



Board of Education COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOVEMBER 15, 2018

Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee

The Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee met on November 14, 2018 to discuss capital projects, school marquees, food services, and other projects:

1. **Audit:** Field work is nearly complete for the 2017-2018 audit. A final presentation is expected to take place at the December Board meeting.
2. **Schools Development Authority (SDA) Regular Operating District (ROD) Grant Local Share Projects:** All PHS bathrooms have been completed. The district continues to evaluate the PHS exterior metal panel replacement project.
3. **Facility Capital Projects:** Completed PHS projects include: PHS turf field, fencing, paving, localized concrete repairs, Patton roof repair, and PHS tennis courts. Track repairs are completed, pending restriping.
4. **Grandview Addition:** Permits are in process for building a four classroom addition for Grandview School, with anticipated completion by September 2019.
5. **Energy Conservation:** The Administration considered partnering with Cenergistic, an energy conservation company, to reduce energy usage throughout the district. Following cost/benefit analysis, the committee recommends further review next year.
6. **School Marquees:** Plans to construct new electronic marquees at all K-8 schools and the administration building is pending completion of electrical work, with planning for a new marquee at PHS to begin later in the school year.
7. **Food Services:** The District conducted extensive outreach for students eligible for free/reduced meals. Applications were due on October 15, 2018. Currently, 34.6% of our students qualify for free/reduced meals.

Policy & Legislative Committee

The Policy & Legislative Committee met on November 7 to discuss the Strauss Esmay transition and Legislative issues:

1. **Strauss Esmay Transitions:** The Committee reviewed Series 4000 (Support Staff) and 5000 (students). While most policies were accepted, questions were raised on several. Mr. Rubin will review and report back at the December meeting.
2. **Public Comment:** The Committee welcomed Piscataway resident Sid Madison on the Citizen's Climate Lobby, who asked the Committee/Board to considering supporting a resolution for federal climate protection.
3. **Legislative Update:** Dr. Connors reviewed proposed legislation on seat belt use. Mr. Rubin will conduct further review and report back to the Committee.