



## THE EWING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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### For Immediate Release

### The Ewing Public Schools Board of Education BOE Briefs: June 24th, 2019

The Ewing Township Board of Education held its monthly meeting in the Fisher Middle School media center on Monday, June 24th.

For his Superintendent's Report, Chief School Administrator Michael Nitti thanked the staff of the Ewing Schools for all their work throughout the year, and for a successful closing of school featuring numerous concerts, exhibits, and ceremonies. He also thanked the members of the Board of Education for attending so many events.

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

### Curriculum and Instruction

The Board approved the New Alternative Professional Evaluation Project (APEP) for teachers that have scored "Highly Effective" 3.5 or higher on their evaluative matrix for the 2019-2020 School Year. This innovative approach to teacher growth and development will allow teaching staff to use various projects and endeavors as an alternative approach to the traditional teacher observation. The program was a result of work done by the District Evaluation Advisory Committee, chaired by Assistant Superintendent Dr. Danita Ishibashi. Board member Bruce White, who sits on the committee, thanked all the committee members for their work, and complimented the idea and process.

The Board also approved the district's collaborative with The College of New Jersey's nursing program and the statement of assurance for high school voter registration.

### Personnel

### Ewing Schools Welcome New Staff for 19-20 School Year

John Nally is joining the Ewing High School staff as a Special Education Life Skills Teacher after serving as a substitute, paraprofessional and long-term substitute teacher in the district. Mr. Nally has earned his Bachelor of Science in Special Education – Integrative STEM from The College of New Jersey in addition to his Master of Arts in Teaching from TCNJ.

Rebecca Patten is joining the Ewing Public Schools as an Occupational Therapist. Ms. Patten has received her Bachelor's degree in Health and Occupations and her Master's degree in Occupational Therapy from Elizabethtown College. Ms. Patten brings experience from various healthcare locations and school districts.

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Paige Haugland is joining Ewing High School as a School Counselor and Coordinator of Substance Abuse. Ms. Haugland has received her Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Rowan University and her Master's degree in Counseling specializing in clinical mental health, addictions, SAC and school counseling from The College of New Jersey.

Brielle Spera is joining the district as a special education teacher. Ms. Spera graduated with her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and Special Education from Widener University and her Master's degree in Special Education from Saint Joseph's University.

### **Ewing High School Brings on New Assistant Principal**

Shalieka Jarrett will be joining Principal Ed Chmiel's administrative team as an Assistant Principal at Ewing High School, replacing Dr. Karen Allen (Benton) who is taking on the role of Director of Counseling Services and Assessment for the school district. Ms. Jarrett joined the district in 2009 as a Guidance Counselor at Ewing High School and moved into the Dean of Students position in November 2018.



Ms. Jarrett has obtained her Bachelor's degree in Psychology and Learning and Behavior Disorders from Hampton University, her Master's degree in Counseling and Personnel Services from the University of Maryland and her Educational Specialist Degree in Education Leadership, Management and Policy from Seton Hall University. Ms. Jarrett has New Jersey Educational certificates as a Teacher of the Handicapped, School Counselor, Director of School Counseling Services, Supervisor, and Principal.

Ms. Jarrett is currently a Dean of Students at Ewing High School, a new role she assumed this past November after serving as a guidance counselor for 14 years at Ewing High School. In her role as a guidance counselor she was able to assist students in grades 9-12 achieve personal growth, acquire positive social skills and values, and develop and set informed career goals as they journey to become productive and contributing members of a global community.

Ms. Jarrett is the former Ewing High School Anti-Bullying Specialist and Back-up ABS, EHS Scholarship Coordinator, has served on the Senior Awards Night Committee, former PSAT/SAT Coordinator and developed and facilitated several School Counseling Department parent workshops.

Ms. Jarrett is also a former resource and collaborative teacher of students with learning disabilities.

"We like to envision our assistant principals as principals in training," Superintendent Michael Nitti commented. "We truly believe that Ms. Jarrett will be an outstanding school leader, and an effective shaper of a positive school culture at Ewing High School."

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

Policy P1642 Earned Sick Leave Law

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Policy P8561 Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs

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Regulation R5600.2 Fisher Middle School Behavioral Guide  
Regulation R5600.3 Ewing High School Behavioral Guide

**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 P5756 Transgender Students

In Old Business, School Business Administrator Dennis Nettleton gave an update on Referendum '18 projects.

### **June 2019 Referendum Roundup: Phase 1 Update**

#### *Roofing Replacement Projects*

- Parkway Elementary School – Overlay 45,000 Square Feet of Roofing
  - Contract Awarded to Strober-Wright, construction to start on or about June 24, 2019
- Lore Elementary School – Overlay 29,000 Square Feet of Roofing
  - Contract Awarded to VMG Group, construction to start on or about June 24, 2019.
- O’Brien Academy – Overlay 4,900 Square Feet of Roofing
  - Contracts Awarded to Strober-Wright, construction to start on or about June 24, 2019.

#### *District-Wide Communications & Security Upgrades*

- Update
  - Camera installations 100% complete at Parkway, Lore & Antheil
  - Camera installations 80% complete at Fisher/OBA
  - Rough-in wiring for PA system/clocks 100% complete at Parkway, Fisher/Ryan and EHS.

#### *Antheil Elementary School Toilet Room/Classroom Renovations/Doors – Phase 1*

- Update
  - Moving company engaged to move boxes & furniture out June 19-21
  - Demo and construction to commence June 24, 2019

#### *Tennis Court Construction @ Antheil Elementary & Parking Lot Construction at EHS*

- Update
  - Field mobilization commenced on June 1, 2019 at AES and June 19, 2019 at EHS.
  - Construction is ongoing

### **Non-Referendum Funded Project Progress Updates**

#### *Ewing High School Athletic Facility and Drainage Improvements*

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- Update
- Installation of temporary fencing & facilities
- Delivery of piping and precast materials
- Excavation, installation of piping and structures approximately 25% complete
- Removal of old Turf Field completed

The next meeting of the Ewing Township Board of Education is on **Monday, July 29th, 2019** in the Fisher Middle School media center.