

School Board Meeting *Highlights*

East Brunswick Board of Education • East Brunswick, New Jersey 08816

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The May 1 meeting began with the annual reorganization of the Board. During this portion of the meeting...

- Bernardo Giuliana, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, administered the oath of office to newly elected Board member, Katie Spiegler and re-elected board member Todd Simmens.
- The Board elected Todd Simmens president and Scott Luxenberg vice president.



Katie Spiegler



**Vice President Luxenberg,
Dr. Magistro, President
Simmens**

The reorganization portion of the meeting concluded and the regular business of the Board began...

- The Board adopted a Resolution of Appreciation proclaiming Faculty/Staff Appreciation Week as May 5-9, 2008. The Board also adopted a Resolution of Appreciation proclaiming May 6, 2008 as National Teacher Day. The Board expressed appreciation to the faculty and support staff for their dedication to the children of East Brunswick.
- The Teacher of the Year and Support Staff Awards Ceremony was held. Congratulations to the following staff members:

School	Teacher	Support Staff
Bowne-Munro	Mary Leone	Odalys Serrano-Vacca
Central	Teresa Kominkiewicz	Rori Reiss
Chittick	Deborah Caruso	Donna Deane
Frost	Karen Albenberg	Johanna Troshane
Irwin	Christine Connolly	Willette Seibel
Lawrence Brook	Linda Gesell	Rosalie Davis
Memorial	Jacqueline Schrader	Sharon Lidoshore
Warnsdorfer	Sharon Switkes	Jodi Dolowich-Aranowitz
Hammar skjold	Maria Sollecito	Mala Simon
Churchill	Victoria Prevete	Michael Ruggia
EBHS	Patricia Peters	Shirley Neary
Admin. Building		Wayne Hagedorn



Teachers and Support Staff award winners

The following items were included in the Superintendent's Report:

- For the second year in a row, EBHS student Yuxin Xie has been chosen as one of 20 in the nation to participate in the National Chemistry Olympiad study camp, a two-week program held at the Air Force Academy. Congratulations to both Yuxin and her teacher, Paul Kimmel.
- Congratulations to the EBHS Concert Choir that participated in the *Heritage Music Festival* held in Washington, D.C. on April 11. There were 12 other choirs there from Massachusetts, North Carolina, New York, Connecticut and New Jersey. Our choir, under the direction of Kathy Spadafino, received a *superior* rating. In addition, the Chamber Choir placed first in its division and received a trophy for *Best Overall Choral* performance at the Festival.
- Congratulations to EBHS biology teacher Patricia Donahue who has been selected by the *Rutgers Chapter of Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society*, as one of three recipients of the 2008 Excellence in Science Teaching Award.
- Thanks to fundraising efforts by the students and a very generous matching grant from the East Brunswick Education Foundation, the IPLE class was able to represent New Jersey at the National *We the People: the Citizen and the Constitution* competition in Washington, D.C. May 2-6.
- Work is progressing on the *Dudley Tighe Track*. Weather permitting, this year's track team will be able to compete on the new track.
- To fulfill required mandates, the district is offering an inclusive General Education Preschool program for the 2008-2009 school year. This program is open to 3-and 4-year old children who live in East Brunswick. The program will include typically developing and special needs preschool children as recommended by Child Study Teams. Classes will be taught by certified teachers and supported with paraprofessional aides. The program will follow the 10-month school calendar and will run five days per week for two and one-half hours each day. Both AM and PM sessions are available. You must be able to provide your own transportation.

If interested please submit a letter that includes your child's name, birth date and address to:

Jo-Ellen Basaman

Assistant Superintendent of Student Activities/Services

760 Route 18

East Brunswick, New Jersey, 08816

If the number of applicants exceeds the openings a lottery drawing will occur on June 13, 2008.

Parents will be notified of openings and acceptance status. If additional information is needed, call the office of the Assistant Superintendent at 732-613-6750.

- The Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Art Museum sponsored an *Evening of Music Art and German Romanticism* in cooperation with both the World Language and Arts Departments.
- Over 300 students, faculty, community groups and individuals walked in the *Taking Steps for Literacy* walk on April 13 raising nearly \$20,000 for *Literacy Volunteers of Middlesex*. It's not too late to donate...log onto www.lvmwalk.org to do so.

Other news...

- On April 17, three staff members were recognized for their exemplary service to the district. Inducted onto the Wall of Honor were: Nancy Brunnengraber, Secretary, Administration Building, Daniel Hayston, Jr. (deceased), Physical Education Teacher & Coach, East Brunswick High School and



**Nancy Brunnengraber, Margaret Wiese,
Family of Dan Hayston, Jr.**

Margaret Wiese, Special Education Teacher, Chittick School.

- Reminder: At the April 10 meeting the Board approved the following changes to the 2007-2008 school year:

Grades	From	To
Pre-K-9	June 25-26, 2008 Single session for students; Full day for staff	June 23-24, 2008 Single session for students; Full day for staff
Pre-K-9	June 26, 2008 Last day of school for students	June 24, 2008 Last day of school for students
Pre-K-9	June 27, 2008 Last day of school for staff	June 25, 2008 Last day of school for staff
10 through 12	June 6, 2008 Single Session	June 6, 2008 School closed – EBHS only

- Bernardo Giuliana, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, administered the oath of office to newly elected Board member, Robert Shamy on May 5.



Robert Shamy

Upcoming Meetings:

May 22, 2008	October 16, 2008	March 5, 2009
June 5, 2008	October 30, 2008	March 12, 2009
June 19, 2008	November 13, 2008	March 19, 2009
July 10, 2008	December 4, 2008	March 24, 2009
July 24, 2008	December 18, 2008	March 26, 2009
August 14, 2008	January 15, 2009	April 2, 2009
August 28, 2008	January 29, 2009	April 16, 2009
September 11, 2008	February 12, 2009	May 7, 2009
September 25, 2008	February 26, 2009	