

Chesterfield Township Board of Education  
Budget Work Session 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, February 17, 2021  
MINUTES

The budget work session meeting of the Chesterfield Township Board of Education was opened at 7:06 p.m., by President Christina Hoggan, with a flag salute and moment of silence.

Welcome to this meeting of the Chesterfield Township Board of Education. If there is any agenda item, which you would like to discuss with the Board, please do so during that portion of the agenda entitled, "Public Comments-Agenda Items Only".

Should you have any other comments and/or questions once we have passed the "Public Comments-Agenda Items Only" portion in the agenda, please reserve those comments for "Other Public Comments" at the end of the meeting.

The public shall be reminded that they should attempt to resolve any problems and/or complaints through initial contact with the appropriate administrator. Such matters should only be brought to the Board after all avenues within the administrative chain of command have been exhausted. Policy #1312 Community Complaints and Inquiries, [https://boardpolicyonline.com/?b=chesterfield\\_township](https://boardpolicyonline.com/?b=chesterfield_township)

When you do address the Board, please state your name and address and limit your comments to three minutes. The total length of time for public comment is unrestricted unless a time limit is imposed by the Board President. Please refrain from comments that are likely to invade an individual's privacy rights or are not related to matters before the Board. They will not be permitted.

1. Roll Call

Board Members present:

Ms. Christina Hoggan, President  
Mr. Matthew Litt, Vice President  
Mrs. Jaclyn Halaw  
Mrs. Andrea Katz

Board Members absent

Mrs. Kerri Lynch

Administration present:

Mr. Scott Heino, Superintendent  
Mr. Andrew Polo, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

2. Open Public Meetings Act Notice

The Chesterfield Township Board of Education has given public notice of this meeting, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, in the following manner on February 7, 2021:

- 2A.a Posting written notice on the official bulletin board at the Chesterfield Township School.
- 2A.b Mailing written notice to the Burlington County Times and Trenton Times newspapers.
- 2A.c Filing written notice with the Clerk of Chesterfield Township.
- 2A.d Filing written notice with the Secretary of this body.
- 2A.e Mailing written notice to each person who has requested copies of the regular meeting schedule and who has prepaid any charge fixed for such service.

3. Meeting Information/Important Dates

Board of Education Important Dates:

February 24, 2021	Regular Monthly Meeting
March 17, 2021	Budget Work Session
March 24, 2021	Regular Monthly Meeting

#### School District Important Dates

February 26, 2021	Boosterthon Fun Run
March 17, 2021	End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Marking Period
March 19, 2021	Early Dismissal-Parent Teacher Conferences

#### 4. Presentation

2021- 2022 Budget presentation by Mr. Heino and Mr. Polo

#### 5. Public Comment

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Ashley Watson commented that other school districts are already having full in person / full remote.

Jignesh Shah asked when the budget presentation will be posted on the website.

Andrew Rochester asked when will you address the level of the tax increase.

Gina Supal asked if we were still budgeting for two principals.

Dennis Cook asked have you shopped around for insurance.

Stacy D'Artagnan commented on the budget and asked why we are not having a budget committee like the township has. She stated that the budget lines did not add up in the slide presentation. She asked how much are our taxes going to go up and if teachers are paying a portion of their health benefits.

Melody Lloyd commented that she is happy to hear there will not be a hybrid option next year. She asked if there are discussions going on regarding how to get the children back on grade level, and if full in person instruction will start this year.

Stacy D'Artagnan commented that she agrees that full in person instruction should start this year.

Jignesh Shah commented that he hopes there is not a 2% tax increase during the pandemic. I am just looking out for the taxpayers, keep it flat.

#### Mr. Heino addressed some of the comments:

He stated that we do communicate with other school districts; I keep in contact with them. Every district's resources are different so they may be able to do things differently than we can.

We will discuss the tax levy at the next meeting.

Mr. Mazzoni is still on a leave of absence and we are looking into hiring an interim principal to cover for him while he is out.

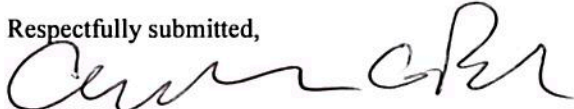
We have looked into health insurance and changed companies as recent as last February. It is law that staff contribute to their health benefits.

The slide presentation does not add up – we were just showing the highlights, we did not include all the line items that didn't change, for example: annual dues are a set amount that cannot be changed. What we showed in the presentation are the areas in the budget that we can change.

6. Adjournment

*A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mrs. Katz and seconded by Mrs. Halaw at 8:44 p.m. All agreed.*

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Polo', written over the printed name.

Andrew Polo  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary