



## THE EWING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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### For Immediate Release

#### The Ewing Public Schools BOE Board Briefs: October 28th, 2019

The Ewing Township Board of Education held its monthly meeting in the Fisher Middle School media center on Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Ewing High School student ambassador to the Board of Education, Nathalia Davila updated the Board and public on events and developments at EHS over the first month of school, including Homecoming, Spirit Week, the fall athletic season, and various charitable endeavors. Ewing High School's Open House/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation takes place on Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### Superintendent Nitti's Comments

*As you know, our school district theme for this year is "Caring about Our Community" and there were many notable events and activities from the past month that highlight this credo. This includes Community Fest, a wonderful event that many of our school community members took part in that truly demonstrates that Ewing has kids that care about their community, and a community that cares about its kids. EHS Field Hockey and Girls Soccer had their Play for the Cure game and Ewing Girls Soccer played Robbinsville in support of the Marks-Lake Foundation.*

*October is recognized as School Violence and Vandalism Awareness Month, and includes the Week of Respect and Red Ribbon Week. We had a lot of wonderful events taking place this past month in honor of these topics, and there is a press release in the back detailing them throughout the district that will be made available on our website and disseminated widely.*

*Two of our major Board goals this year are highlighting inclusivity and promoting equity. Today we have our Special Education Leadership Team of Mr. Louth, Ms. Petsos and Mr. Hauserman here to present. Under their leadership, we have had many notable achievements and accomplishments in this field, including becoming statewide leaders in Unified athletics and physical education, developing innovative programming that benefits our students such as the O'Brien Academy and our new EHS Endeavor Academy, and bringing excellent teachers to Ewing who provide outstanding classroom learning experiences for our students from the preschool through the high school level. Tonight they will be presenting on our Community Transitions program.*

Presentation can be found below this posting.

In the "**Superintendent Recommendations**" section of the Agenda, the following took place:

#### Finance and Operations

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The Board approved the School Board Election Polling Hours for next Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. The polls will be open 6:00AM to 8:00PM.

### **Curriculum & Instruction**

Approval of QSAC Committee/Statement of Assurance/District DPR's for 2019-20.

Acceptance of the District Student Safety System Data (SSDS) for 2018-2019 Reporting Period 2 (January 2019-June 2019)

Approval of Articulation Agreement between The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) and the Ewing Public Schools

Approval of The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) CFE Mentoring Program at Ewing High School.

### **Student Services and Technology**

*A series of agenda items related to the Community Transitions Program at Ewing High School were approved.*

Ready to Achieve Mentoring Program (RAMP) at Ewing High School

It's All About Work Program at Ewing High School

Life Skills Program at Ewing High School

### **Personnel**

#### **Antheil Principal Whitner to Retire on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020**

The Board of Education accepted the resignation due to retirement, effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, of Antheil Elementary School Principal Jennifer Whitner.

Whitner has served as the principal of Antheil since 2012. Under her leadership as principal, Antheil was recognized for its significant performance gains, enhanced its sustainability efforts, and initiated many new programs and educational endeavors.

"We are deeply appreciative of Principal Whitner's work and efforts on behalf of our students," Superintendent Michael Nitti stated. "We wish for her a wonderful and enjoyable retirement."

According to Superintendent Nitti, the district will post immediately for an interim principal to lead the school from January through the conclusion of the school year.

"Our goal will be to bring in a veteran, experienced principal who can connect to the school community to effectively lead the school for completion of the 2019-20 school year," Nitti stated.

In January, a posting for the tenure-track principalship of Antheil School will be developed and disseminated widely. A district email has been established, [aessearch@ewingboe.org](mailto:aessearch@ewingboe.org) for any school community member to

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share thoughts or ideas related to the principal vacancy and search. A committee of stakeholders with relevance and expertise will be a part of the screening process as the district seeks to bring an outstanding school leader to Antheil as the next principal of the school. The administration's goal is to have Antheil's new principal in place by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

"The administrative team will work very hard to bring an outstanding instructional leader and skilled administrator to Antheil School as the next principal," Nitti commented. "The students of the school certainly deserve that."

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

Policy P4159 Support Staff Member-School District Reporting Responsibilities

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

Policy P3159 Teacher Staff Member-School District Reporting Responsibilities (M)

Policy P3218 Substance Abuse (M)

Regulation R3218 Substance Abuse (M)

Policy P4218 Substance Abuse (M)

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Policy P7250 School and Facility Names

The next meeting of the Ewing Township Board of Education is on Monday, November 25th, 2019 in the Lore Elementary School media center.

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