



THE EWING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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The Ewing Public Schools BOE Board Briefs: November 25th, 2019

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

This was the first of the Board's traveling meetings for the 2019-20 school year. 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 ambassador to the Board of Education, Anujin Ariunbold, updated the Board and public on events and developments at EHS during the month of November.

During the "**Superintendent's Report**," Chief School Administrator Michael Nitti introduced Lore School principal Kelly Kawalek. Mrs. Kawalek provided an update on the first several months of school at Lore School that included a summary of curriculum initiatives and various student programs and school community events.

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

Finance and Operations

The Board approved the mandated annual **Facilities Checklist-Health and Safety Evaluation** of School Buildings as well as the **School Board Election Results**.

BOE incumbent Mrs. Stephanie F. Staub was the top vote-getter, with 3,178 votes. Current Board members Mr. Bruce J. White and Mr. Kenneth J. Bradley, Jr. chose not to run for re-election and their terms will conclude at the end of the calendar year. Newcomers Ms. Deborah Jones and Mr. Michael Miller earned 2,757 and 2,454 votes respectively and will officially join the Board of Education for three-year terms at the BOE Reorganization meeting on Monday, January 6th.

The Board also approved the mandated **School Safety and Security Plan Annual Review Statement of Assurance**. New Jersey Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 6A:16-5.1) requires school districts to have a School Safety and Security Plan and an annual review and update of the plans, procedures and mechanisms. The district recently held a meeting of its' Crisis Team to review the School Safety and Security Plan.

In a related note, FMS School Security Coordinator Brian Parker completed training this past summer and was Board approved as a certified **School Safety Specialist**, joining Superintendent Michael Nitti and District Supervisor David Hauserman.

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The Board approved the **2019-2020 Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials** and the **Memorandum of Agreement between the Ewing Board of Education and the Ewing Police Department** in accordance with Public Law 2017, Chapter 119.

Curriculum and Instruction

The Board approved the QSAC DPR with I&P Indicators along with NDDOE QSAC reformatted Curriculum Guides.

Student Services & Technology

The Board approved the 2019-2020 Nursing Services Plan

Personnel

BOE Appoints Welsh as Antheil Interim Principal

The Board of Education appointed Charles “Chuck” Welsh as interim principal at Antheil Elementary School. Welsh will serve in this position from January 2nd to June 30th.

It is a return to the Ewing Schools for Welsh, who was the interim principal of the Lore Elementary School for the 2017-18 school year. A longtime New Jersey educator, Welsh retired in 2010 after a long and successful career as a teacher and administrator, culminated by a decade as a principal for the Howell Township schools.

Since his retirement, in addition to his time at the Lore School, Welsh has successfully completed interim principal positions at the West Long Branch School District and the Bear Tavern School in neighboring Hopewell Valley. He was also as an interim administrator for the Middletown Township School District and recently completed an interim assistant principal role for the Hopewell Valley Schools.

“It is a pleasure to welcome back Mr. Welsh to the Ewing Schools,” Superintendent Michael Nitti stated. “He will bring stability, experience and leadership to Antheil as the search for a permanent principal commences in early 2020.”

There will be a **“Meet the Principal” event at Antheil Elementary School on Monday, December 9th at 6:00PM.** Members of the school community are encouraged to come out and participate in a “meet and greet” with Mr. Welsh.

Also in the Personnel section of the Board Agenda **Kendall Pagano** was approved as the Antheil Gifted and Talented teacher. Ms. Pagano is moving to the Gifted and Talented position at Antheil after serving as a 4th grade elementary teacher. Ms. Pagano has been a teacher with the Ewing Public Schools since September 2013. Ms. Pagano received her Bachelor's degree in Art History from the University of Mary Washington, and a graduate level certification and Master's degree in Elementary Education from Rider University.

Kate Semkowycz joins Antheil Elementary School as a 4th Grade Elementary Teacher. Ms. Semkowycz brings years of experience as an elementary and middle school teacher. Ms. Semkowycz received her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from The College of New Jersey.

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The following policies and regulations were approved by the Board as “Second Readings” and are now 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, December 16th, 2019 in the Fisher Middle School media center.