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Ewing BOE Announces New Fisher Middle School Principal

At its May 22nd meeting, the Ewing Township Board of Education approved Dr. Maggy Hanna as the new principal of Fisher Middle School.

Dr. Hanna replaces Barbara Brower, who will retire next month after eleven years as principal of the school and many years as an educator at Fisher.

Dr. Hanna's selection marks the conclusion of a process that began earlier this year when Ms. Brower announced her retirement. The principal position opening was advertised widely and 116 applications were received. The pool of candidates was first reduced to 25 viable candidates, then twelve qualifiers who were selected for a committee interview. A principal search committee consisting of community stakeholders with expertise and relevance interviewed the candidates, with three finalists being recommended for final interviews with the superintendent's district administrative cabinet.

Dr. Hanna, who earned a Bachelor's of Arts in English from Rutgers University, a Masters of Arts in Educational Administration from Rider University and a Doctorate of Education from Rowan University, has served as an Assistant Principal at Ewing High School since 2012. Dr. Hanna began her teaching career at Ewing High School in 2004, where she served as an English teacher until 2008, when she departed to begin her administrative career at Northern Burlington High School.

Possessing a strong background in instructional leadership, professional development and school management, Dr. Hanna was responsible for many new programs and initiatives at both Ewing High School and Northern Burlington High School. She has served as a school assessment coordinator, chair of the School Improvement Panel, and has been highly involved in the district's professional development program. At Ewing High School, Dr. Hanna was in charge of the school's Advanced Placement program, where she was involved in many of the initiatives that resulted in expanded opportunity and improved performance, resulting in Ewing High twice being honored by the College Board for Advanced Placement achievement.

"The search stakeholders were very impressed with Dr. Hanna's candidacy," stated Ewing Superintendent Michael Nitti. "Principal Brower has established a student-centered culture at Fisher. Dr. Hanna was perceived as an ideal candidate to embrace that culture, and continue to promote student achievement."

"I offer my congratulations to Dr. Hanna," added Board President Stephanie Staub. "The Board is excited to see her contributions to the Fisher School community."

Dr. Hanna's will begin a transition program with Ms. Brower immediately. She will officially assume her duties on July 1st. The Ewing School Community will have the opportunity to welcome Dr. Hanna at a "Meet the Principal" event in the Fisher School media center on Wednesday, July 19th from 5:30PM to 7:00PM. Light refreshments will be provided.

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