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Talk Sup Week 7 Review and Preview

October 23, 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 (BOE) Business Meeting held on Tuesday, October 17th, below please read what you missed.

Dr. Labbe began the presentation portion of the meeting by asking Mrs. Bloom to assist him and the Board in celebrating the staff members in the district who achieved perfect attendance during the 2016-17 school year. Next, Dr. Labbe asked Mr. Macagnone to assist him in presenting a BOE resolution to SWMHS student Caitlyn Hochron in recognition of her role in coordinating the relief efforts for the citizens of Houston, Texas with Bridges for Peace. After that, Dr. Labbe asked Mr. Ciak to assist him in recognizing each person that participated in the Vision 2030 Education Summit with a signed BOE resolution of appreciation. Finally, after presenting the 2017 State of the Schools Address and reviewing the Vision 2030 Needs Assessment Survey data, Dr. Labbe introduced Dr. Bernard Bragen, who then proceeded in presenting the district goals developed during the Education Summit. To see his presentation, click [here](#). To see the Vision 2030 Education Summit 2017-2022 Sayreville Public School Strategic Action Plan, 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 district to enter into a cooperative pricing agreement with New Jersey School Boards Association, and to sell through GovDeals or dispose of obsolete equipment. Additionally, it revised permanent and substitute bus driver rates for the 2017-18 school year and purchased a new 24 passenger school bus through a cooperative pricing agreement with the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission.

Furthermore, on the Student Achievement portion of the agenda, the Board approved co-curricular activities, including the Standards Based Report Card informational meeting on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 in the Samsel Upper Elementary School Cafeteria and the November 2nd PROUD Resource Fair at 6:00 PM in the Samsel Upper Elementary School Cafeteria. Likewise, on the Governance portion of the agenda, the Board approved the submittal of the 2017-18 Qualitative Single Accountability Continuum Statement of Assurance, as well as the collective bargaining Memorandum of Understanding between the Teamsters and the BOE. Lastly, the Board approved the 2018-19 School District Calendar. To see the calendar, click [here](#).

Finally, on the Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education accepted the retirement of Beverly Fitzsimmons, a beloved ASI Teacher at the Eisenhower Elementary School. It also appointed new certificated and non-certificated staff for the 2017-18 school year, which included Scott

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Nurnberger as Principal at the Eisenhower Elementary School, and Richard Tola as Vice Principal at the Samsel Upper Elementary School.

During open discussion, Mr. Esposito reviewed what was discussed during the last BOE Finance Committee Meeting, as did Mrs. Bloom, Mrs. DePinto, and Mr. Walsh with regard to the last BOE Buildings and Grounds, Student Achievement, and Personnel Committee Meetings respectively. In addition, Mr. Balka offered revisionary feedback on the 2018-19 proposed calendar. Furthermore, Mr. Ciak discussed his recent meeting with Betsy DeVos, the current United States Secretary of Education. Finally, the Board engaged in a discussion about the possibility of livestreaming BOE meetings in the near future.

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 is scheduled to take place on **Tuesday, November 21, 2017**. 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, November 17th**. In addition, a complete copy of the October 17th 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 **November 21, 2017**.

Last Friday the Sayreville Police Department reported to us that they received a tip about a post on the Sayreville Parents Facebook page referencing a man harassing an 8th grade female student. Our School Resource Officers conducted a quick investigation, identified, and took into custody the suspect, who preliminarily appears to have no history of this type of behavior. However, it was reported to me that he will probably be charged with a crime. While we appreciate that someone posted this so that it would be noticed, the school district and the Sayreville Police would prefer that community members contact the police department immediately if they learn of or witness suspicious behavior. Fortunately, in this particular case, someone saw the post and immediately reported it to the police.

Last Thursday I had the honor and privilege to attend the Truman PTO Meeting and was very impressed to see so many parents there. Moreover I was proud to see several fathers in the audience. As I have stated on many occasions, while the teacher is empirically the most important factor in learning, the amount of parental involvement and support is a close second. After the Truman PTO meeting I ventured over to SWMHS and was also very impressed by the number of parents and staff members that attended the Sayreville Proud meeting. This year, as in the past, I plan on attending a PTO meeting at each school so that I can answer questions, address concerns, and collect valuable feedback.

Last Saturday, the Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) Girls Soccer Team advanced to the next round in the Greater Middlesex County (GMC) Tournament. They will play at 3 pm Tuesday afternoon at East Brunswick. In addition several SWMHS girls and boys runners placed in the GMC Cross Country Meet. In fact, senior runner Kayla Rosario finished 2nd in the county and broke the SWMHS school race record.

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This week is Red Ribbon Week. It is a week dedicated to promoting alcohol, tobacco and violence prevention awareness. It began in 1986 when Congressman Duncan Hunter and California high school teacher David Dhillon presented a proclamation to First Lady Nancy Reagan. On Monday students in the district are asked to wear red. On Tuesday, they are asked to wear their favorite team uniform, followed by black on Wednesday. Finally, on Thursday they are asked to wear Hawaiian shirts and blue and grey on Friday. This Saturday morning there will be ACT Testing at SWMHS.

Have a wonderful week!

Dr. Labbe