

The following is a summary of the May 9, 2019, Combined Conference and Regular Meeting of the Berkeley Heights Board of Education:

Mr. Doug Reinstein, President of the Berkeley Heights Board of Education, opened the meeting by requesting a moment of silence for Annabelle Young, a student from Thomas P. Hughes School, who tragically and unexpectedly passed away earlier this week.

The staff members selected as Educator of the Year for 2018-2019 in each of the Berkeley Heights Public Schools were honored by the Board of Education: Brenda Marley of Mary Kay McMillin Early Childhood Center, Matthew Madura of Thomas P. Hughes School, Marilyn Merrill of Mountain Park School, Joseph Reel of William Woodruff School, Donna Bokach of Columbia Middle School, and Daniel Guyton of Governor Livingston High School. Please click [here](#) to learn more about our Educators of the Year.

The Board of Education also recognized current and former staff members who announced their retirements during the 2018-2019 school year. Please click [here](#) to read about our district retirees.

Report of the Student Representatives

Senior Mikayla Sanchez reported on the following GLHS items:

- Governor Livingston High School Spring Sports teams are fitting in their last games of the season as the school year nears its end.
- The GL Baseball team came out victorious against Roxbury yesterday, winning by a score of 6-4. The boys are excited to head to Kean University on Saturday to compete against Scotch Plains-Fanwood in the semifinal game of the Union County Tournament. Best of luck to the baseball team this weekend!
- The Highlander Softball team outscored Summit 5-1 on Tuesday and took on Elizabeth this evening.
- The GLHS Girls Lacrosse team played an intense game against rival New Providence but unfortunately fell short, 21-13.
- The Highlander Boys Lacrosse team is coming off two huge wins, beating Cedar Grove 8-5 and Parsippany Hills 16-6.
- The GL Boys Tennis team also played Parsippany Hills today and they are looking forward to their match against Union tomorrow.
- Governor Livingston is hosting the Union County Conference Track Championships today and tomorrow. Good luck to all Track athletes competing at the event.

Report of the Student Representatives (continued)

Senior Mikayla Sanchez reported on the following GLHS items (continued):

- On April 29th, the GLHS Student Council hosted its volleyball tournament in which over 15 teams competed to be crowned tournament champions. The volleyball event signified a nearing end to the school year for GL seniors, as did to the May 1st College Decision Day when seniors sported their best college gear to celebrate their choices.

Junior Alexander Janiak reported on the following GLHS items:

- Even though many students are focused on their studies as the first week of AP exams comes to a close, many extracurricular activities are still underway at Governor Livingston High School.
- With regard to the upcoming Senior Prom, the Prom Committee finally released table request forms and photographer packages. In addition, the committee is completing the final details for their centerpieces and are finally done selling prom bids.
- While many academic clubs have concluded their events for the year, the TSA engineering club is staying proactive in planning its trip to the National competition in Washington D.C.
- Last Friday, the GL Spanish Club held a meeting during lunch that celebrated Cinco de Mayo, as they gave out food to club members.
- The Interact Club is also hosting its final event of the year, the Mother's Day 5K. People can volunteer to direct runners on the course, give out water and tee-shirts, and/or help in the kids tent and the Tot Trot.

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Interim Superintendent's Report

Mr. Scott McKinney, Interim Superintendent of Schools, delivered the following report:

Mr. Reinstein mentioned it before, but I would be remiss if I did not to offer a sincere thank you to the entire school community for their compassion and support during this difficult time. First, to Mrs. Jessica Nardi and her staff for their strength and leadership; to Dr. Ashley Janosko and her counselors for their professional caring and generosity with their time; to Mrs. Michele Gardner and her team for their guidance, resources, and support; and, finally, to the entire school community which came together to take care of each other...especially during the worst of times. Thank you all.

I also wanted to share that the Governor Livingston Highlander Marching Band was nominated by Congressman Tom Malinowski to officially represent the State of New Jersey in the 2020 National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, D.C.

Some of you may have seen the article in TAPinto Berkeley Heights, but our seniors recently celebrated College Decision Day as they finalized their plans for next year. While we do not have all of the data for the Class of 2019, I do know that our students had great choices once again with acceptances to Princeton, Cornell, Duke, Vanderbilt, Georgetown, University of Southern California, UC Berkeley, University of Michigan, Carnegie Mellon, Boston College, Tufts, West Point and Georgia Tech, just to name a few.

Finally, just a reminder that our Board of Education Student Recognition program will take place at our next meeting on Thursday, June 13th.

Facilities Report

Mrs. Donna Felezzola, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, presented the following report:

We recently met with the architect to update the district's long-range facilities plan and building inventory. This information is being finalized. The Board of Education's Facilities Committee will meet to review the information.

We recently had a bid opening for hourly rates for door installation and door materials. We will be awarding the bid to C&M doors. This will allow us to replace both interior and exterior doors over the summer.

Other Business

The Board of Education continued its discussion of a proposal to implement Full-Day Kindergarten in the Berkeley Heights Public Schools. While the Board agreed to postpone any firm, detailed decisions until after Dr. Melissa Varley begins her employment as Superintendent of Schools on July 1, 2019, members of the Board reached general consensus that the district should aim to begin a Full-Day Kindergarten pilot program, consisting of two classrooms of students, in September 2020.

The Board of Education formally voted to approve the following:

- To authorize the district’s Affirmative Action Committee to conduct the Needs Assessment and develop a district Comprehensive Equity Plan for School Years 2019-2020 through 2021-2022.
- To authorize submission of the proposed Berkeley Heights Public Schools Comprehensive Equity Plan for School Years 2019-2020 through 2021-2022 to the New Jersey Department of Education Division of Field Services.
- The Special Education out-of-district Extended School Year placements for Summer 2019 (2019-2020 school year).
- The Agreement with SKC Learning, LLC, to provide behavior analytic consultation to the district Summer School staff from July 24, 2019, through August 2, 2019.
- For Gregory Chornomaz to be employed as a Long-Term Substitute Teacher of Special Education at Columbia Middle School from May 16, 2019, through June 20, 2019.
- The employment of Jessica Leonardis as a Long-Term Substitute Teacher of English Language Learners from May 17, 2019, through June 20, 2019.
- The re-employment of all recommended non-tenured Administrators and non-tenured Secretaries for the 2019-2020 fiscal/school year.
- The employment of all tenured personnel and salaries for the 2019-2020 fiscal/school year.
- For the following individuals to be employed as Teachers for the 2019-2020 school year, as indicated:

Olivia Mazzaferro	Governor Livingston HS	Teacher of Social Studies
Danielle Naldi	Mary Kay McMillin ECC	Grade 1 Teacher
Bethann Nikolich	Mary Kay McMillin ECC	Teacher of Special Education (P/T)
Nicole Schaumberg	Mary Kay McMillin ECC	Teacher of Special Education

The Board of Education formally voted to approve the following (continued):

- The employment of the following Seasonal Custodian Assistants for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, effective May 13, 2019, through June 30, 2019; and for the 2019-2020 fiscal year: Connor Bade, Brian Biskaduros, Gregory Biskaduros, Michael Priore.
- The resignation of Lawrence Seid from his position as Assistant Principal at Governor Livingston High School, effective June 30, 2019.
- The resignation of Dr. Alexia Konko from her position as School Psychologist at Columbia Middle School, effective June 30, 2019.
- The retirement of Maryann Confroy from her position as Grade 3 Teacher at Mountain Park School, effective July 1, 2019.
- The retirement of Peter Festante from his position as Teacher of Technology Education at Columbia Middle School, effective July 1, 2019.
- The retirement of Michael Sharkey from his position as Custodian at Thomas P. Hughes School, effective August 1, 2019.
- The transfer of the following staff members, as indicated, for the 2019-2020 school year:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Sally Stevenson	Mary Kay McMillin ECC	Mountain Park School
Cherie Verzi	Mountain Park School	Mary Kay McMillin ECC
- The extra-curricular activities, staff members, and assignments for the 2018-2019 school year, as listed below:

<u>Columbia Middle School</u>	
<u>Activity/Position</u>	<u>Instructor/Supervisor</u>
Volunteer Assistant Softball Coach	Steven Lombardi
- For the Executive Session Minutes from Board of Education meetings held from January 1, 2019, through March 31, 2019, to be released to the public.
- For Andrew Tsai to perform repairs to student iPads during the 2019-2020 school year.
- The 2019-2020 schedule of lunch prices for the cafeterias in the Berkeley Heights Public Schools.
- To award a contract for Refuse and Recycling Removal to Regional Industries, LLC, for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, subject to attorney review.

The Board of Education formally voted to approve the following (continued):

- To award a contract for Fire Code Compliant Doors/Mean of Egress Replacement/Installation to C&M Doors, subject to attorney review.
- To award a contract for the cleaning and inspection of all boilers in the district to Manhattan Welding, through the Hunterdon County Education Services Commission.

The Board of Education will conduct a Combined Conference and Regular Meeting on Thursday, June 13, 2019, at 7:30 p.m. in the Blue Gymnasium of Columbia Middle School. Student achievers from the Berkeley Heights Public Schools will be honored by the Board of Education at this meeting.