Building Better Community Transparency

Chardon Local Schools, OH



Chardon Local Schools gains greater community transparency and trust with leading board management solution!

BoardDocs Times Two

Superintendent Dr. Michael Hanlon, Jr., knows all too well the powerful benefits of a board management solution. Afterall, he's implemented OSBA BoardDocs in two different Ohio school districts. As the previous superintendent for Painesville City Schools, Dr. Hanlon implemented OSBA BoardDocs LT and has done so again at Chardon Local Schools.



The district has utilized OSBA BoardDocs LT since 2014. With the board management solution's turnkey features, the district stopped producing 40 copies of board meeting binders and eliminated their former time-consuming processes.

Greater Transparency Yields Greater Trust

Now, Chardon Local's BoardDocs LT site is accessible from the district's website, ensuring the community is well-informed. Board meeting agendas are released the Friday before the scheduled meeting, so stakeholders and the community are knowledgeable and empowered before the event takes place.

"The Board of Education wanted to increase transparency for constituents. It's hard to put a value on public perception and trust, and BoardDocs definitely contributes to greater organizational transparency," said Dr. Hanlon.

Powerful Features Increase Productivity

Detailed agendas allow all motions, votes, attachments and presentations made during the meeting to be easily viewed. The Board Secretary can easily share this information post-meeting should it be requested.

Previously, the Chardon Local maintained 40 copies of a district policy handbook.



Now with BoardDocs, only one hard copy is maintained and all policies are hosted online for greater transparency and accuracy. The community can access the policy bank at anytime, from anywhere.

Board Member Perspective

All five of the district's board members use Chromebooks to perform board business. They are also highly satisfied with the ability to view and use OSBA BoardDocs LT on personal devices.

Board members even have access to the agenda as it's being developed. Dr. Hanlon explains the district is more efficient in preparing for meetings, thus being able to eliminate the agenda preparation meetings they used to hold with the board president.

They also love the comprehensive search functionality that BoardDocs LT provides. "Board members no longer have to be onsite to review contracts or search for important documents. Everything can be found in BoardDocs. Because of BoardDocs we work smarter, not harder," stated Dr. Hanlon.

About Chardon Local Schools

The suburban-urban school district is located in Geauga County, 30 miles southeast of Cleveland. It serves 3,000 students in a 90-square mile area.

Learn More!

See how BoardDocs can work for you; visit BoardDocs.com or call (800) 407-0141, ext. 2.

What people are saying about BoardDocs®

"We're using the Strategic Goal Tracking and Management feature to readily share board progress. BoardDocs is a great tool for keeping our board updated and constituents engaged in a very proactive manner."

Priscilla Thibodaux

Administrative Assistant St. Charles Parish Schools, LA

"In the first year, our district saved an estimated \$25,000 in paper costs; the savings last year are believed to be more than \$30,000!"

Sandra Smith

Clerk of the Board of Trustees Sweetwater Union High School District, CA

"It's the only way to do business nowadays. If you don't have a solution like BoardDocs, you are in the stone ages! And from a cost savings point, it makes total sense. Why would you pay more to do something the hard way?"

Luis Lopes

Superintendent Southeastern Regional Vocational School District, MA

"BoardDocs has been the single best creative invention for school boards. Gone are the days of compiling 14+ copies of a packet and hand-delivering it to each board member."

Cheri Dunford

Superintendent/Board Executive Assistant Uinta County School District #1, WY

"I am amazed by how much time BoardDocs saves us. And, of course, there's the cost savings from all of the paper that has been eliminated. It is an excellent investment!"

Melanie Weyer

Executive Assistant to COO Greater Clark County Schools, IL







Save Money. Save Time. Make a Difference.

About BoardDocs

BoardDocs services are developed and marketed exclusively by Emerald Data Solutions[™], Inc., the market leader and pioneer of board management solutions. Serving over 2,000 organizations nationwide, BoardDocs' board management services offer governing bodies turn-key electronic solutions for processing virtually any type of governance document, including agenda items, supporting documents, policies, procedures and more. BoardDocs' services alleviate the enormous task of assembling, printing, distributing and revising board packets. BoardDocs' unique, state-of-the-art solutions also save money, reduce staff time, improve board effectiveness, increase transparency in governance and have a positive effect on the environment.

For more information or to arrange a personal demonstration, call (800) 407-0141, ext. 2 or visit us at BoardDocs.com.