

The West Jefferson Hills School District has reached another point of transition. Dr. McNamee, our acting superintendent, has been with us for one year. We have been advised by our Solicitor that the School Code permits a person to serve as Acting Superintendent for a period of not longer than one year. The Department of Education has denied the request of the District for a waiver of that requirement, which would have permitted the Board to consider retaining Dr. McNamee beyond September 28th.

Therefore, I am announcing that Dr. McNamee's service will conclude on that date by operation of the School Code. We would like to thank him for his service which enabled the District to maintain the high standards of educational excellence for our students in a fiscally responsible manner in spite of severe financial pressures from the State.

The Board tonight will consider the appointment of Hamsini Rajgopal as the Acting Superintendent for a period not to exceed one year. She has served the District as Human Resources Director for more than four years in a very capable, professional manner and has been instrumental in providing stability to the District for the past three years. Ms. Rajgopal holds an MBA from the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Terry Kushner, who previously served our District as Substitute Superintendent will serve as an educational consultant to assist Ms. Rajgopal in all aspects of the educational program.

We believe that the District, our students and taxpayers will be well served by this professional combination.

We again thank Dr. McNamee for his service and dedication to our children and we wish him well in his future endeavors, and we anticipate moving forward with Ms. Rajgopal and Dr. Kushner as we continue to do great things for our kids.

Thank you!