

CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
Chesterfield, New Jersey 08515

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING UPDATE
March 2020

During the month of March 2020, the Chesterfield Township School District Board of Education met on Tuesday, March 3rd and Tuesday, March 31st. The special meeting on March 3rd opened in public session, but immediately entered executive session to address a student issue. On Tuesday, March 31st, the board of education held the regularly monthly meeting. The meeting was held remotely and followed the guidelines for remote meetings and addressed essential items only. The topics below reflect the highlights of the March 31st meeting.

2020-2021 School Year Budget

Superintendent Scott Heino and Business Administrator Andrew Polo presented the preliminary 2020-2021 School Year Budget. This was the first step in the budget approval process. This approval authorizes district administration to submit the budget to the Department of Education for review and approval. The second step in the budget approval process will take place at the April 29th Budget Hearing. The board voted 3-2 to approve a \$15,788,453 budget, which includes \$2,305,738 in debt service, representing a 2% increase on the tax levy. The budget results in a \$49 decrease in taxes for the average home assessed at \$390,612.

Contracted Services - Paraprofessionals

During the closure of the building, the district continues to pay all district employees. However, contracted services are not being paid; this includes our paraprofessionals. In a unanimous vote, the board approved payment for the paraprofessionals during the building closure.

The next board of education meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 29th at 6:00 PM. This meeting will also include the 2020-2021 Budget Hearing. It is anticipated that the April 29th meeting will be held remotely.