

Chesterfield Township Board of Education
Special Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 6, 2021
MINUTES

The special 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. Regulation #9130 Public Complaints and Grievances, <https://www.straussesmay.com/seportal/Public/DistrictRegulation.aspx?regulationid=9130&search=9130&id=c96bc25240ae4616b56366ea64985ab0>

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. Jaelyn Halaw
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 September 30, 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:

October 20, 2021 Regular Monthly Meeting

School District Important Dates

October 11, 2021 School Closed – Staff In-Service

Mr. Litt recused himself from the interview process at 7:12 p.m. He will return to meeting for item #7.

4. Board of Education

4A. Interviews of School Board Candidates to Fill Vacant Seat

Karen Harkenrider	7:05 p.m.
Michael Powers	7:25 p.m.
Christy Green	7:45 p.m.
Carol Cooper-Braun	8:05 p.m.
Andrew Rochester	8:25 p.m.

5. Public Comment

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6. Adjourn to Executive Session

Ms. Hoggan stated that when they return from executive session they will announce who they have chosen to fill the vacant board seat and take a vote.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Halaw to adjourn to executive session at 8:27 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:

Deliberation Regarding Board Vacancy

RESOLVED, that the aforesaid 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.

7. Return to Public Session

A motion was made by Mrs. Halaw and seconded by Mrs. Lynch to return to public session at 8:53 p.m.

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

Ms. Hoggan thanks all the candidates and stated it was a very hard decision.

A motion was made by Mrs. Halaw and seconded by Mrs. Lynch to approve Mrs. Carol Cooper-Braun as board member.

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

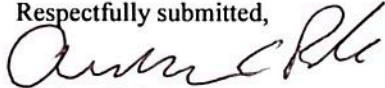
Mr. Litt rejoins the meeting at 8:57 p.m. He is informed by the Board that Mrs. Carol Cooper-Braun was appointed as the new board member. He congratulates Mrs. Carol Cooper-Braun.

Ms. Hoggan commented that all the candidates made really good points about communication with the community and had some good ideas regarding such. She stated that she would like the Board to discuss how we can improve our community outreach and is interested in starting a community committee and hopes that the candidates will join the committee.

8. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mrs. Halaw and seconded by Mr.Litt at 9:00 p.m. All agreed.

Respectfully submitted,



Andrew Polo
Business Administrator/Board Secretary