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## BUSINESS/FINANCE

The Board awarded a contract to renovate the former auto shop into a digital fabrication laboratory. Work will begin in January and be completed by July.

The Board approved the allocation of capital reserve funding towards its digital fabrication laboratory.

The Board approved an orientation session for Mr. Colin Rafferty who was elected to a three year term.

The Board filled a vacancy created by Dr. Goodwin's resignation in November. After advertising for a replacement, Glenn Kitley was appointed by the Board as the applicant to serve in Dr. Goodwin's term until December 31, 2019. Mr. Kitley resigned his current position, which was set to expire at the end of this month and was subsequently appointed by the Board.

## POLICY/STUDENTS

The Board approved the following policies after a second reading: physical examinations for staff members; school security programs; student smoking (including vaping); and updates to its Americans with Disabilities Act policy.

The Board approved the first reading of the following policies: public participation at Board meetings; early graduation; student records; and annual budget preparation.

All DHS and DMS student athletes during the fall season were honored.

## PRESENTATIONS

The Board heard presentations regarding student achievement on PARCC and other assessments; updates on district goal completion; architectural plans for security vestibules at DHS and DMS; district progress in its 3 year compliance review by the NJDOE; discussion about parent booster clubs; and an initial discussion on the Board calendar for the 2019 calendar year.

## KEY DATES

**January 2:** School reopens

**January 2:** BOE Reorganization Meeting, 6pm

**January 7:** BOE Work Session, 7:30pm

**January 15:** No School for Students-Staff Development Day

**January 21:** No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. National Day of Service

**January 22:** BOE Regular Public Meeting, 7:30pm

**February 4:** BOE Work Session, 7:30pm

## PERSONNEL

**Retirement Announcements:** Lena Galati (a longtime assistant principal and teacher at DHS) and Nancy Timick (a secretary at DIS and Millbridge over the years) announced their intention to retire.

**DIS Assistant Principal:** To fill in for Mrs. Medina, who announced her retirement effective December 31, Mr. Keegan will move from Interim Administrator at Millbridge this week and become an Interim Administrator at DIS for the remainder of the year.

**Appointments:** The following appointments of note were approved

Laura Indelicato: Special Education, Millbridge

Travis Murphy: Physical Education, DHS

Lauren Roskos: Basic Skills, Millbridge

Jennifer Lobazza: Transfer from Millbridge Special Education to DMS Special Education

Kristin Caiazzo: Transfer from Millbridge first grade to self-contained special education

**Position Searches:** In January we will begin a search for a DIS and DHS Assistant Principal and expect appointments on April 15, 2019.



## GOVERNOR'S TEACHER OF THE YEAR

**Caitlin Como, DHS:** Caitlin plans all lessons carefully to engage her students and prepare them for the rigors of the Advanced Placement curricula. She makes World History and Holocaust and Genocide Studies interesting and fun.

**Laura Spaeth, DIS:** Laura inspires students of all backgrounds and abilities in her classroom. Laura fosters an environment where every child feels respected and cared for.

**Michelle Fiorini, DMS:** Ms. Fiorini is a wealth of knowledge in the world of reading and writing! She is firm, kind and sets high expectations for her students.

**Brian Croly, DHS (Educational Service Provider):** As a school counselor, Mr. Croly spends his days working directly with students on everything from academic counseling to scheduling to the college application process, and he has coached many students in various sports over the course of his tenure at DHS.

**Stacy Juliani, Millbridge:** As an outstanding educator, she works diligently to help her students make significant academic gains, but more importantly, she nurtures students who may be having difficulty socially or emotionally so they are able to develop the skills to be successful members of our learning community.

**Rose Larson, DHS Paraprofessional:** Mrs. Rose Larson has worked in the District for 17 years. Many of her assignments have been working one on one with special education students.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Special Education Parent Committee

Contact Dr. Della Vecchia for information regarding meetings.  
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**Security Vestibules:** The Board has advertised construction bids for DHS and DMS in order to construct security vestibules in the summer of 2019.

**Strategic Planning:** If you are interested in helping plan for Delran's future by participating in strategic planning please email [delranconnects@delranschools.org](mailto:delranconnects@delranschools.org)