



THE EWING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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The Ewing Public Schools BOE Board Briefs: August 27th, 2018

The Ewing Township Board of Education held its monthly meeting in the Fisher Middle School media center on Monday, August 27th, 2018.

During his **Superintendent's Report**, Chief School Administrator Michael Nitti brought the Board and public up to date on the district's preparations for the upcoming school year.

Each summer, the Board of Education and the administration meet in a retreat setting to review the state of the district, explore initiatives and ideas, discuss the progress made on the previous year's Board goals, and shape new goals for the upcoming school year in a collaborative and collegial manner.

Mr. Nitti released the new BOE Goals for 2018-19 and thanked the Board for their input during the retreat and all their contributions to developing the goals.

Mr. Nitti then overviewed for the Board the work that took place during the district's New Teacher Academy and Administrative Retreat which took place August 20th-23rd, 2018 at Fisher Middle School.

Mr. Nitti updated the Board and public on the district's communications campaign for the upcoming facilities referendum taking place on October 2nd. He discussed the genesis of the district's theme for the referendum—"One Community, One Vision, One Vote!"-which symbolizes the unity and shared sense of purpose behind the referendum, the connection to the school community's stakeholders which is reflected in the referendum projects, and the recognition that this referendum will provide safer, healthier, and more sustainable schools for the next generation of Ewing Township students.

One **COMMUNITY** One **VISION** One **VOTE**



EPS Referendum '18

- Enhance School Safety & Security
- Provide Healthier & More Sustainable Schools
- Improve Instructional Space and Enhance Student Facilities
- Eligible for New Jersey Debt Service Aid

Register to VOTE by Tuesday, September 11, 2018
VOTE on Tuesday, October 2, 2018

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The final part of the Superintendent's report related to a required part of the legally-mandated Governance requirements. In the district's QSAC monitoring, the Ewing Public Schools received perfect scores in all the District Performance Reviews pertaining to Board of Education operations and ethics. This means that all Board members completed required training, attended the specified amount of meetings, carried out their responsibilities professionally, confidentially, and within legal standards, and there were no Board ethic violations. The law requires that the school board annually review and discuss the Code of Ethics for School Board Members and school board meetings memorialize that discussion. Over the past month, Board members reviewed a series of training documents pertaining to School Board Ethics provided by the Board attorney and other sources. This process was then documented and read into the official Board minutes.

During the **"Superintendent Recommendations"** section of the agenda:

The District Organizational Chart was approved.

The District Professional Development Plan and Mentoring Plan were approved.

District participation in the Central Jersey Program for Recruitment of Diverse Educators was approved.

A collaborative with The College of New Jersey to provide a mentoring program at FMS was approved.

The district Comprehensive Equity Plan Statement of Assurance was approved.

The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) Boys Mentoring Program at Fisher Middle School was approved.

The following policies and regulations were approved by the Board as "Second Readings" and are now formal Board policy:

P2431	Athletic Competition (M) Revised
P2431.8	Varsity Letters for Interscholastic Extracurricular Activities (M) New
R2431.2	Medical Examination Prior to Participation on a School-Sponsored Interscholastic or Intramural Team or Squad (M) Revised
P5350	Student Suicide & Prevention (M) Revised
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P5533	Student Smoking (M) Revised
P5561	Use of Physical Restraints and Seclusion Techniques for Students with Disabilities (M) Revised
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P8462	Report Potentially Missing or Abused Children (M) Revised
P5512	Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (M) Revised
R5512	Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (M) Abolished
P8550	Unpaid Meal Charges (M) New

Furthermore, the following policies and regulations were approved by the Board as "First Readings". After review and approval by the Board at its next meeting in September, they will become formal Board policy:

P4125	Employment of Support Staff Members Revised
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Please review the following:

Board of Education Goals for 2018-2019 School Year

The next meeting of the Ewing Township Board of Education is on Monday, September 24th, 2018 in the Fisher Middle School media center.

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