CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

Chesterfield, New Jersey 08515

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING UPDATE May 2019

During the month of May 2019, the Chesterfield Township School District Board of Education met on Wednesday, May 15th. The topics below reflect the highlights of that meeting.

School Climate and Culture Initiative

Mr. Mazzoni and members of the School Climate and Culture Committee presented their work in preparation for the 2019-2020 School Year. Mr. Mazzoni began the presentation by sharing the implementation plan for the initiative. Mrs. Kumar, one of our parent representatives on the committee, presented the information about the student, staff, and community surveys. Mrs. DiEleuterio concluded the presentation by sharing the new Code of Conduct. Following the presentation there was a positive discussion with the Board of Education. This is an exciting initiative for the district and everyone is looking forward to September! The committee has been working over a year on this initiative and it is important to recognize all the hard work that has gone into the final plan. Thank you to the members of the committee.....

Jessica Wszolek	Alice Thompson	Jaclyn Halaw
Laura Bond	Cindy McNally	Nicole Pucci

Shamita Kumar Judy Schwartz Antoinette DiEleuterio

Valerie Lydon Melody Khalifa

The presentations from the meeting are available on the district website. On the district homepage click on the first link on the left hand side under "Site Shortcuts" for the presentations.

Geothermal System

Mr. George Duthie and Mr. Steven Gillan from FVHD Architects presented an update on the status of the plan to repair the geothermal system underground vault. The vault is an underground "room" where the pipes from the underground wells in the back of the school connect to the pipes that enter the school. Our geothermal vault is damaged and underground water is leaking into the vault at an alarming rate. In an effort to avoid a construction project to build a new vault above ground, Mr. Duthie suggested the Board allow him to investigate the possibility of repairing the vault using a method that is different from how the vault was repaired in the past. An update on the geothermal system vault repair will be provided at the June Board of Education Meeting.

2019-2020 School Year Calendar

The Board approved a revised school calendar for the 2019-2020 School Year. The revised calendar reflects one less student day and one additional in-service day for staff. The 2019-2020 School Year Calendar can be found on the district website.

Staffing

Interim Supervisor of Special Services – The Board unanimously approved Elizabeth Donahue as the interim Supervisor of Special Services. Mrs. Donahue will serve in this position through the end of July.

School Secretary – The Board unanimously approved Mrs. Sabrina Buscarnera as one of our new school secretaries. If you've visited the school in the last couple months, you most likely spoke with Mrs. Buscarnera. She has been filling in for us as we've worked to hire a new secretary.

All Staff – The Board unanimously approved all certified and non-certified staff for the 2019-2020 School Year.

Retirement – After 44 years teaching in the Chesterfield Township School District, Mr. John Salamon will retire at the end of the 2018-2019 School Year. Thank you to Mr. Salamon for decades of dedication to the district and the hundreds of lives he touched during that time. Congratulations on a well-deserved retirement!