



# Board of Education COMMITTEE REPORTS

APRIL 29, 2021

## Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee

*The Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee met on Wednesday, April 7, 2021, to review the 2021-2022 budget, capital projects, transportation, and other ongoing projects.*

- 1. Energy Savings Improvement Program Update:** Honeywell reviewed the energy savings plan before presenting to the full Board.
- 2. 2021-2022 Budget:** The 2021-2022 Preliminary Budget was reviewed by the County and will be ready for adoption by the Board at the April 29, 2021 meeting.
- 3. Facility Capital Projects:** Contractors continue with punch lists for the PHS bleachers and lighting project, Family/ Consumer Science Room, and PHS/MS Auditoriums project. The PHS Vocal Music Room project was completed. School districts continue to wait for funding approval for Bond Security grant projects.
- 4. Transportation:** Transportation continues to operate smoothly since the start of Hybrid Instruction. Mr. Oliveira recommended approving a February modified contractual rate with Layla at the same terms agreed for marking period 2. The Business Office will seek approval of bus purchases to modernize our fleet at the April 8, 2021 Board meeting.
- 5. Food Service:** The USDA extended eligibility for the afterschool snack program to all school districts; Piscataway initiated the program on March 15, 2021. USDA also extended free meals through the summer. The District plans to offer the meals and awaits NJDA guidance. The Committee discussed focusing extra attention on the completion of free and reduced lunch applications in September because of its importance for the October student count.
- 6. Business Office Update: Preschool Building** – Framing, rough electrical and plumbing work have been completed. Negotiations continue on final HVAC specifications. The District is receiving quotes and preparing purchase orders for additional items including security features, playground equipment and furniture. **Govdeals** – The District sold items previously approved for disposal for a gross total of \$28,661. **SRECs** – The District had a successful auction for its EY2017 SRECs, receiving its highest SREC price over the past 6 years. **NJSIG COVID Refund** – The District received a refund of premiums totaling \$18,087.28.