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Talk Sup Week 26 Review and Preview

March 13, 2023

Good morning Sayreville! I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable weekend. Welcome to another edition of Talk Sup, my weekly newsletter.



If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education (BOE) Business Meeting held on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, here is what you missed. Morgan Koonce from the Sayreville Middle School (SMS) began the meeting by providing her Student Council Representative to the Board of Education Report. Next, Mr. Esposito expressed his opening remarks, as did Mrs. Bloom.



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 2030 Finance and Infrastructure portion of the agenda, the BOE approved the Proposed 2023-2024 Tentative Budget in the amount of \$116,543,686, for submission to the NJDOE. To see all the information pertaining to the 2023-24 School District Budget, including all presentations, click here. In addition, the Board accepted the generous donations of a hand painted wall mural from Sayreville alumni and visual artist Martina Hanna for the Bombers Beyond Café; and thirteen hours of mobile advertising, valued at \$3,250, and free coffee or tea for anyone who signs up for ProMobile's email list at their March 15th promotional event at Bombers Beyond Café from Bryan Laughery, Sayreville alumni and owner of ProMobile Advertising Inc. It also approved a contract with Direct Flooring for the replacement flooring in room B-8 at the Middle School in the amount of \$87,350.81.

On the Student Achievement portion of the agenda, among other motions, the BOE approved the long-term suspensions of several students. Likewise, on the Governance portion of the agenda, the Board of Education approved new and revised board of education policies and regulations for a Second Reading and adoption, as well as several more for a First Reading. To see them all, click here.

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 2022-23 school year. Likewise, the Board approved the transfer of non-certificated staff for the 2022-23 school year. In addition, it appointed staff to work in the 2023 Camp XL Extended School Year and Learning Acceleration at Camp XL Programs on an as-needed basis based on enrollment. Furthermore, the BOE appointed faculty to work in the Rising Stars supplemental tutoring program.

During the Board Discussion portion of the meeting, Mr. Fernandez reviewed what was discussed during the last Student Achievement Committee Meeting, as did Mrs. Napolitano for the last Governance Committee Meeting. Mrs. Bloom shared news from the Middlesex County School Boards Association, as



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did Mr. Fernandez with regard to the Sayreville/South Amboy Rotary Club, and Mrs. Napolitano regarding the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey.

The next meeting will take place on **Tuesday, March 21**st at 6:30 pm in the SUES Board Room. During this meeting, the Board will celebrate the New Jersey Cheer and Dance Coaches Association State Championship Middle School Competition Cheer Team. It will also hear a presentation by the SWMHS students who are currently participating in the Borough Council Student Mentorship program. The agenda for this meeting will be posted on the district website on **Friday, March 17**th. A complete copy of the **March 7**th **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 21, 2023**.

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This past week, our students, staff, alumni, and community members continued to impress us with their remarkable accomplishments. We begin by commending and congratulating SWMHS Business Academy student Kisha Shah, who earned a New Jersey Certified Public Accountants (NJCPA) scholarship in the name of the Deloitte Foundation NJCPA Scholars Program. We also congratulate and commend the below members of the SWMHS Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) club who achieved 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Place at the New

Jersey-FBLA State Leadership Conference in Atlantic City last week and will now compete in the National Leadership Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

Overall Chapter Honors	
Gold Seal Chapter Award of Merit	Champion Chapter Award Recipient
Chapter Website Award of Merit	Community Service Challenge Award Higher With Attire Participant Top Contributor (100+ members)
Passport of Progress Award Recipient (100+ members)	Recruitment Award For Chartering a New Chapter (Sayreville Middle School)

Chapter Competitive Events		
Aayush Mehta, Ameeka Patel, Amoli Patel American Enterprise Project 1st Place - State Champions	Jai Desai, Aaryan Parikh, Shriya Patel Community Service Project 4th Place - National Qualifier	
Shreya Patel, Kisha Shah, Vanshi Patel Local Chapter Annual Business Report 2nd Place - National Qualifier	Ananya Kondur, Rhena Johnson, Wade Guerra Partnership With Business 1st Place - State Champions	

Individual/Group Competitive Events - National Qualifiers	
<i>Riva Babaria</i> Client Service 2nd Place	Vibhansh Kukreti, Nabeel Mohammad, Usman Mohammed Digital Animation (3D Animation) 2nd Place
Ameeka Patel, Amoli Patel, Savi Sandiford	Diya Kadakia, Asmi Kaushal, Aneri Shah
Graphic Design	Digital Animation (3D Animation)
2nd Place (+\$1500 scholarship each)	3rd Place
Ahmed Abdullah, Noah Dubois, John	Masharib Imran, Aayush Mehta,
Kovalchuk, Rosie Szeszko	Lakshya Motiani
Open Event - Progress Video	Public Service Announcement
1st Place - State Champions	2nd Place
Ananya Kondur, Doris Lee, Shriya Patel	Kristy Garcia, Shriya Meda, Ruhi Patel
Social Media Strategies	Website Design
1st Place - State Champions	3rd Place

Individual Honors	
Ananya Kondur Who's Who Award Outstanding contributions to FBLA at the local, state, and national levels	Shriya Patel Elected to State Office Central Region Vice President
Ameeka Patel Gold Member Award Outstanding contributions to local chapter	Shriya Patel Gold Officer Award Outstanding contributions to local chapter
Amoli Patel Member of the Month Award Honors members who go above and beyond to serve their local chapters	Shriya Patel Member of the Month Award Honors members who go above and beyond to serve their local chapters

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Top 10 Place Winners for Individual/Competitive Events		
Daniel Arteaga Gonzalez, Shakil Ashrafi, Shrikar Gandhesiri Banking & Financial Systems	Motunrayo Akinrefon, Chanel Forson Business Financial Plan	
Amanie Nasr Computer Game & Simulation Programming	Muhtasim Noor, Aryan Shah, Rishi Shah Data Analysis	
Gianna Gittlitz, Raphael Pereira, Ayden Suber Digital Video Production Jai Desai, Shayna Lu, Victor E-Business		
Indrit Tula Electronic Career Portfolio	Manav Jhala, Arjun Merchant, Aarav Patel E-Business	
Aayush Katyal Future Business Leader	Trischelle Afihene, Triscia Afihene, Isabella Czajkowski Graphic Design	
Brooke Attix Impromptu Speaking	Rohan Vaidya, Arsi Muda Management Information Systems	
Pranav Asarpota, Megha Chauhan, Tanmay Chauhan Network Design	Marcos de Oliveira, Miles Metivier, Matthew Moran, Rishab Shah, Daniel Toth Parliamentary Procedure	
Mohita Belwariar, Diya Patel, Leah Whittaker Publication Design	Shaili Modi, Aanvi Talati Social Media Strategies	



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Likewise, we congratulate and commend the below members of the SWMHS Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) who won 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place during the New Jersey DECA State Leadership Conference in Atlantic city last week, and as a result will have the opportunity to compete at the International Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida.

1st Place Community Service Campaign	1st Place DECA Promotional Campaign
Sarah Smith	Emilio Diaz
Rishi Shah	Teofilo Bugarin
Oscar Lin	Sophia Lin
2 nd Place Integrated Marketing Campaign Event	2nd Place Entrepreneurship Independent Business Plan
Rhena Johnson	Shriya Patel
Wade Guerra	Riva Barbaria
Tyler-Odeh Abassi	Kristy Garcia
3 rd Place Start-up Business Plan	Role Play Winners
Lasya Bhattiprolu	2 nd Place Kristy Garcia Human Resource Management Series
Aaryan Parikh	3 rd Place Riva Barbaria Marketing Communications
Phillip Pazdur	3 rd Place Triscia and Trichelle Afihene Travel & Tourism Marketing Management Team Decision Making
	6 th Place Doris Lee Hospitality and Tourism Professional Selling
	6 th Place Jaden Addo Automotive Services Marketing Series

In addition, we commend and congratulate Ms. Badami, Sayreville Public Schools Athletic Director and Supervisor of Physical Education who was named last week as the 2022-23



Greater Middlesex Conference Athletic Director of the Year. We also congratulate Anden Erbeli, who was selected to be the Eisenhower School Physical Education Teacher of the Day. Furthermore, we commend the staff and students from the Truman School for raising \$6,469 for Jump Rope for Heart during the month of February. Third grade student, Easton Klein raised the most money at \$703. Finally, we commend and thank the

Sayreville Historical Society for donating several SWMHS yearbooks to the Bombers



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Beyond Café. Bomber Nation salutes all our students, staff, and community members for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They Rock!



Thanks to our magnificent teachers and instructional staff, our students had a ton of fun learning last week. At the high school, students in the South Asian Cultural Club participated in a Mehndi Night cultural celebration. The Renaissance Committee also hosted another outstanding breakfast for all students who earned straight A's for the



2nd marking period. In addition, the US History II teachers at SWMHS, in collaboration with the Center for Holocaust, Human Rights, and Genocide Education at BCC, presented a very powerful

assembly in which Ms. Eva Wiener, a Holocaust survivor, shared with students and staff her eyewitness account of her grippingly horrifying experience. Lastly, students participated in their last practice before the big Bombers Unified Basketball Game later this month. Likewise, the



staff and students were hard at work practicing for the Students vs Faculty Basketball Game this week.



At the middle school, professional composer Greg Holmes visited with students in Ms. Campbell's and Mr. Caruso's band classes to teach them the art of writing classical music. At the Samsel Upper elementary School, students selected by their teachers for demonstrating exemplary character enjoyed delicious cookies at the Character Café. In Project Before, many parents attended the virtual Kindergarten Readiness



workshop. In addition, students participated in Pet/Veterinarian Creative Play Centers. They used playdough to make dog treats, taught the dogs to jump and run, fed the fish, washed and brushed the dogs

as the groomer, and more. At the Cheesequake and Selover Schools, students read stories with a partner, as well as some



guest readers. Finally, at the Selover School, students



celebrated Holi, the Indian festival of colors that marks the arrival of spring.



In athletics, we congratulate and commend Sayreville Middle School (SMS) wrestler Matthew Brown, who won 2nd Place in the NJ State Scholastic Wrestling Championship last weekend. Last week the SWMHS Girls Basketball Team held their end of the season banquet.





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While the team did not have the season they wanted, the players worked hard, never gave up, and improved immensely thanks to their amazing coaches and wonderfully supportive parents. They are excited for the promise of the 2023-24 season. In addition, the SWMHS and SMS Cheer Teams hosted their annual Cheer Clinic. 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 <u>2022-23 School District Calendar</u>, which you can view by clicking on it, please remember that there will be **BOE Business Meetings** next **Tuesday, March 21**st, and **Tuesday, March 28**th. Please also remember that 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 note that **our schools will be <u>closed</u>** for spring recess from **April 3**rd **through April 7**th.

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