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The Ewing Public Schools BOE Board Briefs: January 29th, 2018

The Ewing Township Board of Education held its monthly meeting in the Parkway Elementary School media center on Monday, January 29th, 2018.

This was the second of the Board's traveling meetings for the 2017-18 school year, as the Board visited Lore School in November and Parkway School in January. 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, Keri Capstack and Serina Montero, updated the Board and public on events and developments at EHS during the month of January.

During the "**Superintendent's Report,**" Chief School Administrator Michael Nitti reviewed student achievements and accomplishments in the arts, academics and athletics over the past month, and recognized that the district's business office recently received a series of awards for effectiveness. Superintendent Nitti then introduced Parkway Principal Nicole Harris, who provided an update on events and happenings at the Parkway School.

The Board then moved into the "Superintendent Recommendation" section of the Agenda:

Ewing BOE Approves 2018-19 Ewing Public Schools District Calendar

As its January 29th meeting, the Board of Education approved the school district calendar for the 2018-19 school year.

As part of the development process, the calendar is reviewed by the Educational Leadership Team, union leadership, the Superintendent's Advisory Committee and various PTA/PTO and parent representatives. Based upon input from the various stakeholders the administration goes through several drafts prior to final approval by the Board.

Some items of note regarding the 2018-19 School Calendar:

Students return to school on Wednesday, September 5, 2018 with building meetings and new student orientation being held on Tuesday, September 4, 2018. The district is closed on Monday, September 3, 2018 for the Labor Day holiday.

Winter break begins with an early dismissal on Friday, December 21, 2018.

Spring break is scheduled for Monday, April 15, 2019 through Friday, April 19, 2019.

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The last full day of school will be Thursday, June 13, 2019 with three single-session June 14, 2019, June 17, 2019 and June 18, 2019. The final day of school and Ewing High School graduation will be on Tuesday, June 18, 2019.

There are (4) Staff Development days: Monday, September 10, 2018; Monday, October 8, 2018; Wednesday, June 19, 2019; and Thursday, June 20, 2019.

There are (2) emergency days for the closing of school. Please note the information on the calendar pertaining to the possibility of additional closings of school.

The school calendar for 2018-19 is attached.

Ewing Schools Welcome New School Security Coordinator

At its January 29th meeting, the Ewing Township Board of Education approved Mr. Moses Knott as the newest School Security Coordinator for the Ewing Schools.

The position of School Security Coordinator was first implemented by the Board in 2013. Mr. Knott will be the fourth School Security Coordinator for the Ewing Schools. These staff members work with the administrative team to help make our schools safe and positive learning environments for the students, and serve as adaptive experts on school security protocol and crisis management. Mr. Knott will be based at Ewing High School.

Mr. Knott served with the New Jersey State Police for twenty-seven years, rising to the rank of captain. During his time with the State Police, Mr. Knott spent time as a DARE Mentor Trainer, delivered various safety based presentations to groups around the state, and facilitated training on anti-discrimination and harassment policies. He has also worked with the Mercer Council on Alcoholism and Drug Addiction and other community-based groups. Mr. Knott has a Bachelors Degree from Seton Hall University and is working his way towards earning his Masters of Administrative Science from Farleigh Dickinson University.

“We were very impressed with Mr. Knott’s candidacy and experience,” Ewing High Principal Ed Chmiel stated. “We think he will be an excellent addition to our team, and work very well with our Ewing High School community.”

Mr. Knott begins his duties as EHS SSC on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 and can be reached at (609) 538-9800 X2167 or mknott@ewingboe.org.



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