

CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
Chesterfield, New Jersey 08515

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING UPDATE
December 2021

It has been almost two years since the last Board of Education Meeting Update. As you know, last year we published a weekly letter (“Thursday Letter”), but we are returning to publishing a monthly Board of Education Update to keep our school community informed of the work of our Chesterfield Township Board of Education.

The Chesterfield Township Board of Education met on Wednesday, December 15th at 7:00 PM for the December monthly meeting. The topics below reflect the highlights of that meeting as well as highlights from a subcommittee meeting.

The next meeting of the Chesterfield Township Board of Education is scheduled for Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 7:00 PM. This is the Board’s reorganization meeting where the Board will swear in newly elected board of education member James Ivins, elect a board president and vice-president, and establish subcommittee assignments. The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education for January is scheduled for Wednesday, January 19th.

Sale of the Crosswicks Firehouse

Are you aware that the Chesterfield Township Board of Education is the owner of the firehouse in the Crosswicks section of town? The firehouse in Crosswicks was originally a school. In the 1970s the Chesterfield Township Board of Education transferred ownership of the school to the Chesterfield Township Fire Department with an agreement to retain ownership when the fire department vacates the building. As of June 2021, the Chesterfield Township Board of Education retained ownership of the building and property.

The Board is in the process of selling the property and has contracted with a real-estate agent to list property. However, selling a government owned property is not a simple process. The Board is required to obtain approval from the State of New Jersey before selling the property. As the Board awaits that approval from the State, the Board began marketing the property. Unfortunately, obtaining final approval from the State of New Jersey is a lengthy process that may take several months. Thus, at this time the Board of Education is removing the property listing as the Board awaits final approval from the State. As soon as that approval is received, the Board will begin the process of selling the property.

Statement of November 2, 2021 Election Results

The Chesterfield Township Board of Education published the Statement of Results for the November 2nd election. Congratulations to Mr. James Ivins who was elected to the Board of Education beginning in January. Mr. Ivins will be sworn in at the January 5, 2022 reorganization meeting.

Memorandum of Agreement between the Chesterfield Township Board of Education and the Chesterfield Administrators Education Association

Last year the Board approved a 5-year agreement with the Chesterfield Township Education Association (CTEA) and this month the Board approved a 5-year agreement with the Chesterfield Administrators Education Association (CAEA). The Board is pleased to have the stability of a 5-year agreement with both groups.

Tuition Reimbursement

The Board approved tuition reimbursement for four members of the CTEA. There has been an increase in the number of faculty enrolling in graduate level course work. This is an area the Board supports as our staff continue to grow professionally.

CPEF Grant Acceptance

The Chesterfield Public Education Fund (CPEF) offers grants to staff for educational resources. This month the Board approved two CPEF grants. The district's Speech and Language Therapy Department was approved for playground language board banners to be installed along our new playground fencing and third grade teacher Mrs. Weisgarber was approved for chair glides for her classroom. Thank you to the CPEF for their continued support of the staff and district!

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