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The Ewing Public Schools BOE Briefs: May 20th, 2019 Meeting

The Ewing Township Board of Education held its monthly meeting in the Ewing High School auditorium on Monday, May 20th, 2019. This was the last of the school year's traveling Board meetings, which have given the Board the opportunity to visit each of the district's schools and meet staff and students.

Superintendent Michael Nitti thanked this year's Ewing High ambassadors to the Board of Education, Steven Rodriguez and Nadlie Alexis, and commended them for doing an excellent job keeping the Board and public updated on events and happenings. Steven is headed to Bowling Green University and Nadlie will attend Montclair State University. Mr. Nitti then introduced the Ewing High School student ambassadors for the 2019-20 school year, **Nathalia Davila** and **Anujin Ariunbold**. Nathalia is a current eleventh grade EHS student is the current Student Council President and the founder of the Panther Pals Mentoring Program at Parkway Elementary School. She was also inducted into the National Honor Society last Thursday and will be the 2019-20 National Honor Society President, she is also a Peer Leader and on the Newspaper committee. Anujin is also a current eleventh grade student and is currently the Student Council Secretary. Anujin's other activities include Panther Pals, Peer Leadership, the EHS Varsity Swim Team and the Princeton University Preparatory Program (PUPP).

For his Superintendent's Report, Chief School Administrator Michael Nitti thanked the EHS staff for all their work on behalf of the school's students, and then introduced Principal Edward Chmiel, who highlighted student achievements and accomplishments over the past school year. Each student was presented a certificate from the Ewing High School administration. An overview is provided at the conclusion of this document.

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

Curriculum and Instruction

The Board accepted the school district's interim QSAC placement in the area of Curriculum and Instruction as "High Performing."

Student Services & Technology

The Board approved the Comprehensive Equity Plan for School Years 2019-20 through 2021-20.

Personnel

Ewing Schools Welcome New Staff for 19-20 School Year

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Cynthia Clark is joining Ewing High School as a Math Teacher after serving as a Replacement Teacher for the end of the 2018-19 school year. Ms. Clark has received her Bachelor's degree in Mathematics with Secondary Education from Shippensburg University and her Master's degree in Education Administration from Gwynedd Mercy University.

Caitlyn Sweeney is joining Ewing High School as a Special Education Life Skills Teacher. Ms. Sweeney graduated from The College of New Jersey with her Bachelor's degree in Visual Arts and Special Education and her Master of Arts in Special Education.

Flavia Robey is joining Antheil Elementary School as a School Nurse. Ms. Robey has received her Bachelor's degree in Nursing from Rutgers University and is completing her School Nurse certification from New Jersey City University.

Lisa Carlini is joining the district as a Physical Therapist. Ms. Carlini has received her Bachelor's and Master's degree in Physical Therapy from The College of Staten Island. Ms. Carlini brings experience from various medical centers and school districts, including Ewing.

Lauren Davis is joining Ewing High School as a Health and Physical Education Teacher. Ms. Davis graduated with her Bachelor's degree in Health and Exercise Science from Rowan University and has obtained her Master's degree in Sport and Athletic Administration from Gonzaga University.

Margaret McGinn is joining Antheil Elementary School as an Elementary Special Education Resource Teacher. Ms. McGinn has graduated from York College of Pennsylvania with her Bachelor's degree in Early Elementary and Special Education.

Ewing High School Brings on New Guidance Counselors for 2019-20

Now under the leadership of Dr. Karen Allen, the Ewing High School Guidance Department will be bringing on two new educators to their counseling staff when school opens in September.

Stephanie Lippincott is transferring from Antheil Elementary School to Ewing High School to serve as a School Counselor. Ms. Lippincott has been with the district since September 2017. Ms. Lippincott has obtained her Bachelor's degree in Psychology and Master's degree in School Counseling Services from Rider University.

Jennifer Denard is joining Ewing High School as a School Counselor. Ms. Denard has received her Bachelor's degree in Human Resources Management from Bloomfield College and her Master's degree in School Counseling from Saint Peter's College. After serving as a teacher in the Newark Public Schools, Ms. Denard has been a guidance counselor in the Teaneck Public School system since 2013.

"We are excited to welcome Stephanie and Jennifer to the Ewing High School Community," Dr. Allen stated. "We think that their skillset and educational philosophies are a great match with us."

New Coaches Join EHS Athletic Department

In Ewing High School Athletic Department news, several new coaches were approved by the Board of Education.

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David Angebrannt takes over as EHS Varsity Boys Soccer Coach. A former Blue Devil soccer player and University of Delaware baseball player, the current Health and Physical Education teacher at EHS has been the head coach for bowling and baseball. Angebrannt also brings a background in youth soccer coaching to his new position.

Dan Montferrat will be the new head coach of the Ewing High School Girls Varsity Basketball program. Montferrat served as an assistant in Shelly Dearden's EHS Boys Basketball program from 2013-2018. He previously was an assistant in the Point Pleasant High School girls basketball program prior to joining Ewing High School as a special education teacher and has also coached at the girls AAU level. Montferrat is also the Boys Track Head Coach and has been an assistant in the Blue Devils football program.

Lauren Davis will take over the EHS Field Hockey program. Davis, a former Ewing High student-athlete, has been the Varsity Field Hockey Head Coach at Mount Saint Mary Academy since 2013. She was named NJSIAA Field Hockey Coach of the Year in 2014. She also served as a Softball Coach and Track and Field Coach at Mount Saint Mary Academy.

The following regulation was approved by the Board as "Second Reading" and is now formal Board policy:

Policy P4219 Commercial Driver's License Controlled Substance and Alcohol Use Testing

Policy P7440 School District Security

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Policy P2415.06 Unsafe School Choice Option

Regulation R5530 Substance Abuse

Policy P5560 Student Discipline/Code of Conduct

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Policy P5611 Removal of Students for Firearms Offenses

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Policy P5612 Assaults on District Board of Education Members and Employees

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Policy R5613 Removal of Students For Assaults With Weapons Offenses

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Policy P8416 Reporting Violence, Vandalism, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Alcohol, And Other Drug Abuse

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The following policies and regulations were approved by the Board as "First Reading". After review and approval by the Board at its next meeting in June, they will become formal Board policy:

Policy P1642 Earned Sick Leave Law

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Policy P8561 Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs

Regulation R5600.2 Fisher Middle School Behavioral Guide

Regulation R5600.3 Ewing High School Behavioral Guide

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

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Ewing High School Student Recognition

The following students were honored for outstanding performance on the **SAT** as well as other notable accomplishments:

Jazmin Smith – Scored a 700 on the Math portion of the SAT. Jazmin will be attending New Jersey City University majoring in Psychology and Social Work. Jazmin was President of the Environmental Club, was involved in our Drama Program, ran both Winter and Spring Track, and was a member of Culinary Arts Club.

David Treder – Scored a 720 on the Math and a 760 on the Verbal. David will be attending Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, New Jersey majoring in Computer Science. David was a member of our Math League and Odyssey of the Mind.

Amelia Baffuto – Scored a 750 on the Math portion and a 700 on the English portions of the SAT. Amelia will be attending Lehigh University majoring in Accounting. Amelia was a member of our stellar Bowling Team, Math League, Key Club, Rotary and Yearbook.

Nyзия Noun-Johnson - Scored a 700 on the Math portion of the SAT. Nyзия graduated this past January. Nyзия will be attending The College of New Jersey majoring in Computer Science. He was very active in Robotics all through high school, and was in Choir.

The following students were recognized by Senator Shirley Turner and the Trentonian as among Mercer County's top students:

Community Service: Steven Rodriguez

Steven Rodriguez is an excellent student maintaining a 3.72 GPA and is currently ranked in the top 15 percent of a class of 259 seniors. Steven is a member of the National Honor Society and is a member of our highly selective Peer Leadership program. Steven has made two trips to Haiti where he packaged and delivered food for over 500 families, worked in the local clinic providing health care every day for those who needed medical attention and on two construction projects, helping rebuild a school and an addition to the health clinic. Steven participated in a bible school program and helped distribute shoes for children. Over the summer, Steven worked on re-roofing and painting a home in Trenton.

At Ewing High School, Steven has earned Varsity letters in both Boys' Soccer and Boys' Tennis. Steven has been very active in our High School's Drama program serving as a student director for the spring musical for the three years and scored major part his senior year. In Eleventh Grade, Steven was vice-president of our Student Council and this school year, Steven is Co-President. Steven is also our Student Representative for our Ewing Board of Education Meetings where he reports to the Board monthly. Steven will be attending Bowling Green University in Ohio to major in Creative Advertising.

Athletic Achievement: Jaycee Lowe

Jaycee Lowe has earned a GPA of 3.46 while playing two varsity sports; Field Hockey and Girls' Basketball. Jaycee was recognized as Offensive Player of the Year as a freshman, Attack Player of the Year as a sophomore, the EHS Field Hockey Most Valuable Player for her junior and senior seasons, and was named to the CJFHCA Second Team for the last two years, and was a Trentonian All-CVC selection.

On the basketball court her freshman year, Jaycee earned a starting spot on the varsity team that went deep into the Mercer County Tournament and to Sectional Finals. During her sophomore season, Jaycee led the team to the NJSIAA Central Jersey Group III Sectional Championship. Jaycee earned Second Team All-Area, Honorable mention All Group III and Second Team All-CVC. As a junior, Jaycee led the team to a second NJSIAA Central Jersey Group III Sectional Championship. Jaycee earned First Team All-Area, Second Team All-CVC, and First Team All Group III. During her senior year Jaycee was selected All-CVC first team, scored over 1,000 points and finished her career with 1425 points. Jaycee is an active member in her Mount Sinai SDA church singing in the choir, working with the Adventist Youth Ministry program, and attends Sabbath school where she assists with the younger parishioners. Jaycee hopes to study business management in college.

Academic Achievement: Devon Kueny

Devon Kueny is an outstanding scholar with a GPA of 4.48 and is currently ranked in the top one percent of a senior class of 259 students. Devon currently serves as President of our National Honor Society and is member of our highly selective Peer Leadership program acting as a mentor to freshmen. Devon was accepted to John Hopkins Center for talent youth and was nominated for the New Jersey Governor's School in the Sciences. Devon has earned varsity letters in three sports: Girls' Soccer, Softball and Wrestling. Devon is a musician who plays multiple instruments. She is a first stand violinist in the school's orchestra. She also plays the saxophone, ukulele, guitar and piano. Devon is involved in our Student Council, Key Club, and is the President of our Sports Medicine Club. Devon committed to Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania where she will be playing softball.

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Outstanding individual athletic accomplishments by EHS seniors:

Christopher Seifert- Chris was 1st Team All-Patriot Division-Offensive Linemen and an outstanding wrestler for the Blue Devils. Chris received the following honors as a wrestler: Blue Devil Classic Champion, Bart Payne Classic Runner Up, Mercer County Champion, District 17 Champion, and was Region 6 Runner Up. Chris made the State Round of 24 and was honored as 2nd Team All Area and 1st Team All-CVC.

Obiefuna Ezeigbo- Obie was 1st Team All-Patriot Division-Defensive Linemen and an outstanding wrestler. In his first year wrestling, Obie was runner up in both the Bart Payne Classic and the Mercer County Tournament. Obie was the District 17 220 lbs Champion, Region 6 Runner Up and made the State Round of 24. Obie was honored as 2nd Team All Area and 1st Team All-CVC. Obie will be attending Gannon University in the Fall with a major in Electrical Engineering.

Anthony Wynn, Jr. - Tony was 1st Team All-Patriot Division-Defensive Back and the "Mini" Maxwell Award winner which is presented to gridiron standouts who demonstrate exemplary athleticism, academics and leadership. Tony will be attending Central Connecticut State in the Fall and will major in Business Management with a minor Sports Management.

Caleb Stokes- Caleb was a 1st Team All-Patriot Division-Defensive Back for the Ewing High School Blue Devils. On the Basketball court, Caleb was an All-CVC selection. He finished his career with 1,000 points and was an All-Star game selection. Caleb will attend Delaware State and major in Elementary Education.

Javon Strong- Javon was a 1st Team All-Patriot Division-Linebacker for the Ewing Blue Devils. Javon will be attending Becker College in Massachusetts majoring in Athletic Training.

James Kim was a starter on the Blue Devils Football team at wide receiver and an outstanding wrestler. James won the Delaware Valley Chapter of the National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete Award. James was a Blue Devil Classic Runner Up, Mercer County Champion, District 17 3rd Place and fifth in the Region Six. James was also a member of the NJSIAA Student Advisory Council. James will be attending The College of New Jersey majoring in Pre-Med.

Girls Soccer – Individual Athlete Honors

Allyson McConnell- Ally was selected to play in the Mercer County Hall of Fame Senior Game. Ally received Mercer 33 recognition, was All CVC Honorable Mention and was selected to attend the NJSIAA Senior Leadership Summit.

Field Hockey – Individual Athlete Honors

Dylan Greco recorded a 100 SAVES for EHS Field Hockey Team.

TyAzia Melvin earned Trentonian All-CVC honors. TyAzia was 2nd team All-CVC and Honorable Mention for the CJFHCA Central Jersey Field Hockey Coaching Association

Winter Track – Individual Athlete Honors

The following Winter Track athletes were qualifiers at the Eastern States Indoor Championship:

Zyon Howell (triple jump)

Oretha Dahn (55m dash)

Nasir Bland (55m hurdles)

Michael Ilesanmi (long jump & triple jump). Michael also took 2nd place in long jump & triple jump at the Mercer County Championships. Mike was also selected to play in the Mercer County Soccer Hall of Fame Game.

The following Winter Track athletes were qualifiers at Meet of Champion: **Michael Ilesanmi** (long jump showcase) and **Dahvae' Edwards-Chew** 400m.

Senior **Andrew Ashton** placed 7th in the NJSIAA State Diving Championships held at Montgomery High School!

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Senior **Delvon Doggett** was selected 2nd Team All-CVCBA and was an All-Star game selection as well.

Now to recognize some of EHS Athletic Teams that won titles:

The Ewing High School cheerleaders took home first place honors in the 2018 Colonial Valley Conference cheerleading championship.

Team members:

Tyler Boncoeur
Tori Bradnock
Shianne Carmichael
Kyasiah Dixon
Destiny Dollson
Nevin Gammage
Anna Gaylord
Kyla Gibbs
Gabby Gregg
Nicola Laba
Alexa Laflin
Kordasia Little
Katelyn McConnell
Devyn McDaniel
Leah Mickolas
Yaire Ortega Vega
Cameron Rodriguez
Najjiah Rush-Hagins
Niya Simms
Natalie Staub
Isabel Van Wagner
Jillian Zaggi

Our Boys Basketball team coached by Mrs. Dearden won the Valley Division of the Colonial Valley Conference. Team members:

Caleb Stokes
Delvon Doggett
Gerald Boone
Craig Wrenn
Jaylen Britton
Brandon DeKleine
Jaheem Lewis
Daiyan Reese
Marcus Beaubrun
Douglas Evans, Jr.
Deandre Morgan
Matteo Rodriguez
Mekhi Gibson

Principal Chmiel also recognized retiring Coach Shelly Dearden for her induction to Mercer County Basketball Hall of Fame after an outstanding coaching career.

Our Girls' Basketball team coached by Mr. Reynolds won the Valley Division of the Colonial Valley Conference. Team members:

Jaycee Lowe
MyAsia Jackson
Ashanti Ross
Jentle Sheridan
Aaliyah Lewis
MaChaya Williams-Traylor
Jayda Britton
Tamia Warner

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The Ewing High School Bowling team coached by Mr. Angebrannt had a very successful season. The Boys' Bowling team won the Liberty Division. The Girl's Bowling team won the Burlington County Open.

Bowling – Team Championships

2018-2019 Burlington County Scholastic League All Star Bowlers:

James McSweeney
Michael Franks
Olivia Ross
Sierra Reid

Ewing High School Boys Bowling Team Members:

James McSweeney
Michael Franks
Aidan Reid
Kyle Delutis
Nicholas Canavera

Ewing High School Girls Bowling Members:

Amelia Baffuto
Jasani Burgess
Rukayat Ahmed
Louisa Scozzaro
Olivia Ross
Sierra Reid

Unified Basketball Team State Championship

Unified Basketball took First Place in the NJSIAA Unified Basketball Tournament. Team members:

Alexander Davis
Asantesane Evans
Oshan Foreman
Khyon Wilkins
Zachary Whyte
Najjaier Oliver
Marquis Moore
Yohance Adams

Off the fields and the courts I would like to recognize some of our other teams that competed in the academic arenas.

Ewing High School FBLA Treasurer, **Roshan Ahmed** was awarded the first place prize of a \$5,000.00 scholarship at the Munich Reinsurance America's, Inc., Third Annual Career Educational Workshop (Dare to Dream 2018).

At the New Jersey International Thespian Society Festival - All three students placed Superior.

Brianna Roberts
Isabel Van Wagner
Zachary Benedetti

The following students were members of the Central Jersey Regional Choir:

Yamir Chapman
Scott Silagy
Isabel Van Wagner
Chloe Peterson

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