

Greater Lowell Tech School Committee picks interim superintendent

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TYNGSBORO — Jill Davis, the assistant superintendent/principal of Greater Lowell Technical High School, has been appointed interim superintendent effective Jan 1, 2020.

The School Committee late last month selected Jill Davis, Chairman Curtis LeMay and Committee member Ray Boutin said this week.

The current superintendent of Greater Lowell Tech, Joseph Mastrocola, is retiring on Jan. 1, 2020.

“First of all I’m grateful to the School Committee for the opportunity and for their vote of confidence and I appreciate their recognition of my hard work and commitment to the students, the staff and the school community,” said Davis, of Lowell.

Davis said she has been at Greater Lowell Tech for 23 years, adding that she wouldn’t have been able to accept this position with the confidence she needed without the support of staff.

LeMay, who made the motion to appoint Davis, said she possesses the necessary ingredients to not only do the job on an interim basis, but on a permanent basis. He said Davis and Michael Barton, director of curriculum, instruction & assessment at Greater Lowell Tech, are the two likely in-house candidates to be considered for the permanent superintendent role. Barton was previously a finalist for the superintendent job.

“She (Davis) has 25 years of experience in the system, all at Greater Lowell. She knows the players. She’s well-respected,” LeMay said. “She’s someone that possible would bring longevity and stability in the school if permanently selected. I told her not to get discouraged even though we’re looking outside because that was the will of my colleagues. They want to make sure they do the right thing on this position.”

Boutin said Davis will stay on as interim superintendent through the end of June.

“Jill has been such a dedicated person at this school,” Boutin said. “I don’t think anybody works more hours than Jill does. For years, she’s been a tireless advocate for students and is an incredible hard worker.”

LeMay said the last two Greater Lowell Tech superintendents have only stayed for three years.

“I’m not voting for someone that’s just willing to stay there three years,” he said. “I think the faculty deserves a breath of fresh air with some longevity in the system, and Jill Davis possesses that.”

Davis said she would be interested in the permanent superintendent position.

“I’ve been at Greater Lowell (Tech) for 23 years and students are my passion,” she said. “This really isn’t about me. It’s really about the students and providing them with the opportunity of a quality vocational technical education so they can make a choice of wanting to go on to college or follow a career path in the future, and I think moving forward my decisions will be based in the best interests of students and the success of our students.”