

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
12/18/19
GLASSBORO BOARD OF EDUCATION

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1. General Announcements

Good evening! As we approach the Holiday Season and have the opportunity to attend student concerts within the district, we also want to take a moment to express our appreciation for an individual who has served his community proudly.

Farewell to Chief Fanfarillo

Tonight, will be Chief Alex Fanfarillo’s last BOE meeting. Chief Fanfarillo was appointed by the Board of Education in December 2015 to fill the unexpired term by Mr. Anthony Marino. He was appointed to the Operations Committee and after being elected to a full term in 2016, he chaired that committee. During his first year in office, Mr. Fanfarillo dedicated himself to advancing his knowledge and became the fastest BOE member to earn the distinction of Certificated Board Member in the history of the district. In January of 2019, he accepted the role of chair the administration committee where he advocated in support of advancing professional development opportunities for all staff.

Prior to serving on the Board, Chief Fanfarillo retired after serving a remarkable 38 years in Law Enforcement. Born and raised in Glassboro, he began his career with the Glassboro Police Department as a Class II Officer in 1979, before being hired full-time in 1980.

During his long career, Chief Fanfarillo was part of the department's Firearms Unit, holding several instructional certificates for numerous types of weaponry. He was assigned as a Detective in 1991, eventually becoming Detective Sergeant in 1993. He then moved up the ranks to Lieutenant, Captain, Deputy Chief, ultimately achieving Chief of Police in 2004.

Chief Fanfarillo had also been a long-time member of the Gloucester County SWAT Team since 1991, holding the positions of SWAT Operator, Team Leader, and Officer in Charge of Command Post Operations until he left the team in 2002.

He strived to keep the agency ahead of the curve in regard to technology, equipment, and training. The Glassboro community has benefited from having mobile computers in all patrol cars, rifles assigned to the majority of patrol officers, and advance training opportunities for officers, as well as Body Cameras.

During his tenure, Chief Fanfarillo helped to ensure a marked decrease in crime in Glassboro, but always gave credit to the officers on the street for achieving this. He was also proud of the increased involvement in the community that he has seen from officers, both in organized police department programs and general interactions with the public.

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On behalf of the board of education, administration, and the entire Glassboro community, I want to thank Chief Fanfarillo for his dedication, commitment, and service to Glassboro. In appreciation for his serve, I would like to present him with a plaque.

2. Meetings:

- a. Delegates Assembly: On Saturday, November 23, 2019, I represented Glassboro at the NJSBA semi-annual delegates assembly held at Mercer County Community College. The Delegate Assembly is NJSBA's major policy-setting body. Senate President Steve Sweeney was the keynote speaker. After the meeting, I had the opportunity to speak with Senator Sweeney about our Emergency Aid Application. Senator Sweeney assured me that Glassboro is being supported

Less than 2 weeks later on December 6, 2019, we received a letter from Commission Dr. Lamont Repollet informing us that the state had approved our application in the amount of \$1,511,644. On behalf for the Glassboro Board of Education, we thank Senator Sweeney and Commission Repollet for their support of the District. The funds will be used to restore or expand programs in support of student achievement.

- b. District Audit Brief: On December 6, 2019, I attended the annual audit brief-out with Dr. Silverstein and Ms. Johnson, our Business Administrator. Mr. Nick Petroni, District Auditor will present the report to the Operations committee on January 15, 2020. The operations committee will then make a recommendation to the full board at the next scheduled meeting. A copy of the final report will be provided to all board members.
- c. Operations Committee: A special meeting was held on 12/16/19 to discuss the potential for the Glassboro School District to consolidate with the Newfield School District. Newfield is a nonoperating district and is sending students to Franklin and Delsea on a tuition basis. The Newfield BOE will be funding a study and presenting its findings to the Glassboro Board for consideration. The board will schedule public hearings on the matter prior to making any decisions. Newfield has just over 200 students with an annual budget of approximately \$4 million.

During the meeting, we also met with our architect to review preliminary projects for a proposed bond referendum in November 2020. The purpose of referendum is to address critical system needs (e.g. roofs, boilers, etc.), safety security, and possible program enhancements. The architect is working with district staff to establish cost estimates for the projects. A key communicators meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2019 to preview the effort and provide a status report on district needs and priorities. All are welcome to attend.

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3. Board Committee Reports/Action Items

a. Instruction (Ms. Volz, Chair)

- Provide clarification on the educational benefit of a field trip to Jack Frost Ski Resort and its alignment with district policy 2340.
- Clarify the requirement for approval of the School Nurse Services Plan of QSAC.

b. Operations (Mr. Esgro, Chair)

- Request 2020-2021 BOE meetings be included on the district calendar.
- Core Business Technology Solutions contract is being done in support of the Emergency Lock-Down Enhancements-Action Plan. Please provide an update to the Board of Education by the end of the week. Forward a copy to the Mayor and Borough Business Administrator.
- Advocate Food Service Dashboard report does not provide recommendations. Please contact them and request recommendations. Please invite them to attend the next scheduled operations committee meeting. Also, please advise if a corrective action plan request had been sent to Chartwells regarding sales/cost of sales variances.

c. Administration (Mr. Fanfarillo, Chair)

- CSA Appointments – Dr. Silverstein
- The board rescinded the appointment of the Director of Curriculum & Instruction and approved the appointment of an interim. Please advise when the position will be posted.
- Amendments to the CSA evaluation are being discussed to add MAP assessment results in lieu of NJSLA and NJQSAC.

Old Business

- For the third month in a row, the Dawg Bytes mobile application directory still has not been updated. Can someone tell me why we have not updated the site?
- We still have a couple of BOE members who have not completed the district self-evaluation. Your feedback is important. Please complete as soon as possible.

New Business

- Reorganization meeting is scheduled for January 6, 2020.