



# Sayreville Public Schools

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### Talk Sup Week 3 Review and Preview

September 25, 2017

Good morning Sayreville! I hope you 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 Business Meeting held on Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, below please read what you missed.

Mr. Ciak began the meeting by giving the members of the public the opportunity to ask questions, express concerns, or share their feedback regarding anything pertaining to the opening of schools. Members of the Association of Sayreville Indians of America (ASIA) asked the Board to allow Dr. Labbe to exercise his authority to defer from BOE policy so that their group could use Sayreville Auxiliary Police rather than actual police officers for an upcoming event that they will be leasing the district's facilities for. The Board almost unanimously agreed to do so. After that, Dr. Labbe provided a summary of the transportation problems that we experienced since the beginning of the school year. When he was finished, several community members expressed their concerns about bussing, as well as their appreciations for the district's responsiveness. Lastly, several community members inquired about and expressed their concerns over the new Grades 3-5 Standards-Based Report Cards.

Dr. Labbe began the presentation portion of the meeting by inviting Mr. David Knaster, Director of Special Services, to introduce the teacher and parent leaders of Sayreville PROUD, our special education parent advocacy group. They, along with Mr. Knaster, shared with the Board and public what PROUD is and how it serves the children with disabilities and their parents in Sayreville. To view their presentation, click [here](#). After that, Dr. Labbe asked Mr. Glock-Molloy, Assistant Superintendent of Information, Technology, and Operations, to give a presentation on the district's 2016-17 harassment, intimidation and bullying (HIB) self-assessment ratings and Cycle 2 investigations, training, and programs data. To see his presentation, click [here](#).

The Board then moved the action items from the Superintendent's Report onto the Board Agenda and approved them all. 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 resolutions authorizing the use of the "competitive contracting" procedures to solicit proposals for the purchase of financial and student information software. Additionally, it awarded the bid for the partial window replacement project at the Arleth Elementary School to the 1<sup>st</sup> Westco Corporation, which was the lowest bidder.

Furthermore, on the Student Achievement portion of the agenda, the Board approved co-curricular activities, including an October 24<sup>th</sup> Samsel Community Night and the November 2<sup>nd</sup> PROUD Resource Fair. The BOE also approved the 2017-18 Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) Activities Calendar. Likewise, on the Governance portion of the agenda, the Board approved the submittal of the Statement of Assurance Regarding the Use of Paraprofessional Staff (School Aides) for the 2017-18 school year and a settlement

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agreement between the Sayreville Education Association and the Board on SEA Grievance 2015-75 DCRP Deductions.

Finally, on the Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education appointed new certificated and non-certificated staff for the 2017-18 school year, which included the following new administrators: Dr. Edward Aguires, Director of Human Resources and Professional Development, Richard Gluchowski, Interim Principal at SWMHS,Carolynn O'Connor, Science Supervisor, and Mala Maharana, Math Supervisor. We congratulate and/or welcome them to our school community.

During open discussion, Mr. Esposito reviewed what was discussed during the last BOE Finance Committee Meeting, as did Mr. Biesiada, Ms. DePinto, and Mr. Walsh with regard to the last BOE Buildings and Grounds, Student Achievement, and Personnel Committee Meetings respectively. In addition, Mr. Macagnone shared some comments about the progress our district has made with regard to school security. Finally, Mrs. Bloom reviewed what was discussed during the last New Jersey School Boards Association Board of Directors Meeting, and shared some positive feedback about the special services that our district provides to our students with disabilities.

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, which is scheduled to take place on **Tuesday, October 17, 2017**, will include the annual State of the Schools Address. If you would like to see the agenda for this meeting, please visit the BOE Agenda page on our website when it is posted in the evening on **Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**. In addition, a complete copy of the September 19<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes will be posted on the BOE Meeting Minutes page of the website once they are approved by the BOE during the next Business Meeting on **October 17, 2017**.

This past Wednesday the Arleth Elementary School held its first annual Back to School Family Picnic and Barbeque. Over 600 people attended this family-friendly event. Staff, students, parents, and Board of Education members came to kick off the new school year. New students to Arleth and their families were welcomed with open arms and former students came back with their siblings with fond memories of Arleth. It was a delight to see so many people enjoying each other's company at what proved to be a spectacular evening. On a separate note, the Arleth Elementary School and the Sayreville Public Schools would like to thank SWMHS student Connor McCabe for constructing the beautiful courtyard deck at Arleth as part of his Eagle Scout project. Bomber Nation salutes you Connor!

For the past several weeks, our amazing SWMHS Marching Band has been preparing vigorously for the upcoming SWMHS Marching Band Home Show, which will naturally be taking place at SWMHS on October 7<sup>th</sup> from 4 – 9:30 pm. If you have the time, please come out and support our state and regional championship marching band. We are so proud of them!

In addition, if you are in the vicinity of SWMHS this Thursday, please come out and cheer on our Girls Field Hockey Team as the battle Old Bridge at 4 pm. They have been working very hard this year and

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unfortunately, have experienced some heart breaking losses. Nevertheless, with your support, they are looking for a breakthrough win on Thursday. Go Lady Bombers Field Hockey!

Parents, if you have not already received them, you will receive your child's 2017 PARCC scores by this Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. Also, please take the time to attend your child(ren)'s Back to School Night at their school. Below please find the district Back to School Night Schedule. Finally, please remember that we will have an early dismissal on Friday.

**Monday, September 25, 2017**

- Back to School Night at SUES from 7-9 pm.

**Tuesday, September 26, 2017**

- Back to school Night at SMS from 7-9 pm.

**Wednesday, September 27, 2017**

- Back to school Night at Project Before from 6-8 pm and SWMHS from 7-9 pm.

**Thursday, September 28, 2017**

- Back to school Night at each K-3 elementary school from 7-9 pm.

**Friday, September 29, 2017**

- Early dismissal for staff and students.

Have a wonderful week!

Dr. Labbe