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Talk Sup Week 4 Review and Preview

October 2, 2023

Good morning Sayreville! I hope you had a most relaxing and enjoyable weekend. Welcome to another edition of *Talk Sup*, my weekly newsletter. Tomorrow morning, we will hold **Java with the Sup** from **10-11 am** in the **Bombers Beyond Café**, located at 132 Main Street in Sayreville, for any parents or staff members who want to speak with me while enjoying a great cup of joe. Likewise, there will be a **Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council (SPAC) Meeting** from **6-7 pm** in the **Bombers Beyond Café**. Immediately following it, we will hold another evening **Java with the Sup** from 7-8 pm. Finally, please remember that we will **dismiss students** <u>early</u> next **Monday, October 9**th so that our staff can participate in professional development.



Last Saturday, about 30 members of the school district community participated in the collaborative development of our 2023-27 Vision 2030 Strategic Action Plan during our Education Summit. Facilitated by Kean University, the participants, which included about a dozen parents and staff members, as well as several community members that no longer have children in the district, worked cooperatively in

groups led by our central administrators, to identify a series of goals in the following domains: Finance, Facilities, Technology, Security, Student Achievement, and Culture and Climate. During the State of the Schools Address, which will take place during the October 17th BOE Business Meeting, our facilitators from Kean University will present to the Board and public the completed Strategic Action Plan.





If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education (BOE) Business Meeting held on Tuesday, September 27th, here is what you missed. Sean Burns from Sayreville War

Memorial High School (SWMHS) and Ashten Poandl from the Sayreville Middle School (SMS) began the meeting by providing their respective Student Council Representative to the

Board of Education Reports. Next, Mrs. Bloom expressed her opening remarks, as did Mrs. Pieloch, who also shared a few district highlights. During the presentation portion of the meeting, the Sayreville Police Benevolent Association presented to the district a generous donation of trauma kits.



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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 application and acceptance of the Special Olympics Unified Champion School Grant in the amount of \$4,500 for Sayreville War Memorial High School. It also approved a contract with Aspire Technology Partners, LLC to purchase data network equipment, associated licenses, and professional services for the upgrade of the district's unified communication system in an amount not to exceed \$29,675.30. Lastly the Board awarded the bid for the Site Development for the New Transportation Complex project to James R. Ientile, Inc. as the lowest responsible bidder for bids opened on September 22, 2023 in the amount \$5,634,645; and approved the withdrawal of funds from Capital Reserve to pay for it.

On the Student Achievement portion of the agenda, among other motions, the BOE approved a new Grade 12 STEM Capstone curriculum guide. To read it, click here. Likewise, on the Governance portion of the agenda, the Board of Education approved several revised policies for Second Reading and adoption. To review them, click here.

On the Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education accepted the retirements of Anna Jedrusiak, Bus Driver; Patricia Rasa, Cafeteria Worker at the Wilson School, and Grace Restivo, Secretary to the Principal at the Cheesequake Preschool, effective January 1, 2024. It also appointed new certificated and non-certificated staff for the 2023-24 school year. Likewise, the Board approved the transfer of non-certificated staff for the 2023-24 school year. The BOE also appointed teachers for the general education and special education Literacy and Math Academies, Tier 3 Intervention Services, and English as a Second Language Tutorial Services for 2023-2024 school year. Finally, the Board appointed a new Head Varsity Baseball Coach at SWMHS.

During the Board Discussion portion of the meeting, Mrs. Pabon reviewed what was discussed during the last Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting, as did Ms. Pieloch for the last Personnel Committee Meeting, Mr. Fernandez for the last Student Achievement Committee Meeting, and Mrs. Napolitano for the last Governance 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 **October 17, 2022**. During this meeting, the district will present the annual **State of the Schools Address**, which will feature the district's new 2023-27 Vision 2030 Strategic Action Plan and will also include a review of the 2022-23 District Goals, as well as an introduction of the 2023-24 District Goals and the 2023-24 Budget Development Calendar. The agenda for this meeting will be posted on the district website on **Friday, October 13**th. A complete copy of the **September 26**th meeting minutes will be posted on the BOE Meeting Minutes page of the website once they are approved by the BOE during the next regular business meeting on **October 17, 2023**.



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Thanks to our magnificent teachers and instructional staff, our students had a very productive and fun week of learning. At the high school, students and staff demonstrated their school spirit during Spirit Week by, among other things, dressing like twins, dressing in Disney apparel, and dressing like they were in a country club or country western style. In addition, students visited and toured Borough Hall and the Police Department before having pizza at Nana's. At the middle school,

students learned

about citizenship and communities by building models of each kind of community.

Additionally, students in Mr. Howard's class learned about galaxies by creating poking holes in the bottom of a coffee cup. At the

Samsel Upper Elementary School, students in Mrs. Schwartz's classes learned about kindness, and how words are hard to take back by trying to put an entire tube of toothpaste back into the tube with toothpicks. Likewise, students in Ms. Caballero's Class built a cup tower without

touching it with their hands to learn that

when working as a team you need to communicate and work together. In Project Before at the Cheesequake School, students learned how to scrub up when taking a bath during their Family creative play centers. Lastly, in Bombers Beyond, the Brew Crew brought the Bombers

Beyond Cafe to the Truman School.









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In athletics, the SWMHS Girls Soccer Team continued their dominance, as they defeated Metuchen, North Plainfield, and South Plainfield High Schools (HS) last week to extend their undefeated season record to 9-0. Likewise, the SWMHS Boys Soccer Team defeated Piscataway and Perth Amboy HS last week to



advance their season record to 4-2-2. In addition, the SWMHS Football Team improved its season record to 4-2 by defeating East Brunswick HS last week. Finally, while they fell just short of victory against Colts Neck HS, the SWMHS

Field Hockey Team honored and demonstrated support for one of our staff members who is experiencing some personal challenges. 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 way they represent SWMHS and our community. Please remember that you can see all athletic team schedules by visiting the Athletics page of our website or by clicking <u>here</u>.

As per the <u>2023-24 School District Calendar</u>, and/or the <u>October 2023 Monthly Activities Calendar</u>, which you can view respectively by clicking on each, on <u>Tuesday</u>, October 17th, there will be a <u>Board of Education Business Meeting</u> in the <u>Samsel Upper Elementary School Board Meeting Room</u>. Please also remember that we will <u>dismiss students early</u> on <u>Monday</u>, October 9th so that our staff can participate in professional development. Finally, please note that 1st <u>Marking Period Progress Reports</u> for students in <u>grades 6-12</u> will be issued on October 10th, while progress reports for students who are not meeting standards in <u>kindergarten through 5th grade</u> will be issued on October 19th.

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 wonderful week!

Dr. Labbe