# Chesterfield Township Board of Education Budget Work Session 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, 2021 MINUTES

The budget work session meeting of the Chesterfield Township Board of Education was opened at 7:05 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

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.

#### Roll Call

Board Members present:

Ms. Christina Hoggan, President

Mr. Matthew Litt, Vice President

Mrs. Jaclyn Halaw

Mrs. Andrea Katz

Mrs. Kerri Lynch

# Administration present:

Mr. Scott Heino, Superintendent

Mr. Andrew Polo, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

## 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 28, 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.

# Meeting Information/Important Dates

**Board of Education Important Dates:** 

March 17, 2021

Regular Monthly Meeting

School District Important Dates

March 17, 2021

End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Marking Period

March 19, 2021

Early Dismissal-Parent Teacher Conferences

### Presentation

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

#### 5. Public Comment

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Jignesh Shah commented on the budget, happy with flat rate, good work.

Bhaskar Modukuru commented on the budget, thanked the board for keeping tax rate flat.

Jansky Placid asked if we saved money on the day to day operations during COVID and if so how much?

# 6. <u>Correspondence</u> (Attachment) – Public

Ms. Hoggan read two letters out loud from the correspondence.

Correspondence from Chesterfield resident Bhaskar Modukuru

Correspondence from Chesterfield resident Utpal Desai

Correspondence from Chesterfield resident Hanish Valeti

Correspondence from Chesterfield resident Vamsi Jamalapuram

Correspondence from Chesterfield resident Nirav Mehta

Correspondence from Chesterfield resident Jignesh Shah

Correspondence from Chesterfield resident Susan Gilmer-Layton

Mr. Litt asked Board Attorney Mr. Donio if Mr. Polo can read any correspondence moving forward. Mr. Donio responded yes.

### Adjourn to Executive Session

Ms. Hoggan stated that when the Board ends executive session no action will be taken, we will just adjourn.

A motion was made by Mrs. Katz and seconded by Mr. Litt to adjourn to executive session at 8:04 p.m. with the approval of the following resolution:

## EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et seq (Open Public Meetings Act) provides that the Board of Education of the Chesterfield School District may exclude the public from that portion of the meeting at which the Board of Education discusses certain matters as set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12; and,

WHEREAS, the following subjects shall be discussed in the session of the Board of Education closed to the public:

Legal

RESOLVED, that the aforestated meeting is closed to the public for the reason set forth above in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the discussion in executive session will be available for disclosure to the public at such time as it is no longer necessary to maintain the confidential nature of the items discussed.

A call of the roll indicated an affirmative vote. All ayes. No nays. Motion carried.

# 8. Return to Public Session

A motion was made by Mrs. Katz and seconded by Mr. Litt to return to public session at 9:27 p.m.

A call of the roll indicated an affirmative vote. All ayes. No nays. Motion carried.

# Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Katz and seconded by Mrs. Halaw at 9:28 p.m. All agreed.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Polo

Business Administrator/Board Secretary