

The following is a summary of the November 1, 2018, Combined Conference and Regular Meeting of the Berkeley Heights Board of Education:

Report of the Student Representatives

Senior Mikayla Sanchez reported on the following GLHS items:

- The last month has been packed with sports games and Senior Nights, encouraging the student body to support their fellow athletes.
- Last week, the Governor Livingston Volleyball team was a part of three Senior Nights, one being their own. The Highlanders won against Rahway and Roselle Catholic but unfortunately lost to New Providence at home. However, the GL Senior Night was extremely memorable and attracted friends and family of all ages. The team's season came to an end last Monday after a difficult state tournament defeat against Madison.
- The GLHS Field Hockey team's season also came to a close this week but it ended on a good note with a 3-0 win over Columbia High School.
- The Highlander Girls Soccer team defeated a strong Elizabeth team, 5-1, during their Senior Night, making them conference champions. GL then won its second round game in the state tournament over Robbinsville and the squad is determined to defeat more competitors in upcoming games.
- The Governor Livingston Boys Soccer team has also been successful in the state tournament, upsetting the #5 seed before losing a tight game to Voorhees, 2-1.
- The Highlander Tennis season has also ended after a loss to Cranford this past week. The GL girls are determined to come back even stronger next year.
- The Highlander Marching Band is continuing to excel with its field show performances, taking Fourth Place honors at the Atlantic Coast Championships in Hershey, Pennsylvania, this past weekend. Along with the GL Football team, they are looking forward to the annual Thanksgiving Day game vs. New Providence later this month.
- The GLHS Football team defeated Carteret 28-25 on Thursday evening and is looking forward to the rest of the season.
- As the Fall Sports season comes to an end, students are looking forward to winter activities and upcoming breaks.

Report of the Student Representatives (continued)

Junior Alexander Janiak reported on the following GLHS items:

- As the First Marking Period comes to a close, many clubs at Governor Livingston continue to proactively organize meetings and events.
- The Junior Statesmen of America group recently decided to host an Election Night viewing event on Tuesday, November 6th, where they will discuss politics in action.
- The GL Student Ambassadors have been collecting unwanted Halloween candy to donate to Operation Gratitude. This candy will be sent out in care packages to soldiers deployed around the world. There will be collection boxes outside the Cafeteria and inside the Guidance Office at GL.
- In addition, the Student Auxiliary Club recently met during lunch to create Halloween-themed goodie bags for children at the Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside.
- As many clubs continue their gracious volunteer work, the Senior Student Council at GL has been very active in organizing committees to plan major events for this school year. As of two weeks ago, they created a Prom Fashion Show committee as well as a Prom Committee. In addition, candy sales began last week - and keeping with the theme of delicious fundraising - the Student Council plans on having a Buffalo Wild Wings-eating competition.
- With regard to the Science clubs, the STEM League team is hosting a competition next week, and the members of the Environmental Club recently weeded the GL Rain Garden.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Richard B. Noonan, Interim Superintendent of Schools, presented the following report:

Mission Moment-One of the established objectives of the district is to increase opportunities for students with disabilities in general education environments, and we continue to make good progress to that end.

We're providing ongoing district-wide training to our staff in the areas of co-teaching, creating accessible general education classrooms, and a variety of disability-specific topics.

Among the related initiatives at the secondary level, we've provided training to World Languages teachers at grades 8-12 on accessible classroom planning in order to bend the curve on World Language exemptions.

At the elementary schools, all schools have sections of full-day co-teaching for most grades (teaching where a special education teacher is paired with the regular education classroom teacher). This approach expanded from a solid base at the Mary Kay McMillin Early Childhood Center, where we have an integrated preschool program, and where we've had a full-day co-teaching pair arrangement in place at K & 1.

On Monday, October 29th, we hosted a visit from the state's Assistant Commissioner of Education Carolyn Marano, who came to Berkeley Heights because of our strong reputation as an "inclusion" district. Michele Gardner (Director of Special Services) and Anne Corley-Hand (Principal of the Early Childhood Center) did a superb job in hosting this visit, and profiling our program for the Assistant Commissioner. The Assistant Commissioner left praising our team for the vision and values that have brought us to this level, and pledged to share our practices and story with educators throughout the state.

Articulation and Coordination with Mountainside

Prior to her departure, Judy Rattner met with her counterpart, Nancy Lubarsky of Mountainside, to outline a plan for how our districts will work to build stronger coordination and articulation in our education programs. This is a major goal focus for the year, and next week Mr. Scott McKinney (Assistant Superintendent) and I are meeting with Dr. Lubarsky and her team to make sure that we're on the same page in moving this work forward. I'll supply the Board of Education with an updated plan on how staff from both districts will be convening and working as one team to strengthen the curricular ties between the districts.

Superintendent's Report (continued)

November Parent Program on Vaping

On November 13th, the Berkeley Heights School District is hosting a presentation on vaping for parents from our schools and those in the Chatham, New Providence, Summit and Millburn school districts. The program focuses on the latest substance abuse trends, signs and symptoms for parents to watch for, and how parents can be better equipped to speak with their children. Later in the year New Providence, Chatham and Millburn will present other parent education programs, with dates and topics to be announced.

Input on Technology and School Security

At the last Board of Education meeting, it was suggested the district might benefit from broader public input regarding two topics: Technology Use in our Schools and School Security/Safety. With regard to technology, we do have a district Technology Advisory Board (TAB) that meets monthly. It consists of staff and a BOE representative, and it works to provide guidance to our schools on the deployment and usage of technology K-12. I'm recommending that we aid the work of that team/board by doing a survey of parents in the district, which will invite broad feedback on the level of support for the direction we're taking with technology efforts. Based on the results of the survey, we'll determine if the TAB should be broadened to include wider community participation.

On School Security, the district has school Safety Teams in each school - these are required by code, they meet eight to nine times per year, and they include a parent representative from each building. The focus of the School Safety Teams is security and school climate.

We also have a district Crisis Response Team - it's led by Lawrence Seid at Governor Livingston High School, and it includes staff members from each building and Berkeley Heights Police officers. The group meets four times per year, and its job is to make sure we have satisfactory security procedures in place, and that staff is provided with adequate orientation and training in responding to various emergency situations.

Last week, I attended a meeting of Police Chiefs and Superintendents from our district, as well as New Providence, Summit, and Chatham. The deployment of School Resource and Class 3 Officers in the school districts is prevalent, and all districts follow similarly structured procedures.

The administration's view is that we have effective committee structures and processes in place today, that we're in synch with best practices in the area, and that we have other channels in place for community members to bring questions or concerns to the attention of the district.

Superintendent's Report (continued)

K-12 Guidance Program Update Presentation

Mr. McKinney introduced District Director of Guidance and Supervisor of School Nurses, Dr. Ashley Janosko, who presented a comprehensive and impressive update on our Guidance Program and commitment to promoting social and emotional wellness in our students K-12. Please click [here](#) to view a summary of this report.

The Board of Education formally voted to approve the following:

- The submission of the 2017-2018 School Nursing Services Plans from all six schools in the Berkeley Heights School District to the New Jersey Department of Education.
- The submission of the completed New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) Statements of Assurance from the Berkeley Heights School District to the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), as a required component of the NJDOE-mandated QSAC monitoring process.
- For ASL Interpreter Referral Service, Inc., to provide Substitute Sign Language Interpreter services in the Berkeley Heights Public Schools during the 2018-2019 school year, on an as-needed basis, only when the district is unable to secure Substitute Interpreter coverage from its own group of providers.
- The Agreement with Michael DeLeon of Steered Straight, Inc., to provide daytime presentations to students and a nighttime presentation to parents and community members on November 13, 2018, about the dangers of vaping.
- The employment of Robyn Liberato as a Lunchroom/Playground Teacher Aide at Thomas P. Hughes School, effective November 2, 2018.
- The employment of Cathryn Lake as the School Nurse at Mountain Park School, effective December 20, 2018.
- The resignation of Janice Jayne from her position as Paraprofessional at Columbia Middle School, effective November 9, 2018.
- The renewal of the contract with Fire Control Electrical Systems, LLC, to perform inspections, maintenance and repairs for fire/security alarm systems in all district schools during the 2018-2019 fiscal year.
- The acceptance of the district's Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for Actual 2017-2018, Current 2018-2019, and Planned 2019-2020.

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

- The 2018-2019 Lease Agreement with Morris-Union Jointure Commission for use of the swimming facilities at the Developmental Learning Center in Warren, New Jersey, by the Governor Livingston High School Swimming teams.
- The Agreement with Bertram Consultants, Inc., to perform an audit of the Berkeley Heights Public Schools Department of Special Services.
- The contract with Hazard, Young, Attea Associates to conduct the Superintendent Search for the Berkeley Heights School District.
- The appointment of the following extra-curricular activities staff members for the 2018-2019 school year:

Governor Livingston High School

Activity/Position

Student Accounts Manager
Chamber Choir Director
SAGA Club Advisor
Tri-M Honor Society Advisor
Assistant Basketball Coach (Girls)

Instructor/Supervisor

Deborah Koutsaftes
Joseph Elefante
Tracy Procaccini
Nicholas O’Sullivan
Zachary Worswick

Columbia Middle School

Activity/Position

Wrestling Coach

Instructor/Supervisor

Raymond Jazikoff #

Mountain Park School

Activity/Position

Circle of Friends Advisor (33%)
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Circle of Friends Advisor (33%)
Safety Patrol Advisor
Student Council Advisor (50%)

Instructor/Supervisor

Heather Goldstein ##
Courtney Reindl ##
Haley Smith ##
Elierzer Quinonez ##
Maryann Confroy ##

Thomas P. Hughes School

Activity/Position

Computer Club Advisor

Instructor/Supervisor

Lindsay Liguori **

Pending approval of Agreement between the Board of Education and Berkeley Heights PAL Wrestling Committee.

Replacing Laurie Liming, approved by the Board of Education on August 16, 2018.

** Replacing Ellen Massa, approved by the Board of Education on September 27, 2018.

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The Board of Education will conduct a Combined Conference and Regular Meeting on Thursday, December 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room of Columbia Middle School. Topics of discussion will include the AP Capstone program offered at Governor Livingston High School.