



# New Jersey School Boards Association

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## Take-Away Points

### NJSBA Board of Directors Meeting

May 11, 2018

1. **New Video-Conferencing Capability:** A major goal of the NJSBA's 2018-2020 Strategic Plan focuses on "Building a 'Future Ready' Association." The Strategic Plan calls for NJSBA to "lead by example" while providing local school boards with strategies and resources to advance digital learning and become "Future Ready." At the May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Association rolled out its video-conferencing ability. Three Board of Director members attended the meeting from off-site locations.

NJSBA's Governance and Operations Policy (GO/1120), which applies to Board of Directors meetings, permits remote access and voting. The Association has also updated corresponding regulations to reflect remote participation. NJSBA will be expanding video-conferencing capability to other meetings.

The video-conferencing was made possible by a generous donation by Cisco Systems, a worldwide leader in computer networking and hardware technology, which provided NJSBA with an in-kind contribution of video-conferencing equipment valued at \$200,000. Its contribution, the largest in NJSBA's 104-year history, will enable NJSBA to reach its goal of "Building a 'Future Ready' Association."

Also contributing is SHI, a global IT solutions provider based in Somerset, New Jersey. SHI lent its expertise during the installation of the video conferencing equipment and by providing training to staff in the use of the new technology.

The NJSBA Board of Directors approved two resolutions of appreciation. One recognizes Cisco Systems for its generous contribution. The other thanks SHI for providing training and support.

2. **School Security:** The School Security Committee met on April 24<sup>th</sup> and is now in the process of updating NJSBA's 2014 report, *What Makes Schools Safe?* The new report is scheduled for release in June. In addition, recent county school boards associations meetings have focused on the topic of student safety. NJSBA will hold its third annual School Security Conference on Friday, June 1. Registration information is available on the Association's homepage at [www.njsba.org](http://www.njsba.org).
3. **STEAM Education:** The NJSBA continues its work with the U.S. Army to advance STEAM education. Major General Jeffrey Snow, the U.S. Army's commanding general for recruitment, requested a meeting with NJSBA to discuss the replication of the NJSBA-U.S. Army STEAM education partnership in other states. The meeting was scheduled for May 15.

NJSBA will be honored for its work to advance STEAM Education. The Association will receive the "Impact" award from the New Jersey Technology and Engineering Educations Association. The award recognizes an organization that promotes technological and engineering education through collaboration with the technology teachers' association.

A report on the Board of Directors meeting appears in the May 15<sup>th</sup> issue of *School Board Notes*.