to the BOE/District School Safety and Security Committee during its last meeting on May 9th. We are so proud!



In athletics, we would like to congratulate the SWMHS Girls and Boys Track and Field Teams for magnificent seasons. The Boys Team won the Greater Middlesex Conference (GMC) Relay White Division Championship earlier in the month, which has not happened since 1999. This past Tuesday they



defeated Colonia High School (HS) and Edison HS to lock up regular season back-to-back White Division titles. This weekend they will compete in the state sectionals in Howell. In fact, they are hoping to advance in the following six events: 400 Meter Hurdles, High Hurdles, 4x800 Relay, Long Jump, Triple Jump, and High Jump. If they accomplish this, it will be the first time that a team from SWMHS advances that many athletes in over 10 years. The Girls Team is also in the process of closing out yet another phenomenal season. They too have repeated as undefeated GMC White Division Champions, and are currently an astounding 17-1 over the past three spring seasons.



Senior Jasmine Vannote broke another school record this season, throwing over 120 feet in the Discus. At the GMC Championships this past weekend, the Girls Team narrowly lost to 13-time GMC Champions South Brunswick to finish 2nd in the entire conference. At that meet, Sayreville crowned five individual county champions: Seniors Ashley Edwards (Triple Jump), Kayla Rosario (3,200), and Jasmine Vannote (Shot Put), Junior Adijah Simmons (Discus), and Sophomore Ruth Itua (400). In total, the team earned an incredible 17 medals, placing in nearly every event. As they approach the State Tournament, they are

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projected to compete in a tight race against South Brunswick for their first State Sectional Title since 1981, and they, like the Boys Team, expect a handful of athletes to move on to the group championships.



In baseball, at this point in the season the SWMHS Baseball Team has a record of 13-9. They played Matawan last night during Senior Day at TD Bank Ballpark, home of Somerset Patriots. Today they will play Princeton at Waterfront Park in South Amboy in the first round of the Central Jersey Group 4 Sectional Tournament. Likewise, in softball, the Bombers Softball Team has been developing its young athletes this season in a tough White Division. Despite a 4-13 record, the team has given 100% effort and has been competitive against some of the best teams in Middlesex County. However, they are the top seed in the Invitational Tournament, which they are currently competing in. In fact, last Tuesday they defeated Middlesex HS 20-6 to advance to the semi-finals this week.

The SWMHS Boys Golf Team has exceeded expectations this year. With no seniors on the team, they did a great job of carrying themselves the right way on and off the course. Captains Joe Phillips and Nick Lugos ensured that the team showed up to each match focused and ready to compete, taking advantage of all the hard work they put in throughout the season, which paid off, as they were able to finish the GMC White Division undefeated and captured the Championship with impressive wins over Colonia HS and South Plainfield HS. They also qualified for the Central Jersey Group IV State Tournament. In tennis, the SWMHS Boys Tennis Team is currently 10-5. With impressive wins over a Wardlaw Hartridge HS and North Brunswick HS, they have demonstrated their commitment and drive to play great tennis. Outstanding leadership from their seniors has been integral to their continued success. We are so proud of these and all our amazing student athletes and their very hardworking and dedicated coaches!

As per the May Head of the Class Calendar, please remember that **schools will be closed** on **Monday, May 29th** in observance of Memorial Day. Please also note that there will be a very important **2018-19 Kindergarten Parent Information Workshop in the Arleth Gymnasium at 7 pm on Thursday, May 31st**. Finally, if you are seeking an evening of great music, entertainment, and family fun, do not miss the annual **Sayreville Middle School Duets Competition**, which will be held in the **SWMHS Auditorium at 7 pm on Friday, June 8th**.

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Have a wonderful week.

Dr. Labbe

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