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Talk Sup Week 24 Review and Preview

February 27, 2023

Good morning Sayreville! I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable weekend. Welcome to another edition of Talk Sup, my weekly newsletter. Please remember that **next Monday, March 6th**, we will **dismiss students early** so that our staff can participate in professional development.

Last week the Sayreville Education Association (SEA) announced the 2022-23 Education Support Professionals (ESPs) of the year. Thus, we would like to congratulate the below staff members and commend them for their hard work, commitment, and dedication to their profession, our district, and the wonderful students in Sayreville.

2023 Sayreville EA Educational Support Professionals of the Year



- SWMHS
- SMS
- SUES
- TRUMAN
- EISENHOWER
- ARLETH
- WILSON
- SELOVER PreK
- CHEESEQUAKE PreK
- TRANSPORTATION

- Teri Gelpke
- Ewa Mierzwia
- Cynthia Gallagher
- Sherry Kou
- Donna Goldmann
- Allison Kaufman
- Mirella Tum-Suden
- Romanita Nunez
- Marylalice Pearson
- Stanislawa Przybylski



If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education (BOE) Business Meeting held on Tuesday, February 21st, here is what you missed. Gianna Pesci from Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) and Morgan Koonce from the Sayreville Middle School (SMS) began the meeting by providing their respective Student Council Representative to the Board of



Education Reports. Next, Mr. Esposito expressed his opening remarks, as did Mrs. Bloom. During the presentation portion of the meeting, the Board resumed publicly reviewing and discussing the 2023-24 School District Budget with the following budget presentations: [Buildings and Grounds](#), [Transportation](#), and [Personnel](#). To see each presentations, click on them.

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](#). To see all attachments, click [here](#). To view the video of the meeting, click [here](#). Among other motions, on the Vision

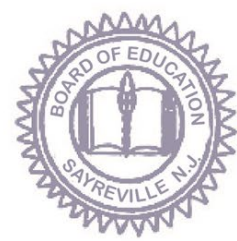
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2030 Finance and Infrastructure portion of the agenda, the BOE accepted the Administrative Review for the district Food Services program and approved a corresponding corrective action plan to include “buy American” language in future School Food Authority bid solicitations and contracts. Likewise, the Board approved a change order to the contract with Preferred Mechanical for the HVAC upgrades in multiple schools for material and labor to remove and replace unforeseen rotted pipe at the Samsel Upper Elementary School (SUES) in the amount of \$5,160.00 to be deducted from the allowance of \$42,925.80 leaving a balance of \$37,765.80. In addition, it approved a contract with Aspire Technology Partners, LLC. through a state contract to purchase data network equipment, associated licenses, and professional services in an amount not to exceed \$75,325.44 for the upgrade of the Unified Computing System Fabric Interconnect. Lastly, the Board of Education approved amendments to the 2019 Long Range Facilities Plan, which includes school facilities project plans related to parking areas at the Eisenhower Elementary School and Sayreville Middle School, along with the construction of a main entrance canopy at the Sayreville Middle School; and it authorized the Spiezle Architectural Group Inc, to make the submission to the Department of Education on behalf of the district.

On the Student Achievement portion of the agenda, among other motions, the BOE approved the Camp XL Extended School Year Integrated Summer and Learning Acceleration Summer Programs at the Samsel Upper Elementary School (SUES), Selover School, and 132 Main Street from July 3, 2023 through August 3, 2023; and the Middle School Credit Completion Summer School Program from July 3, 2023 through August 10, 2023. In addition, the Board approved a MENA (Middle Eastern North African) Cultural Club, with Ms. Sullivan as the advisor; and a Dance Club at SWMHS, with Ms. Chupka as the advisor. Likewise, on the Governance portion of the agenda, the Board of Education approved new and revised board of education policies and regulations for a First Reading. To see the policy revisions, click [here](#). To view the regulation revisions, click [here](#).

On the Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education accepted the retirements of Dr. Marilyn Shediack, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction; Laurie Beagan, English as a Second Language Teacher at SMS; and Noreen Mahoney, School Social Worker at the Wilson School, effective July 1, 2023. It also appointed new certificated and non-certificated staff for the 2022-23 school year. Likewise, the Board appointed advisors and coaches for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years. Furthermore, the BOE appointed faculty to provide Tier 3 Tutoring and to teach in the Rising Stars Program at SUES.

During the Board Discussion portion of the meeting, Mrs. Pabon reviewed what was discussed during the last Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting, as did Dr. Labbe for the last Personnel Committee Meeting. Mrs. Bloom also shared news from the Middlesex County School Boards Association and Mr. Fernandez did the same with regard to the Sayreville/South Amboy Rotary Club.

The next meeting will take place on **Tuesday, March 7th at 6:30 pm in the SUES Board Room**. During this meeting, the Board will vote on the “Tentative” 2023-24 School District Budget. The agenda for this meeting will be posted on the district website on **Friday, March 3rd**. A complete copy of the **February**

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21st Business 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 7, 2023**.



Thanks to our magnificent teachers and instructional staff, our students had a ton of fun learning last week. At the high school, students in



Ms. Giorgianni's class made various creations for the STEM Bridge Challenge. Students also took a trip to the Sayreville Public Library to pick out books. Likewise, they joined middle school students for a fun day of games. In addition, students in the South Asian Cultural Club participated in a Mehndi Night cultural celebration. Students and their families also participated in Family Code Night. At the middle school, students and staff participated in the annual Faculty vs. Students Volleyball Game, which is a fundraiser that supports the Kathy Whiteley Scholarship.



At SUES, students began participating in PTO After School



Clubs. During them they had a blast in the Lego Club. Students also combined different states of matter to make a new “fake snow” substance. Likewise, they made catapults to observe force and motion, and measured distance using Newtons laws. Furthermore, they made projects depicting the Earth's structure and sphere. Finally, they learned about electrical energy by building circuits. At the Arleth School, students and staff participated in Pink Shirt Day and celebrated the students selected for Golden Awards. At the Truman School, 1st grade students received their chicken eggs from Farmer Sarah, who also taught them everything they needed to know about how to successfully hatch them. In addition, fictional character Ms. Viola Swamp, the main antagonist in the Miss Nelson children’s book series, visited with students.

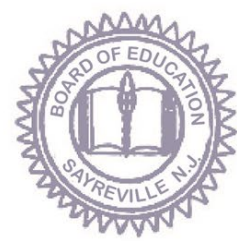




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In athletics, we congratulate the SWMHS Competition Cheer Team for placing 2nd in the New Jersey Cheer and Dancing Coaches Association State Championships in the All-Music Medium Division last week. We also congratulate SWMHS Boys Basketball Freshman guard Sam Jones on being selected to the Greater Middlesex Conference All-White Division Team.



Win or lose, all our amazing student athletes continued to compete fiercely and demonstrate the teamwork and sportsmanship that makes us all proud to be Bombers. Thus, we thank them and their coaches for their hard work, dedication, and the manner in which they represent SWMHS and our community. Please remember that you can see all athletic team schedules and view all the action by watching them on the live streaming links posted on the Athletics page of our website or by clicking [here](#).

As per the [2022-23 School District Calendar](#), which you can view by clicking on it, please remember that there will be **BOE Business Meetings** on **Tuesday, March 7th**, **Tuesday, March 21st**, and **Tuesday, March 28th**. Please also remember that **next Monday, March 6th**, we will **dismiss students early** so that our staff can participate in professional development. Please also note that 3rd Marking Period Progress Reports for students in grades 6-12 will be issued on March 3rd. Likewise, the 2nd Trimester for students in grades K-5 will end on March 16th and reports cards will be viewable in Oncourse Connect on March 24th. Finally, please remember that **our schools will be closed** for spring recess from **April 3rd through April 7th**.

On January 30, 2023, the district officially opened registration for our **free Full-Day Project Before Preschool and Kindergarten Programs**. Therefore, parents of ALL eligible (**must be 3 for preschool and 5 for kindergarten by September 30, 2023**) preschool and kindergarten students are invited to visit our website in order to register via **Oncourse Connect**, our online registration software. The link to student registration will be clearly identified on our district website homepage (www.sayrevillek12.net) as "[Student Registration](#)". Once on this registration page, you can obtain pertinent information regarding the registration of all students including preschool and kindergarten students, and you can begin completing the online registration application by clicking on one of the following links noted in the [2023-2024 Project Before and Kindergarten](#) drop down menu: [New Student Registration Preschool and Kindergarten](#) or [Returning Student Enrollment Update for students entering grades PreK and Kindergarten during the 2023-2024 school year](#).

If you or someone you know would like to **advertise** with us on our **website** and via **Bomber Blasts**, you should click [here](#) and submit an inquiry with **School Revenue Partners**. Naturally, we will continue to Bomber Blast activity information and community service announcements for our schools and the greater community at no cost. Likewise, if you would like to advertise on our **buses**, click [here](#).

Have a great day and wonderful week!

Dr. Labbe

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