

Roseland Board of Education Update

Highlights of Thursday, November 19th meeting

Below please find a summary of the key highlights from our November Board of Education meeting ([long agenda](#)); note agenda items now include indicator linking to board/district goals

- Ms. Gross and Mr. Mastrangelo presented a [Certificate of Recognition](#) to Logan Rager for his winning [design](#) for the new Makerspace.
- Mr. John Mooney, Principal at Nisivoccia, LLP presented the school audit, indicating the school finances are very solid for the upcoming year, with a surplus of 2% (schools can keep up to 2% of budget for unplanned expenses) and adequate funds in capital reserves to cover items such as paving of the upper parking lot.
- Ms. Gross and Mr. Mastrangelo recognized the Roseland Boosters for their long support of contributions to Noecker school with a [plaque](#) to be mounted by the Sierchio gym.
- Ms. Gross provided an overview of the Principal search process, with next steps for current board to meet the leading candidate, and then facilitate meeting the new board members as well.
- Mr. Sooknanan (parent) and Ms. Thorn [presented](#) an introduction to the new Makerspace in the Media Center, which will focus on 5th and 6th graders this year and over time be available to all grades. We are one of the first elementary schools in this area to have a Makerspace. Makerspace is more of a philosophy of how we engage kids to use and develop creativity in learning which will ultimately infuse throughout the school.
 - Thank you to Roseland residents and owners of [Maker Depot](#) Michael and Patti Franchino who have provided guidance and support
- Mr. Bohm [presented](#) the results of the SafeStop app pilot, recommending not to proceed at this time - while everyone loved the concept, the execution did not meet their expectations.
- Mr. Mastrangelo congratulated Ms. Perotti and Mr. Gorman on their win in the election, with their service beginning in January at the reorganization meeting
- Mr. Mastrangelo summarized his attendance at the NJ School Boards conference, attending sessions such as "Engaging parents in data driven instruction" and "Starting STEM early"
- Mr. Mastrangelo encouraged parents to watch the [new video series](#) with Dr. Bari Erlichson of the NJ Dept of Education, describing "[What is PARCC](#)" and "[What Parents should know about PARCC](#)"
- Mr. Hughes commended all involved in making the Veteran's Day event at Noecker a fantastic experience in recognition of the service of our veterans, with over 50 veterans attending
- Ms. Gordon provided an overview of the Essex County Board of Ed meeting where NJ Education Commissioner David Hespe participated in a Q&A regarding topics such as PARCC, Curriculum, Common Core, QSAC, school funding, and other topics

Some key items the board approved:

- Mandatory policies 3218 and 4218 on Substance Abuse
- Donation from Roseland Boosters for musical equipment
- GovDeals to sell surplus property
- Joanne Barker as Substitute Nurse

Public comments included Makerspace

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 17th at 7:30pm in the Noecker Media Center. Happy Thanksgiving to all teachers, staff, parents, students and community members!

Roseland Board of Education
Communications Committee