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The Ewing Public Schools BOE Board Briefs: September 25th, 2017

The Ewing Township Board of Education held its monthly meeting in the Fisher Middle School media center on Monday, September 25th, 2017.

Ewing High School student ambassador to the Board of Education, Keri Capstack, updated the Board and public on events and development at EHS over the first month of school.

During his Superintendent's Report, Chief School Administrator Michael Nitti thanked the staff and school community for their work and efforts during the opening of the school year.

Ewing BOE Presents First "LT" Award to Top Fundraising Squad

Last school year, the Ewing Schools were faced with tragedy when staff member Lauren Tenaglia sadly and suddenly passed away in December. Lauren was a gifted and passionate teacher who was dedicated and devoted to the students of the school community.

This past year, under the leadership of District Supervisor David Hauserman, the school district started the annual "LT" Lauren Tenaglia Award. The award is dedicated in honor and memory of Lauren, and is given to the Ewing Schools team that raises the most money for Parents of Autistic Children in the Walk for a Difference Walkathon.

"Lauren was a selfless contributor to the event, giving up her valuable time to make sure that the walk was a success," Mr. Hauserman stated. "Her dedication to children and parents who needed help was awe-inspiring. This award is a small reminder of Lauren's contribution to our community."

At the September Board meeting, the first annual "LT" award was presented by BOE President Stephanie Staub and Superintendent Michael Nitti to Fisher Middle School and the team of LT's Avengers. The school and squad brought in over \$6,000 dollars while the walkathon raised over \$27,000. LT Avengers leader Roomana Kahn and Fisher's Principal Dr. Hanna accepted the award, and were joined by many members of Ms. Tenaglia's family.

"We miss Lauren tremendously," Superintendent Nitti commented. "But her legacy lives on through her students each and every day. We thank her family for sharing Lauren with us and joining us for this special event, and congratulations to Fisher and its fundraising team for its incredible effort."

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Mr. Nitti then introduced the Board of Education’s architect, George Duthie, who updated the Board and public on the Referendum ’18 planning process. Mr. Nitti remarked that the administration has been reaching out to many constituents and stakeholders to solicit input and ideas for the referendum, including school visits, attending Back to School Nights, and having a table set up at Community Day. School Business Administrator Dennis Nettleton also added to the presentation and answered audience questions.

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

Finance and Operations

Various transportation collaborative and jointures were approved.

Curriculum and Instruction

The Memorandum of Agreement between Ewing Police and the Schools was approved. Superintendent Nitti remarked that the Ewing Schools were far ahead of many districts with this school security shared platform initiative.

Grant-funded After-School Intervention Programs were approved.

Student Services and Technology

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Ewing High School's Life Skills and Community Transition Programs were approved, including the innovative "It's All About the Work" program.

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

Policy P3221 & Regulation R3221 – Evaluation of Teachers – Revised (Mandated)

Policy P3222 & Regulation R3222 – Evaluation of Teaching Staff Members, Excluding Teachers and Administrators – Revised (Mandated)

Policy P3223 & Regulation R3223 – Evaluation of Administrators, Excluding Principals, Vice Principals, and Assistant Principals – Revised (Mandated)

Policy P3224 & Regulation R3224 – Evaluation of Principals, Vice Principals, and Assistant Principals – Revised (Mandated)

Policy P3240 & Regulation R3240 – Professional Development for Teachers and School Leaders – Revised (Mandated)

Policy P5610 & Regulation R5610 – Suspension – Revised (Mandated)

Policy P5620 – Expulsion – Revised (Mandated)

Policy P8505 – Local Wellness Policy/Nutrient Standards for Meals and Other Foods – Revised (Mandated)

Policy P2452 Community Education

The next meeting of the Ewing Township Board of Education is on Monday, October 30th, 2017 in the Fisher Middle School media center.