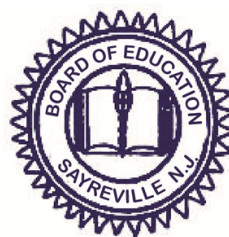




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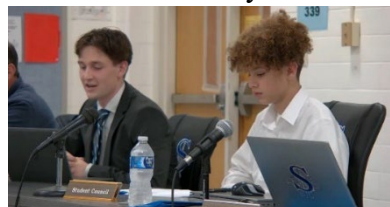
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Talk Sup Week 34 Review and Preview

May 13, 2024



Good morning Sayreville! We wish all our moms a happy belated Mother's Day and hope that everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday weekend. Welcome to another edition of Talk Sup, my weekly newsletter. Please remember that we will **dismiss students early next Monday, May 20th** 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 7, 2024, 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. Napolitano. During the presentation portion of the meeting, the district

presented the 2024-25 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 development of the 2024-25 School District Budget, including all presentations and the User Friendly Budget, 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](#). 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 2024-25 School District Budget in the amount of \$125,572,752. In addition, the Board accepted of a generous grant award from Dupont Specialty Products Corporation in the amount of \$5,000 for STEM Chemistry Lab supplies and a donation in the amount of \$2,500 for Bombers Beyond Program supplies, for a total of \$7,500. Likewise, it accepted the generous donation of a Nintendo Switch Bundle, karaoke machine, art supplies, games, puzzles, and books, valued at \$1,300 from The Brandon Tyler Narleski Charitable Foundation to be used in the Bombers Beyond Program. The Board also rejected all bids received in response to a bid opening held on March 12, 2024, for HVAC Upgrades at Jesse Selover School and Emma L. Arleth Elementary School, due to high cost.

On the Student Achievement portion of the agenda, the Board approved the long-term suspension of two students. On the Governance portion of the agenda, among other motions, the BOE approved the Teamsters Local 469, and the Sayreville Education Association (SEA) Information Technology Systems and Services Engineers and Full Time Technicians Holiday Schedules for the 2024-2025 school year. It also approved revisions to the Information and [Technology Systems and Services Engineer – Level I](#) and [Information and Technology Network Engineer – Level II](#) job descriptions. To read them click on each.

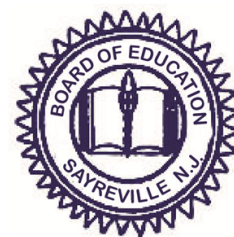
On the Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education graciously accepted the retirement of Karen White, Kindergarten Teacher at the Eisenhower School, effective July 1,

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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. In addition, the BOE appointed advisors for the 2024-25 school year with their stipends. Furthermore, they approved presenters for the June 4th Professional Development Day.

During the Open Public Comment portion of the meeting, several people who were not residents of Sayreville expressed opposition to BOE Policy 5756 Transgender Students. Conversely, two residents of Sayreville communicated their support for the policy. During the Board Discussion portion of the meeting, Mr. Callahan reviewed what was discussed during the last Student Achievement Committee Meeting. Mrs. Bloom also shared news from the Middlesex County School Boards Association.

The next meeting will take place at **7:30 pm on Tuesday, May 21st** in the **SUES Board Room**. During this meeting, the district will recognize and honor the 2023-24 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 17th**. A complete copy of the **May 7th 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 21, 2024**.



Thanks to our magnificent instructional staff, our students had a very productive and fun week of learning last week. In commemoration of Educator Appreciation Week, across the district, our PTOs, administration, and students demonstrated their appreciation and gratitude to our amazing faculty and staff.



At the Truman School, the students in the 3rd Grade Chorus performed

magnificently during their Spring Concert. Additionally, the 1st grade students and their teachers waited patiently for their chicken eggs to hatch.

When they did, they had a blast learning how to care for them. Likewise, the 2nd and 3rd grade students had a ton of fun learning about frogs and butterflies. Finally, staff, students, and their families from across the



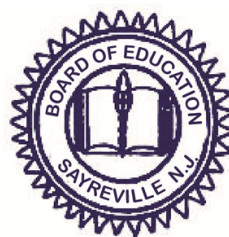
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district had a great time during the K-3 ASI Title 1 Family Night event held at the Truman School. The students and their families had a wonderful time playing math and reading games, estimating, and creating a graph of their favorite genres. The families were also treated to a special presentation by Mark Daniel, the Magical Storyteller, and enjoyed having pizza and cookies after the show.

At the Eisenhower School, students in the Leading Edge Before and After Care program were rewarded with a pizza for reading the most minutes in the Lift Off to

Literacy Competition. In Project Before at the Selover

School, students in

Ms. Hanarae's

class grew

beanstalks. In

addition, students

in Ms. Heather's

and Ms. Diana's

classes listened to

The Very Hungry

Caterpillar and then created caterpillars and butterflies. At

the high school, students in Ms. DiPaolo's Human Anatomy

and Physiology honors class practiced wound suturing.

Additionally, students in the National Honor Society had a

blast washing cars and fundraising for the Brain Injured

Child foundation during their charity car wash. At the

middle school, our 8th grade students literally had a ball

dancing the night away during the Masquerade 8th Grade Formal. At the Bombers

Beyond Café, our students made a

beautiful quilt with the help of an

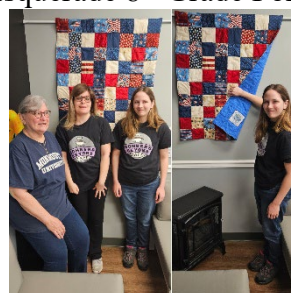
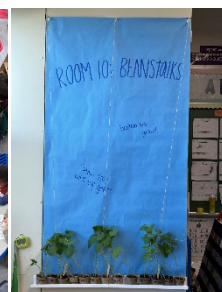
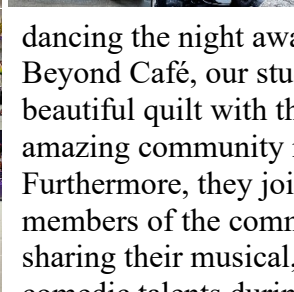
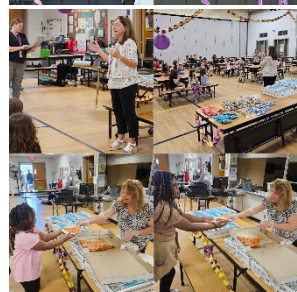
amazing community member.

Furthermore, they joined other

members of the community in

sharing their musical, poetic, and

comedic talents during Open Mic



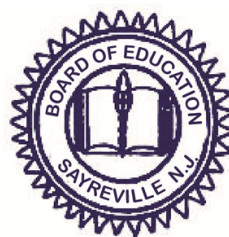
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This past week, our students, staff, alumni, and community members continued to impress us with their remarkable accomplishments. We begin by congratulating and commending Sayreville Middle School (SMS) staff members Pamela Chartock, Doreen Consulmagno, Kim Davey, and Victoria Kilpatrick for receiving the Middlesex County Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Community Champion Award on behalf of the middle school for their work in supporting children in foster care in Middlesex County. The middle school has been actively supporting CASA for over two decades, since the late principal, Donna Jakubik, introduced the idea of participating in this amazing cause. Since then, the middle school has been supporting CASA's mission by providing holiday gifts to children in foster care through the generous spirit of the incredible staff. In recognition of the middle school's outstanding achievements, they were also awarded a Certificate of Special Recognition, signed by United States House of Representative Frank Pallone, for their outstanding and invaluable service to the community, as well as a General Assembly Citation in recognition of outstanding service and commitment to students in our community, signed by New Jersey Senator Joseph Vitale and Assembly Representatives Craig Coughlin and Yvonne Lopez.

We also commend and congratulate all the students in the SWMHS Distributive Education Club of America (DECA) who competed in the DECA International Competition last week in Anaheim California. Although our students did not place in the top three, Kristy Garcia demonstrated exceptional performance in the exam and role-play presentation components, earning a Silver-Ribbon Medallion. She was also a top 10 finalist who advanced to the final competition and received a Blue-Ribbon Medallion, placing her within the top 5 in her category of Human Resources. Bomber Nation salutes all our students, staff, and community members for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They Rock!



In athletics, we commend and congratulate the SWMHS Girls Track and Field Team for going undefeated in match competition and winning the Greater Middlesex Conference (GMC) White Division Championship. Likewise, the Boys Track and Field Team ended match competition with a very impressive 4-1 record. In addition, the SWMHS Baseball Team's

incredible run of six consecutive wins, including two in the GMC Tournament, came to an end in the semifinal game on Saturday against Old Bridge High School (HS). Nonetheless, they are now 10-8 on the season. Similarly, the SWMHS Softball Team's six game winning streak, which included one in the GMC Tournament, came to an end in the quarterfinals also against Old Bridge HS. They

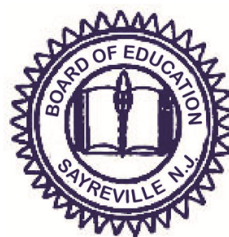


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are now 12-6 on the season. The SWMHS Boys Lacrosse Team defeated North Brunswick and John Paul Stevens High Schools last week to improve their season record to 9-6. Finally, the SWMHS Boys Tennis Team won its sixth match of the season last week against Woodbridge HS. 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 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 [2023-24 School District Calendar](#), which you can view by clicking on it, there will be a **BOE Business Meeting** on **Tuesday, May 21st**. Please also remember that we will **dismiss students early on Monday, May 20th** so that our staff can participate in professional development. Additionally, please note that our schools will be **closed** on **Monday, May 27th** in observance of Memorial Day. Finally, please remember that **4th Marking Period Progress Reports** for students in grades **6-12** will be issued this **Friday, May 17th**.

On January 29, 2024, 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, 2024**) 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 [2024-2025 Project Before and Kindergarten](#) drop down menu: [New Student Registration Link](#) or [Returning Student Registration Link](#).

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