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DELRAN BOARD BRIEF

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BUSINESS/FINANCE

The Board approved a recommendation to close school on May 24, 2019 and May 28, 2019 as the result of only requiring one snow day this past winter. The Board also approved the 2020-2021 school calendar. You can find that information on the main page of the District website.

The Board approved a \$1,000 donation from Patient First to support the DIS Green Team and Student Council.

The Board approved new playground equipment to be installed at Millbridge and the purchase of new two way radios and a digital repeater system at DHS payable through a grant from the Burlington County Freeholders.

The Board also approved a salary guide for all hourly employees that is reflective of minimum wage legislation recently signed by Governor Murphy.

POLICY

The Board discussed the policy forecast for the remainder of the calendar year. There was also discussion regarding Board Bylaw 168: Recording of Board Meetings, whereupon Board members shared their opinions regarding video and audio recording of meetings. Bylaw 168 directs the creation and maintenance of an official record of the formal proceedings of the Board and permits the unofficial recording of Board meetings by members of the public. The bylaw does not require the Board to create official video or audio transcripts of its meetings. No action was taken.

STUDENT SUCCESS

The Board of Education honored the success of students that earned the New Jersey Department of Education Seal of Biliteracy. These students will be recognized at DHS graduation with a permanent seal on their diploma. This was the first year that DHS participated in this program and a high percentage of participants earned this designation.

The Board also honored students who earned honors in the PTA Reflections contest and Burlington County Teen Arts Festivals for middle and high school students.

KEY DATES

May 1: DHS Academic Recognition Evening, 6:30pm Burton Performing Arts Center

May 6: Final Budget Hearing - DHS Media Center, 7:30pm and BOE Work Session

May 20: District STEM Fair, 5:30pm-7:00pm @ DHS

May 20: Regular Public Meeting, 7:30pm @ DHS Cafeteria

CURRICULUM

The Board approved 15 student trips and experiences that ranged in type and focus. A sampling includes the Please Touch Museum, Independence Hall, Delran Township Building, YMCA Camp of Medford, Community Based Instruction trips and music/arts trips.

The Board also approved summer reading books for use this summer at DHS. Some titles include:

Dear Martin, The Tattooist of Auschwitz, The Poet X, They Both Die at the End, The 57 Bus: A True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime That Changed Their Lives, Educated, Fearless: The Undaunted Courage and Ultimate Sacrifice of Navy SEAL Team SIX Operator Adam Brown, The Hazel Wood, My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry, Flashpoint, Flintstones Vol.1



PERSONNEL



Longtime educator Lena Galati, currently an Assistant Principal at DHS, has announced her retirement, effective June 30. The high school engaged with staff members, students and parents while searching for a successor to Mrs. Galati. After reviewing applications during February and interviewing during March, I was pleased to recommend Dr. Danielle Jones, a current DHS English teacher, to succeed Mrs. Galati. The Board approved Dr. Jones to the position of Assistant Principal, effective July 1, 2019.

The Board also approved the contracts for all recommended personnel for the 2019-2020 school year.

DELRAN BOE: A "MASTER" BOARD

The Delran Township Board of Education recently completed over 20 credit hours of training with the New Jersey School Boards Associations in one of its requirements to become a Master Board of Education. The Board will be honored at an event on May 16.

