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The Ewing Public Schools Board of Education Board Briefs: July 29th, 2019

The Ewing Township Board of Education held its monthly meeting in the Fisher Middle School media center on Monday, July 29th, 2019.

During the **Superintendent's Report**, Chief School Administrator Michael Nitti updated the Board about the district's summer programs, including the Extended School Year program and the "Ready Freddy" program. He thanked the Fisher Middle School staff for being outstanding hosts of these summer programs, and district staff, as the other schools undergo construction projects.

Mr. Nitti commented that the staffing process for the upcoming year was progressing nicely, and that many enthusiastic and skilled professionals had been added to the district. He shared that the administrative team was looking forward to the district's New Teacher Academy, which begins on August 19th.

During the **Superintendent Recommendations** Section of the Board Agenda:

In the area of Curriculum and Instruction:

The Board accepted the District and School HIB Grades for the 2017-18 school year.

The Board accepted the District Student Safety Data System information for 2017-18 school year and reporting period 1 for the 2018-19 school year.

The Board approved Ewing High School enrolling as a member of the Burlington County Scholastic League to participate in Varsity Boys and Girls Bowling.

The Board approved the 2019-20 College of New Jersey (TCNJ) Boys Mentoring program at the Fisher Middle School and TCNJ clinical placements at Antheil.

In the area of **Student Services and Technology** the Board accepted the Department of Education's approval of the school district's Comprehensive Equity Plan for 2019-2022.

In the area of **Personnel** the district released its' school leadership/management chart for the 2019-20 school year.

The Ewing Public Schools welcomes **Mr. Brock Mislan** as the new **K-12 Social Studies/Humanities Supervisor**.

Mr. Mislan replaces Jim Woidill, who is retiring after a long and distinguished career with the Ewing Schools.

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Mr. Mislan earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Politics, History and International Affairs, cum laude, from Fairleigh Dickinson, and then obtained a Master's in Secondary Social Studies from Duquesne University and his New Jersey Supervisors Certificate from Rutgers University.

Mr. Mislan began his career as a teacher of social studies at Montgomery High School, where he was the 2004 Teacher of the Year. For the past eleven years, he has been a Teacher of Advanced Placement Government and Politics and US History at Burlington Township High School, where he also served as the Social Studies Department Coordinator. During this time Mr. Mislan designed and implemented school-wide programs and simulations on voting, civic engagement and multicultural understanding and implemented new and progressive approaches to teacher evaluation. Mr. Mislan is a leader in professional development for staff, and has conducted many training sessions and seminars on backwards design planning, critical questioning, primary source analysis and effective use of assessment data.

A proponent of civic engagement and involvement through the social studies, Mr. Mislan has partnered with the Eagleton Institute of Politics to facilitate new research in civic education for students and promote assessment of civic skills and knowledge.

"We are excited to have Mr. Mislan join our district," stated Assistant Superintendent Dr. Ishibashi. "He is an accomplished educator with tremendous experience in effective social studies instruction and a passion for the arts and humanities. We believe he will be a positive addition to the district's Educational Leadership Team and our school community."

New Dean of Students for Ewing High School

The Board of Education approved current Ewing High School teacher David Sheffel to move into the position of Dean of Students for the school.

Mr. Sheffel obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Health and Physical Education from Kean University. He earned a Master's Degree in Educational Administration from Gwynedd Mercy University. Mr. Sheffel has been a teacher of physical education at EHS since 2008, and has also served as Varsity Boys Soccer Coach and Life Fitness advisor. He was Ewing High School's Teacher of the Year in 2012.

Mr. Sheffel replaces Shalieka Jarrett as Dean of Students. Ms. Jarrett is now an Assistant Principal for Ewing High School.

"We were impressed with Mr. Sheffel's candidacy throughout our interview process," EHS Principal Ed Chmiel stated. "We look forward to him joining our management team and helping build a positive and supportive school culture at Ewing High School."

Ewing School District Welcomes New Teaching Staff

Patrick Jones is joining the Fisher Middle School staff as a Special Education Resource Teacher. Mr. Jones has received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Rider University with a double major in Political Science and Elementary Education and a minor in Special Education.

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Cayleigh Santana is joining Antheil Elementary School as an Elementary 5th Grade Teacher after serving as a substitute in the district during the 2018-19 school year. Ms. Santana graduated from William Patterson University with a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education and Liberal Studies.

Amanda Lippincott is joining Antheil Elementary School as an Elementary 4th Grade Teacher after serving as a substitute and Replacement Teacher for the Ewing Public Schools. Ms. Lippincott graduated from DeSales University with a Bachelor's degree in History and Secondary Education and a Master's degree from Rider University in Teaching and Elementary Education.

Sara Leeper is joining Lore Elementary School as an Elementary 4th Grade Teacher. Ms. Leeper graduated from James Madison University with a Bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Liberal Studies and a minor in Elementary Education and non-teaching Special Education and a Master's degree in Teaching.

Bridget Csolak is joining Antheil Elementary School as a Speech Language Specialist. Ms. Csolak graduated from LaSalle University with a Bachelor's degree in Elementary and Special Education and graduated from Kean University with a Master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology. Ms. Csolak brings experience as a Speech-Language Specialist and was a former employee of the district.

Kristen Kinsella is joining the district as a School Counselor at Antheil Elementary School. Ms. Kinsella graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Rutgers University and a Master's degree from Monmouth University in an Education, School Counseling program. Ms. Kinsella brings experience as a former school counselor at the elementary level.

Erin Petura is joining the district at Antheil Elementary School as an Elementary 2nd Grade Teacher. Ms. Petura graduated from Kings College with a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and a minor in Early Childhood Education. Ms. Petura brings experience as an Elementary Teacher formerly working with preschool, 2nd and 4th grades.

Jesse Riegel is joining Antheil Elementary School as a Replacement Teacher in 4th and 5th grade after serving as a Substitute Teacher in the district. Mr. Riegel graduated from The College of New Jersey with a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and History.

Christine Magana is joining Antheil Elementary School as a School Social Worker. Ms. Magana graduated from Rutgers University with her Bachelor's degree and Master's degree in Social Work.

Sharee Salles is joining Antheil Elementary School as a Special Education Autism Teacher. Ms. Salles graduated from Thomas Edison State University with a Bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts and graduated from Rider University with a Master's degree in Special Education and an Early Childhood Education certification.

Caitlin Sprang is joining Ewing High School as a School Psychologist. Ms. Sprang graduated from Rider University with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and an Education Specialist Degree in School Psychology.

Alexis LaValle is joining Fisher Middle School as a Replacement Math Teacher for the 2019-20 school year. Ms. LaValle graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson University with a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics and Master's degree in Elementary Education.

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Alicia Pichalski is joining the Ewing High School's new Endeavor Academy as a School Social Worker. Ms. Pichalski graduated from Rutgers University with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and Master's degree in Social Work. Ms. Pichalski also received a Master's degree in Forensic Psychology from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Christopher Schrenk is joining Ewing High School as a Biology Teacher. Mr. Schrenk received a Bachelor's degree in Biology from Trenton State College, a Master's degree in Teaching from The College of New Jersey and a Master's degree in Geosciences from Mississippi State University. Mr. Schrenk brings experiences as a former high school Science Teacher.

BOE/ETESSA Agree to Contract

The Board of Education and the Ewing Township Educational Support Staff Association, which represents over 300 district employees in important roles such as paraprofessionals, administrative assistants, food service, and custodian/maintenance, reached an agreement on a successor contract from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022.

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

Policy P5756 Transgender Students (M)

In Old Business, School Business Administrator Dennis Nettleton gave an update on Referendum '18 projects.

July 2019 Referendum Roundup: Phase 1 Update

BP-1 Roof Replacement at Parkway and Ryan (O'Brien Academy); Strober-Wright Roofing

- Parkway: Roofing replacement was completed on 7/26/2019. They will then be working on flashing detail work and roof accessories. Coping is scheduled to be delivered in 2 weeks +/- . Administrative staff will begin moving back into the building the week of 7/29/2019. Project is on schedule to be substantially complete by 8/23/2019.
- Ryan (O'Brien Academy): Material was delivered on 7/23/2019. Work began on 7/29/2019 and should be substantially complete by 8/23/2019.

BP-1A Roof Replacement at Lore; VMG Group

- Roofing should be complete by 8/2/2019, followed by the installation of flashing detail work, roof accessories, and coping. Administrative staff can begin moving back in on 7/29/2019. Project is on schedule to be substantially complete by 8/23/2019.

BP-2 District Wide Communications Projects; Millennium Communications and ePlus

- All of Millennium's camera work is 100% not including work covered by Change Order. They will schedule the remaining camera work when their Purchase Order is revised to include the Change Order work.
- Millennium's Burglar Alarm license was renewed and they submitted their permit applications on 7/10/2019 as required by the Construction Office. Their permit applications are under review.

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- ePlus has wired EHS, Parkway, Lore, and FMS 100% and have started at Antheil this week. Devise installation is mostly complete at EHS, Lore, and Parkway. They are on schedule to be substantially complete by 8/23/2019 at all buildings.

BP-3 Interior Renovations at Antheil and Lore; Aliano Brothers

- Antheil: Project is approximately 25% complete. All classroom demolition is done. Flooring and paint will be complete by 8/2/2019. Toilet room demolition is ongoing. Glazing replacement and vestibule installation is scheduled for the end of July. Lights and hardware have been released and we await delivery dates from Aliano along with an updated project schedule based on these delivery dates.
- Lore: Selective demolition is approximately 90% complete. Rooms are ready for paint and floors when subcontractors are complete at Antheil.

BP-4, District Tennis Courts at Antheil and High School Parking Lot; Flanagan's Contracting

- DTC @ Antheil: Drainage is complete including ELSA required sanitary alterations, fence post installed, sports lighting footings are complete. Tennis court paving began on 7/25/2019 and should be complete on 7/29/2019. Cure time will require the surface color coating to be applied no earlier than 8/26/2019. Sports lighting will be installed towards the end of September.
- EHS: Project is approximately 50% complete. Flanagan's is requiring a Change Order to be issued for them to start repairs of storm drainage found to be damaged. FVHD will issue shortly. Full depth paving replacement is scheduled to be complete by 8/23/2019. Seal coating of existing to remain asphalt will follow.

EHS Track, Field, Drainage; Field Turf

- New drainage was completed on 7/26/2019. Decommissioning of existing drainage to follow. Turf delivery/installation scheduled to start 8/15/2019 and finish prior to first scheduled home game. Track resurfacing will be scheduled at a time determined to be beneficial for our athletic offerings.

The next meeting of the Ewing Township Board of Education is on Monday, August 26th, 2019 in the Fisher Middle School media center.

Please review the following:

2019-20 District Building Management Structure/Staffing Chart