



Board of Education COMMITTEE REPORTS NOVEMBER 12 2020

Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee

The Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee met on Wednesday, November 11, 2020, to review budget adjustments, capital projects, and other ongoing projects.

1. **2019-2020 Audit:** PFK O'Connor Davies completed the on-site field work for the 2019-2020 audit. The State has extended the final report deadline to early 2021.
2. **2020-2021 Budget:** Mr. Oliveira discussed year-to-date expenditures and the impact of State and Federal CARES Act Funding
3. **NJ Fiscal Legislation:** The committee discussed the following NJ legislation:
 - **3A. S-2273 (NJ Educators Health Insurance Plan (NJEHP) – law)** – Open enrollment for this new plan runs through Nov. 13.
 - **3B. S-2691 (Additional surplus)** – This bill to allow school districts to keep 4% surplus rather than the current 2%, was expanded to include 2021-2022, but still awaits action.
 - **3C. S-864 (Ban on single-use plastic products)** – The ban on single use plastic and paper products and disposable polystyrene food containers was signed into law.
 - **3D. S2843 (Athletic Coaches Contract)** Under consideration at this time, this bill would grant three-year contracts to coaches and two-year contract to assistant coaches in all school districts.
4. **Facility Capital Projects:** Stadium upgrades are completed. PHS and Middle School Auditoriums/PHS Family Consumer Science Room upgrades will be completed in November. Piscataway High School Vocal Music Room HVAC upgrades are expected to be completed by the end of the year. The District is planning for the installation of new generators at four schools.

6. **Energy Savings Improvement Program (ESIP) Update :**A contract was awarded to Honeywell and work on this project has begun. The RFP for a Solar Power Purchase Agreement was released and proposals will be opened on November 17.
7. **Maintenance:** Maintenance and custodial staff have implemented cleaning and sanitizing protocols for the return of staff and students .
8. **Transportation:** Bus routes for students attending school in-person during the Hybrid Learning Plan were completed and buses were equipped with hand sanitizer and cleaning supplies. The contract with Layla Transportation was renegotiated at 80% of the original award for the first marking period.
8. **Food Services:** The District continues to offer “Grab and Go” meals to all students on a twice-weekly schedule with six pick-up locations across the district. Meals include fresh fruits and vegetables, as well as prepared lunch entrees. Pick-up times will be adjusted to 3—5pm at three locations and 4—6 pm at three locations beginning next week, to accommodate working families.
9. **Business Office:** Mr. Oliveira reported that Piscataway will undergo a desk monitoring audit for the \$488,544 Coronavirus Relief Funds received from the State.