



# THE EWING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## For Immediate Release

### The Ewing Public Schools Board of Education BOE Briefs: February 24th, 2020

The Ewing Township Board of Education held its monthly meeting in the Antheil Elementary School auditorium on Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

This was the third of the Board's traveling meetings for the 2019-20 school year, as the Board visited Lore School in November, Parkway School in January and now Antheil School in February. 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, Anujin Ariunbold and Nathalia Davila, updated the Board and public on events and developments at EHS during the month of February. The ambassadors touched on the success of the winter sports programs, and the high school endeavors to celebrate Black History Month.

During the **"Superintendent's Report,"** Superintendent Nitti mentioned some recent examples of student achievement throughout the Ewing Schools, including state sectional championships for EHS Girls Bowling and Boys Winter Track. He also lauded the EHS Unified Bowling Program for winning a state championship and talked about the success of the recent Family Math Night "Escape Room" theme at Antheil School. Mr. Nitti then introduced Antheil Interim Principal Chuck Welsh, for a presentation on the Antheil School. Principal Welsh was then joined by Antheil Technology teacher Joanna Papadopoulous who shared that Antheil Elementary School's technology and engineering education program was selected as an International Technology and Engineering Educators Association (ITEEA) 2020 Program Excellence Award winner. Ms. Papadopoulous presented on highlights of the Antheil technology and engineering program and shared student projects.

Superintendent Nitti was then joined by School Business Administrator Dennis Nettleton, as they provided an update on the preliminary budget process, as the district awaits its revenue numbers after the governor's budget address in mid-March. The preliminary budget will be finalized and presented to the Board for approval at the March 16<sup>th</sup> Board of Education meeting. Their PowerPoint will be made available on the district website.

The Board then moved into the **"Superintendent Recommendations"** section of the Agenda. Some items of note:

### Finance and Operations

The Board approved a number of items related to Referendum '18 Phase 2 projects.

### Curriculum & Instruction

The Board accepted the District Student Safety System (SSDS) for 2019-20 Reporting Period 1 (September 2019-December 2019).

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The Board approved The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) Senior Nurses to observe at District schools and also approved TCNJ Homework Tutors at Fisher Middle School.

### **Student Services & Technology**

The Board approved the summer vocational experience for SLC Students (EHS) for summer of 2020.

**The following policy was approved by the Board as a “Second Reading” and is now formal Board policy:**

P4219.DP Commercial Driver’s License Controlled Substance Abuse and Alcohol Use Testing (Mandated)

The next meeting of the Board of Education will take place on Monday, March 16th, 2020 at the Fisher Middle School auditorium.