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Resignation of School Board President



The Ephrata Area Board President Mr. Richard Gehman has resigned from his role as a School Board Director effective April 25, 2022. This resignation comes as a result of his plans to relocate out of state with his family for new employment at Young & Franklin Inc. in Liverpool, NY.

Mr. Gehman became a School Board member in May 2016 and was elected President in December 2019. "I have thoroughly enjoyed my time serving the community and the District. I am honored to have served alongside our board members and to have worked with Dr. Troop and the administration. Ephrata will always be home, with many wonderful people, a strong school district and community. While my tenure as President was laden with some of the most trying times for our District and community, I thank you for the opportunity I had to serve and the growth opportunities I experienced," he said.

"Mr. Gehman will be missed as a Board member, President, and advocate for public education and especially the Ephrata Area School District. As in any public school district, the last two years have been difficult to navigate. With Mr. Gehman as President, the intentions and efforts of our Board have always been focused on what is best for our students, community, and District overall," shared District Superintendent Dr. Brian Troop.

The resignation of Mr. Gehman will be placed on the School Board meeting agenda for Monday, April 25. Following the meeting, the Board will conduct a process to select a new School Board Director within the allotted timeframe of 30 days.

Eligible candidates who wish to be considered to fill the School Board vacancy must submit a letter of interest by 4:00 PM on Friday, April 29 to Board Secretary Stephanie Gingrich at S_Gingrich@easdpa.org or 803 Oak Boulevard, Ephrata, PA 17522. Visit the School Board webpage on the District website for more information on who is eligible to serve as a school director. The Board will conduct interviews and vote on the selected candidate on dates yet to be determined. The term of the new Board member will run through December 2023.

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