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Talk Sup Week 33 Review and Preview

May 8, 2023

Good morning Sayreville! I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday weekend. Welcome to another edition of Talk Sup, my weekly newsletter. Please also remember that we will **dismiss students early next Monday, May 15th**, so that our staff can participate in professional development.



If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education (BOE) Business Meeting held on Tuesday, May 2, 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, who also shared some district highlights. During the presentation portion of the meeting, the district presented the 2023-24 School District Budget and held the required public hearing before voting on it. To see the budget presentation, click [here](#). To see all the information pertaining to the 2023-24 School District Budget, including all presentations and the User Friendly Budget, click [here](#). It also presented the district's New Jersey Department of Education approved 2021-22 Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying Grades. To view this presentation, click [here](#).

The Board then held a public hearing on the 2023-24 School District Budget. After that, it 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 and adopted the aforementioned 2023-2024 School District Budget in the total amount of \$140,059,037. In addition, the Board accepted the generous donation of \$200 for the Bombers Beyond 18-21-Year-Old Program by the South Amboy Knights of Columbus. It also approved contracts with McCabe Environmental Services for asbestos abatement for the HVAC replacement project at Dwight D. Eisenhower Elementary School in the amount of \$38,919; and clearance air sampling for the floor replacement project at Jesse Selover Elementary School in the amount of \$5,470.00 to be paid using Preschool Expansion Aid funds.

On the Governance portion of the agenda, the Board of Education approved the following job descriptions: [Assistant Superintendent of Pupil and Special Services](#); [Director of Early Childhood Curriculum and Instruction](#); [Director of Special Projects](#); [Professional Development, Intervention Services, Innovation, and Grant Writing](#); [Preschool Intervention and Referral Specialist \(PIRS\)](#); and [Full-Time Business Office Support Secretary](#). Click on each to read them. It also approved new preschool start and end times for the 2023-24 School Year, which will essentially begin and end 15 minutes earlier.

On the Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education accepted the retirement of Kimberly Davey, Social Studies Teacher at the Sayreville Middle School (SMS), effective

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January 1, 2024. It also approved the appointment of a non-certificated staff member for the 2022-23 school year, and the transfer of certificated and non-certificated staff for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years. In addition, the BOE appointed advisors and their stipends for the 2022-23 school year.

During the Open Public Comment portion of the meeting, a representative from the Middlesex County College Teen Arts Program thanked the Board of Education for allowing Teen Arts to lease district facilities for an upcoming event. During the Board Discussion portion of the meeting, Mr. Fernandez reviewed what was discussed during the last Student Achievement Committee Meeting, as did Ms. Napolitano for the last Governance Committee Meeting, and Mrs. Pieloch for the last Personnel Committee Meeting. Mrs. Bloom shared news from the Middlesex County School Boards Association, as did Mr. Fernandez regarding the Sayreville/South Amboy Rotary Club, and Ms. Napolitano regarding the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey.

The next meeting will take place at **7:30 pm on Tuesday, May 16th** in the **SUES Board Room**. During this meeting, the district will recognize and honor the 2022-23 Governors Educators of the Year, Magic 98.5 Teachers that Make Magic, and the SEA Education Support Professionals of the Year recipients. The agenda for this meeting will be posted on the district website on Friday, May 12th. A complete copy of the **May 2nd 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 **May 16, 2023**.

This past week, our students, staff, alumni, and community members



continued to impress us with their remarkable accomplishments. We begin by commending and congratulating the following cast and contributing members of the SWMHS Theatre Society production of the Little Mermaid, who were nominated for Papermill Playhouse Rising Star Awards: Outstanding Costuming Achievement – Cynthia Gallagher, Outstanding Supporting Performer in a Female Identified Role

– Ryan Yuhas, Outstanding Hair and Make-Up Achievement – Grace English, Malaya Emory, and Jordan Gallagher, Honorable Mention Outstanding Leading Performer in a Female Identified Role – Grace Herrick. We also commend and congratulate Krissandra Cabantan (9th grade), Aanvi Talati (10th grade),



Travis Gaston (11th grade), and Janai Negroni (12th grade), who were selected by the faculty at SWMHS as Students of the Month of April. In addition, we commend SWMHS senior art students Janai Negroni and Ethan Sanfiorenzo, who received awards in their respective categories at the annual Sayreville

Shade Tree Commission Art Contest. Janai won 1st Place in the 3D Category for



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her ceramic tree, and Ethan won 1st Place for his Landscape Painting. Finally, we commend and thank Sayreville Board of Education Vice President Lucille Bloom, who was honored last week for her outstanding performance over the past two years as the Middlesex County School Boards Association President.

Where Are They Now

May 2023

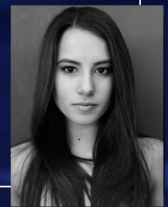
Compliments of the “Where Are They Now” Committee at the high school, we commend SWMHS Class of 2017 graduate Megan Braine. After graduating from SWMHS, Megan was a cheerleader for the NFL's New York Jets from 2019 to 2021. She is

currently majoring in Elementary Education at Kean University. She is the Co-Founder and Co-Director of Generations Dance Company located in Dunellen. We also commend SWMHS Class

Megan Braine, 2017

Kean University,
Working towards BA in Elementary Education

After graduating from SWMHS, Megan was a cheerleader for the NFL's New York Jets from 2019 to 2021. She is currently majoring in Elementary Education at Kean University. She is the Co-Founder and Co-Director of GENERATIONS DANCE COMPANY located in Dunellen, NJ



Amber Morgan, 2015

Kean University, MA in Counseling

Amber graduated with Summa Cum Laude honors from Kean University with a Masters in Counseling Education. She is a member of many honors societies. Amber joined us this year as part of the HS staff, first as a school counselor, and currently as the new Student Assistance Counselor. Additionally, Amber is a licensed Therapist and a Nationally Certified Counselor.



of 2015 graduate Amber Morgan. Amber graduated Summa Cum Laude from Kean University with a Master of Arts degree in Counseling Education. She is a member of many honors societies. Amber joined the SWMHS staff this year as a school counselor, and is now currently a Student Assistance Counselor. Additionally, Amber is a licensed Therapist and a Nationally Certified Counselor. 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. Across the district all our administration, students, their families, and our PTO honored and celebrated our staff during Teacher Appreciation Week. At the Arleth School, Ms. Shah, Speech and Language



Therapist, creatively integrated students' communication goals by teaching them about dogs, dos and don'ts about dogs, related vocabulary, and how to care for animals. During a different session, students learned about plants, parts of plants, plant related vocabulary, and how to care for them too. At the Eisenhower School, a special guest visited to celebrate May 4th. Likewise, students had a blast participating in an amazing BMX assembly. At the Samsel Upper Elementary School, students played chess while waiting for their bus. In addition, some students



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enjoyed the Character Education Cafe. At the middle school, 7th grade students navigated their course for success using the Naviance Career Interest Profiler. At the high school, students on the Unified Track and Field Team practiced for the



Unified Bombers Game on May 23rd. Lastly, the Air Force Junior ROTC Cadets celebrated another very successful and fun school year during their annual Military Ball.



In Project Before, students in Miss Kristie's class at the Selover School practiced scaffolded writing during a "Write Along Tools" activity. They had a blast as they worked on writing, making lines, and using the "Sound Map" to find sounds and check for voice-to-line matches. At Kidzland, to wrap up the Community Helper creative play theme, a special guest visited to read their favorite book



and teach them all about safety. Finally, at the Cheesequake School, students celebrated Cinco de Mayo.



In athletics, the SWMHS Baseball Team defeated John P. Stevens High School (HS) twice last week to improve its record to 12-5 and capture the Greater Middlesex Conference (GMC) White Division Championship. Likewise, the SWMHS Softball Team rattled off three consecutive wins last

week against North Plainfield, John F. Kennedy, and Colonia High Schools to improve its record on the season to 8-5. Both the SWMHS Girls and Boys Lacrosse Teams also won two consecutive games last week to improve their records for the season to 7-5 and 6-5 respectively. To punctuate the outstanding play of the Girls Team, Gianna Gittlitz won GMC Defensive Player of the Week. Finally, the SWMHS Boys Golf Team defeated John F. Kennedy HS last week to improve its record on the season to 12-7. Win or lose, all our amazing student athletes



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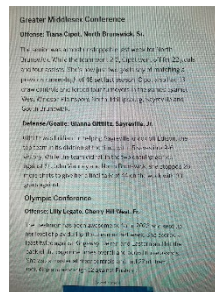


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continued to compete fiercely and demonstrate the teamwork and sportsmanship that makes us all proud to be Bombers. Thus, we thank them and their coaches for their hard work, dedication, and the manner in which they represent SWMHS and our



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, there will be a **BOE Business Meeting on Tuesday, May 16th**. Please also remember that we will **dismiss students early on Monday, May 15th** so that our staff can participate in professional development. Likewise, please note that our schools will be **closed on Monday, May 29th** in observance of Memorial Day. Finally, please remember that **4th Marking Period Progress Reports** for students in grades **6-12** will be issued on **May 17th**.

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