



Board of Education COMMITTEE REPORT

January 12, 2023

Fiscal Planning and Operations

The Fiscal Planning and Operations Committee met on January 9 to discuss the 2023-2024 budget, capital projects, energy savings, and more.

2021-2022 Audit

- The Audit Summary Application deadline was extended to January 31, 2023, and the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report filing deadline was extended to March 17, 2023. The reserve deposits were finalized with a Capital Reserve deposit of \$6 million.

2023-2024 Budget

- School and department budget meetings are ongoing.
- District administration continues to monitor health benefit costs. The 2023-2024 budget estimate is due by the end of January.
- The district expects to utilize the health-care cost waiver as an adjustment to the tax-levy cap.

Energy Star Certification

- Four schools in the district earned the Environmental Protection Agency's Energy Star designation: Conackamack Middle School, Knollwood Elementary School, Piscataway High School, and Randolphville Elementary School. Their scores place them in the top 20 percent of similar buildings nationwide for energy performance.

Facility Capital Projects

- HVAC Upgrade – H&S Construction installed four unit ventilators in classrooms at Knollwood over winter break. Additional preparatory work was completed in other rooms. H&S will complete the installation of the media center and faculty room units at Knollwood and Randolphville in January.

Energy Savings Improvement Program (ESIP)

- Solar PPA – Arbor, Eisenhower, and King are still waiting for permission to operate.
- Honeywell Projects – Roof Top Units (RTUs) were installed at Eisenhower and Arbor over winter break. Transformer replacements and LED lighting work in the Piscataway High School music room was also completed over winter break. District review of the PHS window replacement project specifications will occur this week.

New Jersey School Business Legislative Update

- Dr. Connors discussed the review of A4496 by the Assembly Education Committee, concerning construction of school facilities projects.
- The New Jersey Association of School Business Officials continues to be active regarding S3203 and other transportation related legislation.
- Mr. Oliveira noted the low \$1,000 threshold for the vendor certification prohibiting activities in Belarus and Russia.

Business Office Update

- FEMA application – Mr. Oliveira submitted a FEMA reimbursement application for COVID-19-related expenses not covered by other grants.