

Welcome to Board Briefs, in which we summarize key agenda items from prior Board of Education meetings and address topics that were brought to the Board's attention. Full meeting minutes are typically not available until reviewed and approved by the Board at a subsequent meeting, but we hope that this summary of key items from the previous meeting will 'keep you in touch' with the notable actions of the Board. As always, our community is encouraged to attend our meetings. We welcome your questions and comments.

March 3, 2016 Board of Education Meeting

Election Day Machines

The Board of Education announced that during the May 17 budget vote and Board trustee election, the district will be utilizing optical scan machines borrowed from the County of Westchester. Residents will also be asked to vote on a bond proposition authorizing the purchase of various buses for the district.

Budget Saturday

The Board of Education encouraged the public to attend Budget Saturday on March 12 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to learn more about the proposed budget. The day's agenda is available on the district website, www.chufsd.org.

Trustee Petitions Available

Petitions are available to nominate candidates for the office of School Board trustee. Any district resident can pick up a petition at the District Office from District Clerk Kimberlee Johnson during normal business hours. All nominating petitions must be submitted by April 18 at 5 p.m. Current trustees will be available on April 7 from 7 to 7:30 p.m. to answer any questions from potential candidates.

After School Program Discussion

The district has been advised that there is no authority for a school district to operate an after school program that charges students to participate. This was confirmed by other school districts. Instead, PTA's, YMCAs, other non-profit organizations or the local government's recreation department typically sponsor these types of programs. Recognizing the enrichment opportunities it offers our young Croton students, the overall sentiment of the Board and the Administration is to find another organization that can run the program. We are in the process of contacting locally connected groups to see if there is any interest in taking over the program. A K-12 alert will be issued informing the community more about this development.