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The Ewing Public Schools BOE Board Briefs: November 26th, 2018

The Ewing Township Board of Education held its monthly meeting in the Lore Elementary School media center on Monday, November 26th, 2018.

This was the first of the Board's traveling meetings for the 2018-19 school year, as the Board visited Lore School. These meetings give the Board the opportunity to tour the schools, meet with staff, and receive an update from the school leadership.

Ewing High School student ambassadors to the Board of Education, Nadlie Alexis and Steven Rodriguez, updated the Board and public on events and developments at EHS during the month of November, including the conclusion of the fall athletic season and an invitation to the EHS Open House/8th Grade Orientation now being held on Wednesday, November 28th, 2018.

During the "**Superintendent's Report**," Chief School Administrator Michael Nitti introduced new Lore School principal Kelly Kawalek. Mrs. Kawalek provided an update on the first several months of school at Lore School that included a summary of curriculum initiatives and various student programs and school community events.

In the "**Superintendent Recommendations**" section of the Agenda, the following took place:

Finance and Operations

The Board approved the mandated annual Facilities Checklist-Health and Safety Evaluation of School Buildings as well as the School Board Election Results.

The running BOE incumbents Lisa McConnell and Anthony Messina were the top vote-getters, with 6,058 and 5,499 votes respectively. Current Board member Maria Benedetti chose not to run for re-election and her fifth term with the Board will conclude at the end of the calendar year. Ms. Benedetti served as Board of Education President in 2010-2011 and Vice President in 2009-2010. Newcomer Deborah Delutis earned the highest write-in vote tally of 215 and will officially join the Board of Education for a three-year term at the BOE Reorganization meeting on Monday, January 7th.

The Board approved New Road Construction Management as the Project Manager for the upcoming facilities renovations and projects.

Curriculum and Instruction

The Board approved the mandated 2017-2018 Statement of Assurance for High School Voter Registration.

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In order to assist school districts in complying with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:32-14.2, the New Jersey Department of Education issued a High School Voter Registration Statement of Assurance (SOA) for school year 2017-18, to be submitted to the Executive County Superintendent no later than November 30, 2018.

The SOA affirms that the school district, has provided educational services for the high school by means of public funds, has complied with all the requirements of the High School Voter Registrations Law, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:36-27. The High School Voter Registrations Law requires administrators to distribute voter registration materials, a summary of voter registration eligibility requirements, materials describing the role of a citizen and materials articulating the importance of voting to all eligible high school students prior to graduation.

Student Services & Technology

The Board approved the new mandated School Safety and Security Plan Annual Review Statement of Assurance.

New Jersey Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 6A:16-5.1) requires school districts to have a School Safety and Security Plan and an annual review and update of the plans, procedures and mechanisms. The district recently held a meeting of its' Crisis Team to review the School Safety and Security Plan. Superintendent Michael Nitti and District Supervisor David Hauserman recently completed training to become certified School Safety Specialists.

Personnel

The personnel section of the agenda contained a couple items of note:



Shalieka Jarrett is moving from her position as a Guidance Counselor at Ewing High School to become a Dean of Students at EHS. Ms. Jarrett possesses a BA in Psychology/Learning and Behavior Disorders from Hampton University, an M.Ed. in Counseling and Personnel Services from the University of Maryland and an Ed. S. in Educational Leadership, Management and Policy from Seton Hall University. She has served as a Guidance Counselor at EHS since 2004, where she has been a leader in the development of many district programs and initiatives. Ms. Jarrett has New Jersey Educational certificates as a Teacher of the Handicapped, School Counselor, Director of School Counseling Services, Supervisor, and Principal. Ms. Jarrett replaces Mr. Drew Besler, who is moving into an administrative position in another district.

"We welcome Ms. Jarrett to our management team, and we look forward to her working with our students and helping build a positive school culture at Ewing High School," EHS Principal Ed Chmiel stated.

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Mr. Anthony Brunell was approved as the new Director of Facilities for the Ewing Schools.



Mr. Brunell is a Certified Educational Facilities Manager with many years of experience in private and public facility leadership. He served many years as a HVAC technician eventually becoming the lead HVAC technician for the Montgomery Board of Education in Montgomery, New Jersey. In 2015, Mr. Brunell joined the Ewing Schools as an HVAC Supervisor ultimately becoming the Assistant Director of School Facilities in charge of Maintenance. Mr. Brunell succeeds Mr. Milt Shaw, who recently announced his retirement after 35 years with the district. Mr. Brunell will assume his leadership role immediately.

“This is an exciting time for the Ewing Schools, with our recently passed facility referendum,” School Business Administrator Dennis Nettleton commented. “We anticipate Mr. Brunell serving in an integral role with regard to the effective carrying out of these projects, and making sure our schools are safe, clean and healthy places for the district’s children to learn.”

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

Policy P1613 Disclosure and Review of Applicant’s Employment History
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This policy brings the Board and school district into compliance with the recently passed legislation commonly referred to as the “Pass the Trash” law.

The next meeting of the Ewing Township Board of Education is on Monday, December 17th, 2018 in the Fisher Middle School media center.

Attachments:

EHS Cheerleaders Win Title!

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