

CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
Chesterfield, New Jersey 08515

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING UPDATE
January 2020

During the month of January 2020, the Chesterfield Township School District Board of Education met on Wednesday, January 8th, for the annual reorganization meeting and Wednesday, January 22nd, for the regular monthly meeting. The topics below reflect the highlights of both meetings.

Board President and Vice President

Each year in January, boards of education across New Jersey meet to hold an annual reorganization meeting. One of the responsibilities at the reorganization meeting is for the board of education to elect a president and vice president. Congratulations to Mrs. Christina Hoggan and Mr. Matthew Litt for being elected as the board president and vice president respectively.

Swearing In of New Board of Education Members

The Chesterfield Township Board of Education swore in the newest members of the board at the reorganization meeting. Mr. Matthew Litt is continuing his role as a board member and was sworn in by our business administrator, Mr. Andrew Polo. Mrs. Andrea Katz is returning to the board of education and was sworn in by Senate President Steve Sweeney. Congratulations to our new board members!

Instrumental Music Presentation

Instrumental music instructor, Mrs. McCreary, was joined by several members of the instrumental music program to provide the board with an overview of the program. Mrs. McCreary described the progression of the program from grades 3 to 6. Starting with an understanding of the instruments in a band in grade 3 to actively participating in band in grade 6, it was amazing to see the progression an instrumental music student will move through during his/her time here in Chesterfield Elementary School. The students were able to demonstrate taking apart and assembling instruments as well as demonstrate how each instrument is played. The students who joined us were Anita Alex, Cameron Campanella, Peter Campanella, Evan Coleman, Samantha D'Angelo, Sanjana Kamath, Emily Miller, Beverly Moraca, Haikle Nanola, Radha Pant, Jonathan Prihoda, Matthew Prihoda, Leila Probasco, Emily Sarno, Christian Saxton, Madelina Schmid, Drew Timmons, and Kyra Wozniak. Thank you to Mrs. McCreary and our instrumental music students for attending the board meeting and teaching our board about the instrumental program.

Board Committees

The Chesterfield Township School District Board of Education works within subcommittees. Each year, in January, the subcommittees are finalized for the year. For the 2020 calendar year, the board has established the following committees and representatives:

Human Resources	Andrea Katz & Matthew Litt
Curriculum & Instruction	Jaclyn Halaw & Kerri Lynch
Finance	Christina Hoggan & Matthew Litt
Student Services	Kerri Lynch & Andrea Katz

In addition to the four main subcommittees of the board, the board also established the following committees and representatives:

Burlington County School Boards Association Executive Committee Delegate	Christina Hoggan
Legislative Chairperson & Delegate to NJ School Boards Association	Christina Hoggan Andrea Katz – Alternate
District Advisory Committee	Christina Hoggan Jaclyn Halaw
Compressor Station & Pipeline Impact Committee	Matthew Litt Christina Hoggan
Community Heritage Committee	Matthew Litt Christina Hoggan
Fair Funding Action Committee Liaison	Andrea Katz

ESL Curriculum

Did you know that our school has an official English Second Language Program? At the start of the 2018-2019 School Year, we developed a new program for students whose primary language is not English. Over the last year and a half, Mrs. May-Sivieri has worked with our ESL teacher to further develop the ESL curriculum. This month the board unanimously approved the most recent changes to the ESL curriculum. The ESL curriculum can be found on the district website under the “Departments” tab. Then click on “Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment”, then click on “Curriculum”.

Policy 3515.1 Personal Electronic Devices/Personal Cell Phones

The board had a first reading the revision of Policy 3515.1 Personal Electronic Devices/Personal Cell Phones. After a discussion, the board agreed to send the policy to subcommittee for review. The board anticipates a second reading and approval of the policy at the February meeting.