

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION HIGH SCHOOL SHOWCASE MEETING
HELD VIRTUALLY MAY 6, 2021 AT 7:30 PM**

Board Members Present: Anthony Perugini-Chair; Adam Grippo-Vice Chair; Kathryn Hallen-Secretary; Faith Ham, Anne Harrigan, Andrew Martelli, Timothy White

Administrators Present: Jeffrey F. Solan, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools; Marlene Silano, Assistant Superintendent of Schools; Vincent Masciana, Chief Operating Officer

Public access made available through live streaming the Cheshire Public School's YouTube Channel at www.youtube.com/cheshirepublicschools . Public comments were accepted at CPSCovid19@cheshire.k12.ct.us .
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1. CALL TO ORDER – 7:30 P.M.

- A. Roll for Quorum. The roll was called and a quorum determined.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
Mr. Perugini led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

2. HIGH SCHOOL SHOWCASE PRESENTATION

Cheshire High School showcased student support and engagement during the pandemic. Teachers shared how Wellness Wednesdays have been a consistent feature keeping students connected and focused on strategies to support their social and emotional wellbeing. Presenters highlighted how teachers have used Learning Labs to provide consistent academic and organizational support for both remote and in-person learners. Presenters also shared how the Arts have been adapted during this unique time. Students shared how academic and extracurricular activities have kept them engaged.

Principal, Dr. Mary Jocelyn-Gadd, began the presentation by reviewing that currently at Cheshire High School:

- There are 19 Broadcast Systems Installed with cameras and microphones in every classroom.
- 585 students are attending in person 4 days per week.
- 333 students are attending remotely.
- 438 students are attending in the hybrid model.
- Roughly 800 plus students are in person each day.
- Instruction to both in-person and remote learners happens every day.
- Clubs are continuing throughout the year.

Joe Costardo, Chairperson of the Art Department and Greg Bell, Choral Director, presented on Fine and Performing Arts and hands-on learning experiences.

Ann Wellspeak, Library Media Specialist, along with Dr. Maureen Reed, Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Instruction, presented on the academic and organizational

support for students, including Learning Labs and a new program called SCOPE (Student Community Outreach Program for Education) that is led by Kristin Pelz, Assistant Principal.

Cathy Sullivan, Chairperson of the Physical Education Department; Joe Krutz, Physical Education teacher; Dan Lee, PE and Peer Health teacher; students: Lucy Helene, Conner DeLaubell, Julianna Distant, Brad Krutz, and Jack Lovelace contributed to the presentation on the Leadership and Wellness Wednesdays programs. Students explained the Leadership initiatives at each of the schools.

Board Members thanked everyone for the presentation and voiced admiration for the leadership roles of the staff and students.

3. **Audience via CPSCOV1D19@cheshire.k12.ct.us**
None.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**
On a motion by Ms. Hallen, and seconded by Ms. Harrigan, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Perugini, Board Chair

Attest:

Carol K. Jesensky, Board of Education Clerk

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