

CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
Chesterfield, New Jersey 08515

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING UPDATE
February 2019

The NEW Board of Education Update

In an effort to improve communication with the Chesterfield Township School Community, Superintendent Scott Heino will provide the school community with a monthly update of board action. The February 2019 Board of Education Meeting Update is the first edition of the new update. The board and superintendent hope this publication will keep the school community informed as we continue to focus on school improvement and academic excellence. It is our goal to provide a “**brief, easy read**” summary of the action of the board each month and direct you where you can go for additional information.

2019-2020 School Year Budget

Superintendent Scott Heino presented the budget goals for the 2019-2020 School Year Budget. The major initiatives of the district for the next school year include implementing the new social studies curriculum and implementing a plan to improve school climate and culture. Mrs. Jeanine May-Sivieri, Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction, is working with a committee to rewrite the social studies curriculum and identify the instructional resources that will be used to implement the new curriculum. Principal Mike Mazzoni is working with a committee to develop a plan to improve school climate and culture with a specific focus on student behavior.

The 2019-2020 Budget Goals Presentation is posted on the district website. Click the “School Board” tab at the top of the page, and then click the “School Budgets” tab to access the 2019-2020 Budget Year. The next budget presentation will be at the Monday, March 11, 2019 board of education meeting. Superintendent Scott Heino and Business Administrator Patrick Pisano will be presenting the major initiatives and highlights of the preliminary 2019-2020 School Year Budget.

2018-2019 Budget Spending

Superintendent Scott Heino presented an update on the budget for the additional \$1,541,532 in state funding that was received in July 2018. At the July 2018 board of education meeting, the Chesterfield Township School District received additional state aid and the board approved a spending plan that focused on three areas: personnel, curriculum and instruction, and building and grounds. The 2018-2019 Additional State Funding Update is posted on the district website. Click the “School Board” tab at the top of the page and then click the “School Budgets” tab to access the 2018-2019 Budget Year

Student Recognition

Supervisor of Special Services Anthony Calandrillo presented five students with a Certificate of Recognition for their outstanding acts of kindness that they have consistently demonstrated throughout the school year. The board recognized these students with the certificate to highlight their exceptional kindness and their dedication to modeling the behavior we want to see in our students every day. The students recognized were Riley Jones, Sophia Keintz, Nikhila Malladi, Madison Payne, and Imany Pierre. Congratulations!

Board of Education Policy

There is a specific process the board of education follows to ensure board policy is updated as needed. When adopting and revising policies, the board of education follows a two-step process. The board of education has a policy committee that has been meeting monthly to revise board policy. After reviewing the policy in committee, the policies are presented to the board of education for an initial review called a “first reading”. At the meeting, when policies are presented for a first meeting, board members provide feedback to the policy committee to consider when finalizing a policy. The policy committee then meets to finalize policy before presenting the policies to the board of education at the next scheduled meeting. When presenting the policies for a second time, it is called the “second reading”. After the board approves a policy in second reading, it becomes policy. All board of education policies can be accessed on the district website under the “School Board” tab at the top of the page and then click the “Policies”. All first and second readings of policies are listed on each board of education agenda.

School Security

District Technology Coordinator Steve Lee presented the board of education with the options for updating our school security system. The board of education values the safety and security of our students, staff, and school and has approved funding to improve school security. The board voted to move forward with a new system of security and will discuss the final proposals at the March board of education meeting.

2017-2018 School Year Audit

Dave McNally, CPA of Holman Frenia Allison, presented the 2017-2018 School Year Audit Report. The audit found the district to be in an improving financial situation than in years past. We have begun to build a reserve of \$500,000. The audit also did not include any “findings”. A “finding” is an area identified to be corrected in the future. No findings is significant and the goal of every business administrator. Congratulations to Mr. Pisano for a job well done!

New Personnel

The board of education approved the following new personnel:

Maria Martinez – Instructional Coach

Charmaine Ramos – School Nurse

Tarra Baker – Main Office Secretary

Congratulations to the newest members of the school team!

Substitute Teachers/Staffing Service

As you may be aware, securing substitute teachers each day can be a challenge. The Chesterfield Township School District has entered into agreement with ESS for substitute staffing services and management. We hope to have our new staffing services up and running in April.

Board of Education Committees

The board established one new liaison and one new committee within their committee structure. Mrs. Amy Jablonski will serve as the Fair Funding Action Committee Liaison, and Mr. Matt Litt and Mrs. Christina Hoggan will serve as the representatives of the Fair Funding Legal Committee.

Board Goals

The board of education developed two board goals. The next step in the process will be to develop an action plan for each goal. The board intends to discuss the action plans in March. The goals are currently written as follows:

Board Goal #1: Improve board operations through assessment and development of formalized meeting and committee structures that improve efficiency and allow for informed decision making by the board.

Board Goal #2: Improve community engagement, familiarity, and trust through the development of processes and opportunities for the board of education to interact with stakeholders.

District Goals

Superintendent Scott Heino, Principal Mike Mazzoni, and Director of Special Services Anthony Calandrillo all presented an update on the 2018-2019 District Goals. The district goals update presentations are posted on the district website. Click the “Our District” tab at the top of the page and then click the “District Goals” tab to access the 2018-2019 District Goals.