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Ewing BOE Briefs-January 8th Organization Meeting:

Board Welcomes New/Returning Members; Elects Karen McKeon President, Anthony Messina Vice President

The Ewing Township Board of Education met on January 8th in the Fisher Middle School Media Center to conduct the annual BOE organization meeting.

School Board Secretary Dennis Nettleton initially chaired the meeting, and opened by reading into the record the official results of the November BOE election, and then conducting the oath of office for returning Board members Mr. Carl Benedetti and Mrs. Karen McKeon, as well as new member Dr. Channing Conway.

On November 7th, Dr. Channing Conway was elected to his first three year term as a member of the Ewing Township School Board. Dr. Conway, 46, has lived in Ewing since 2004 with his wife, Michelle, in the Mountain View section of West Trenton. They currently have three children in the Ewing school system—twin girls in kindergarten and a daughter in third grade at Lore.

Dr. Conway earned a Bachelor's Degree in English from Morgan State University, a Master's Degree in Educational Administration from The College of New Jersey, and a Doctorate in Educational Administration and Policy Studies from Temple University.

Dr. Conway is a longtime educator who began his career as a teacher and has worked his way up the administrative ranks. He currently serves as the principal of Mott Elementary School in the Trenton School District and an adjunct professor at The College of New Jersey. In addition, he is also a member of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc.

Dr. Conway's favorite educational quote, and one that embodies his philosophy both as a professional educator and public official, is by Martin Luther King, Jr.; "The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education"

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Pictured above are Dr. Conway with School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Mr. Dennis Nettleton and Dr. Conway with his family.

Mr. Carl Benedetti, will begin serving his third term on the Ewing Township Board of Education. Benedetti was first elected in April 2011, was re-elected in November 2014 and again re-elected on November 7, 2017. Mr. Benedetti served as Board President in 2014 and Board Vice President in 2013. He has also served on various committees throughout his tenure on the Board of Education, including the Facilities and Negotiations committees. Benedetti is a lifelong Ewing resident and a very proud 2009 graduate of Ewing High School. He earned his Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts from Mercer County Community College in 2011 and his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from The College of New Jersey in 2013.

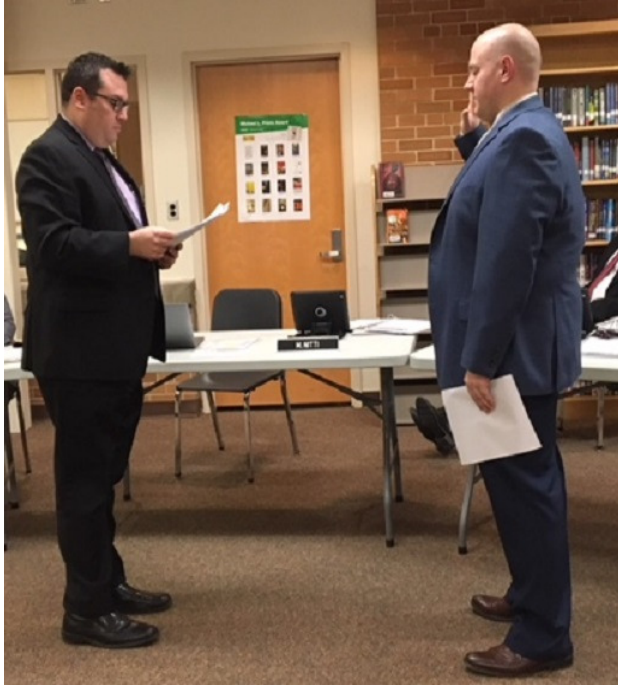
Mr. Benedetti currently is the liaison to the Ewing Township Council, and is a proponent of increased technology use in the classroom, maintaining an array of extracurricular activities, as well as responsible budgeting and respecting the taxpayers of Ewing.

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Pictured above is Mr. Benedetto and School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Mr. Dennis Nettleton, along with Mr. Benedetto and family.

Mrs. Karen McKeon, was first elected to the Ewing School Board in April 2008. She previously served as Board President from April 2011 through December 2012 and Vice President in 2016 and 2017. She and her husband Brian have been residents of Ewing Township for over 20 years. They are the proud parents of two children, a daughter who graduated Ewing High School in 2016 and a son who is currently a senior at Ewing High School.

As a member of the Ewing Board of Education, Mrs. McKeon has emphasized the importance of class size and strongly believes there is a direct correlation to student success. During her terms she has supported the concept of educating the whole child by ensuring they are exposed to a strong fine arts/music program as well as extracurricular clubs and sports to compliment the classroom education.

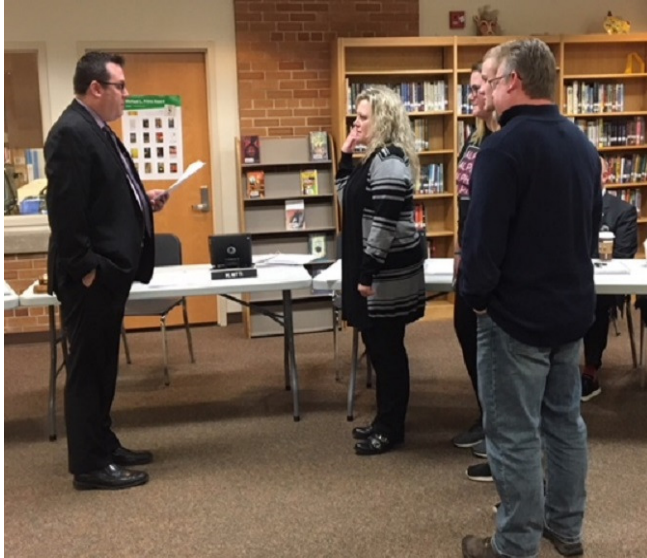
During her terms, Mrs. McKeon has served on various School Board committees. In addition, she has served as the School Board Liaison to the Ewing Public Education Foundation (www.epef.org), an independent, non-profit citizen's organization dedicated to providing innovative educational experiences for students and the community of Ewing Township. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management from Trenton State College. She is currently employed as an analyst at Curcio Webb LLC.

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Pictured above are Mrs. McKeon and School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Mr. Dennis Nettleton and the McKeon family.

The Board then conducted its election for President, which resulted in the nomination and unanimous selection of Mrs. McKeon, who has been Vice President for the past two years. The Board then unanimously elected Anthony Messina as Vice President, who also served in that position in 2014.

A lifelong Ewing resident who is a retired Ewing Township police officer, Mr. Messina, was first elected to the Ewing Township Board of Education in November of 2012. His current term on the Board runs from January 2016 until December 31, 2018. He has previously served as both President and Vice President of the Board of Education.

“I am excited to return to the Board of Education and to serve as its president,” Mrs. McKeon stated. “I thank the school community and my fellow Board members for their support. It promises to be a very exciting year for the Ewing Schools, with our planning for a referendum progressing, and Mr. Messina and I are looking forward to our leadership roles and working with our stakeholders to meet the challenges ahead.”

President McKeon then took over as chair of the meeting and guided the Board through the approval of organizational items:

The Board approved its meeting calendar for 2018, which is attached and will also be posted to the website under the Board of Education/Ewing Board Docs/Library/General tab.2.

The Board approved its parliamentary procedures, its code of ethics, renewed all existing policies and regulations, and approved the Times of Trenton and Star Ledger as our official newspapers.

The Board approved Superintendent Michael Nitti as the new state-mandated position of School Safety Coordinator.

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