



Board of Education COMMITTEE REPORTS

MARCH 10, 2022

Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee

The Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee met on Wednesday, March 2, 2022 to review Food Services and Facility Capital Projects, and to receive updates on the 2022-2023 Budget, the 2020-2021 Audit, the Energy Savings Improvement Program (ESIP), Transportation and other pending matters.

1. **Food Services:** Sean Walsh from Edvocate updated the Committee on the performance of Sodexo during the 2021-2022 school year. Issues discussed included food quality and presentation, Sodexo staffing, new menu options, and investments in equipment.
2. **2020-2021 Audit:** PKF O'Connor Davies will present the audit to the Board of Education on March 10, 2022.
3. **2022-2023 Budget:** Mr. Oliveira informed the Committee that the Governor's budget address and subsequent release of state aid amounts were delayed to March 8, 2022 and March 10, 2022, respectively. Mr. Oliveira indicated that the budget will request the use of banked cap and that district administration is reviewing staffing to take a multi-year graduated approach to staffing adjustments. The Administration will proceed with the budget presentation on March 10, 2022 and seek approval of the tentative budget.
4. **Facility Capital Projects:** Mr. Oliveira reported a portion of the Grandview walking path was raised and recoated to alleviate flooding and ice issues; the generator exterior installation work has begun; the contractor has submitted equipment specifications for approval by the architect for the RTU replacements; site surveys are completed for paving projects at five schools with bidding to occur in April/May for work to be completed this summer.

5. ESIP Update:

⇒ Solar PPA – Installation of electrical connections at all locations except Quibbletown School should be substantially complete by 3/4/22. Some AC/DC supplies remain on back order. EZnergy is trying to schedule PSEG and the Township for the power “cut-in” appointments on 4/21/22 and 4/22/22.

5. ESIP Update (cont.):

⇒ The District is testing Quibbletown alternative roof locations to accommodate solar panels. The District will request an extension to the TREC deadline for Quibbletown School from the BPU.

⇒ Honeywell Projects – LED lighting replacements are completed at Ethel Rd and are ongoing at Knollwood and Randolphville during the evening shift. Building envelope improvements are also being completed during evenings. The bid award for the Schor and MLK roof-top unit HVAC replacements was on budget. Bid opening for the remaining ECMs: mechanical upgrades, building management system, and cogeneration is on 3/4/22.

6. **Transportation:** The Transportation office continues to review route structures for next year to identify any efficiencies. District administration is recommending the approval of a subscription busing rate of \$425 for 2022-2023, which is the sixth straight year with no rate increase.
7. **NJ School Business Legislative Update:** Dr. Connors reported on his attendance at the NJSBA Legislative Committee meeting on 2/26/22. Mr. Oliveira highlighted several bills that NJASBO was monitoring.