

Schools hope superintendent starts soon rather than later

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The Belleville Board of Education would like its new superintendent to start sooner rather than later.

Dr. Edward Klizsus, Belleville's new superintendent of schools, is not supposed to start until late March, but officials are working to speed that up, according to School Board President John McManus.

"As soon as they get an interim superintendent (in Denville Township, where he is currently superintendent), we're hoping they will release him," McManus said.

All of this depends on delicate negotiations between Klizsus and his current employer.

Having him aboard will allow the district to move forward more quickly, he said.

"We would like him to get started as soon as possible," McManus said.

Before Denville, Klizsus spent 27 years in Union Township where he was a school principal, director of gifted and talented and computer education, and coordinator of Union High School's alternative high school. He was also an instrumental music teacher, serving as high school marching band director and director of music.

Klizsus has taught as a professor on the adjunct faculties of both Bergen Community College and Kean University. In his artistic pursuits, he has served as conductor and music director of the Union Symphony Orchestra for 16 years and during the same period directed the Union Music School, a performing and fine arts school for students from pre-K through grade

12. For many years he performed professionally on both the trumpet and piano.

Klizsus holds a bachelor of music degree from Nyack College, a master of music degree from the Manhattan School of Music, and a doctor of philosophy degree from New York University.

Former superintendent Dr. Joseph Ciccone retired Sept. 1 to take a teaching job at the College of St. Elizabeth, teaching school administration.

Joseph Kraemer, who was director of curriculum and instruction, was then named acting superintendent, but was no longer a candidate for the superintendent's job.

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