



# Board of Education COMMITTEE REPORTS

MAY 12, 2022

## Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee

***The Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee met on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 to review Food Services, Transportation, and Facility Capital Projects, and to receive updates on the 2022-2023 Budget, the Energy Savings Improvement Program (ESIP), and other pending matters.***

**1. 2022-2023 Budget:** Mr. Oliveira informed the Committee that all budget information has been added to the website and that the 2022-2023 fiscal year was opened on Systems 3000. The Committee reviewed health benefit renewal information and supported renewing Meritain as the TPA for the District.

**2. ESIP Update:**

- ⇒ Solar PPA – Five locations were successfully interfaced with the PSEG grid during Spring Break. Three schools continue to experience supply-chain issues. The District is considering options to request a TREC deadline extension from the BPU.
- ⇒ Honeywell Projects – Water conservation work has begun in the evenings. Building envelope and LED lighting work is ongoing. Preliminary work has begun on the mechanical upgrades, building management system, and cogeneration ECMs and equipment has been ordered.

**3. Facility Capital Projects:**

- ⇒ Generators – Interior installation work continues as we await transformers and the generators.
- ⇒ RTU Replacement— Knollwood and Randolphville ventilators are scheduled for summer installation. Roof-top units are expected to ship in late August.
- ⇒ RTU Replacement #2— The District is waiting for a proposal from Spiezle Architectural Group for the next round of roof-top-unit replacements .
- ⇒ Paving – Bid opening is scheduled for May 10, 2022.

**4. Transportation:** Mr. Oliveira updated the Committee on Layla Transportation’s decision to decline renewal due to the Consumer Price Index adjustment limit of 1.9%. Routes will be reviewed for efficiency and put out to bid.

- 5. Food Services Update:** Mr. Oliveira discussed the recommendation to renew the Food Service Management Company contract with Sodexo and the food service observation contract with Edvocate. The District will not be extending its vended meal contract with the Academy for Urban Leadership for 2022-2023.
- 6. NJ School Business Legislative Update:** Mr. Oliveira discussed his observation of the Assembly Budget Hearing as presented by DOE Acting Commissioner Angelica Allen-McMillan; Dr. Connors discussed legislative bills in various stages of the committee hearing and approval process.
- 7. Business Office Update:** The Committee discussed revising the District’s investing policy, Wellness Committee activities, and an upcoming update from Cynergistic.

## Policy/Legislative Committee

***The Policy/Legislative Committee met on Thursday, May 5, 2022 to review policies about students assessments, graduation, and political activity, and to review new public law regarding IEPs.***

1. Meeting Schedule: The Committee discussed and agreed to alter its meeting schedule to every other month.
2. **Policy and Regulation 2622, Student Assessments**—Mr. Rubin reviewed Strauss Esmay's updated versions of an earlier policy and regulation to align with recent revisions to the Administrative Code regarding student assessments. The Committee approved the Policy and Regulation for First Reading.
3. **Policy 5460, High School Graduation** — Committee members expressed concern about how pending legislation regarding high school assessments might impact graduation requirements. Committee members requested additional information about the reliability of high school assessments currently in use, how students are informed of graduation requirements, and concern about changing requirements late in students' high school careers. The Committee deferred action on this proposed Policy pending further discussion.
4. **Policy 3233, Political Activity** - This policy was withdrawn from First Reading for consideration of additional language . Mr. Rubin shared language from the Board's previous policy manual limiting staff expression on political, religious, or labor relations matters while on duty, in the presence of students. After considerable debate, the Committee deferred action on any revisions to the Policy pending circulation of a new version from Mr. Rubin incorporating the Committee members' comments.
5. **Public Law 2022, Chapter 2**—Mr. Rubin updated the Committee on this law, signed by the Governor in March, that requires child study teams to conduct IEP meetings with parents to address whether their children require any compensatory education to remedy any regression from services not provided during the COVID-19 shutdown and subsequent virtual or hybrid instruction.