



# Board of Education COMMITTEE REPORTS

MARCH 11, 2021

## Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee

*The Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee met on Wednesday, March 3, 2021, to review 2021-2022 State Aid, the 2021-2022 budget, capital projects, preschool building renovations, and other ongoing projects.*

1. **2021-2022 State Aid Discussion:** The Committee discussed the District's 2021-2022 state aid amount and the impact of decreasing enrollment and Free/Reduced lunch status on the District's state aid. Mr. Oliveira pointed out that the District's underfunded state aid amount went from \$5.2 million to \$1.4 million. The Committee discussed the impact this could have on future budgets.
2. **2021-2022 Budget:** The Committee reviewed the 2021-2022 Preliminary Budget and discussed state aid, the projected tax levy, major expense categories, and capital projects.
3. **Facility Capital Projects: PHS/MS Auditoriums and PHS Family/Consumer Science Room-** Auditorium training was completed at all 3 middle schools. **PHS Vocal Music Room—** The lighting motion-sensor control system is still being resolved. The room is functional, pending waxing of floors. **Generators—** The lowest bid will hold until May 2021 as the District awaits approval from State Legislature.
4. **Energy Savings Improvement Measures (ECM) Update:** Honeywell, Spiegle Architects, and the District completed the ECM review, including the financial impact. Honeywell will make additional adjustments before final presentations to the Committee and full Board in April. Solar PPA contracts have been signed by both parties.
5. **Transportation:** Transportation provided busing to 450-500 students each of the first three days of school. The District Transportation Department continues to fill in gaps as needed regarding bus aides.
6. **Food Service:** Food services are operating in all cafeterias and successfully served the remote students on Monday, March 1, 2021.
7. **Business Office Update:** Preschool Building – The Landlord began demolition at the site. The Committee endorsed placement of the c.44 resolution as written by NJASBO/NJSBA on the March 11, 2021 Board meeting agenda.

## Policy/Legislative Committee

*The Policy/Legislative Committee met on Thursday, March 4, 2021, to review updates to Board policies and legislative developments.*

1. **Updates to Existing Policies:** The Committee reviewed the following updates to existing Board policies which substituted the Every Student Succeeds Act for the No Child Left Behind Act, and made minor language modifications: Policies 2415.02 (Title I Fiscal Responsibilities), 2415.05 (Student Surveys, Analysis, And/ Or Evaluations), 2415.20 (Every Student Succeeds Act Complaints), 8330 (Student Records) and 9713 (Recruitment by Special Interest Groups). All were approved to be placed on the Board of Education agenda for First Reading.
2. **Legislative Developments:** Mr. Rubin updated the Committee on several recent legislative developments, most notably the adoption of the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act, legalizing adult recreational use of marijuana. A policy will be developed for future consideration by the Committee. Two other laws are on the Governor's desk awaiting his approval: A4461/S2698 requiring the State to coordinate a cooperative purchasing program for school districts to acquire COVID-19 related goods and services, and S2691/A4310, authorizing school districts to maintain a surplus of 4% for the 2020-21 and 2021-2022 school years.