



Board of Education COMMITTEE REPORT

September 14, 2023

Fiscal Planning & Operations

The Fiscal Planning and Operations Committee met on Sept. 6, 2023, to discuss capital projects, the Energy Savings Improvement Program, transportation, and more.

2023-2024 Stabilization Aid

- The Committee discussed the application process and agreed not to pursue stabilization aid.

Facility Capital Projects

- HVAC Upgrades – Twenty-one HVAC rooftop units were installed and connected over the summer. Building controls are still being connected, and optimization and balancing need to be completed at Knollwood and Randolphville. The delayed installation has necessitated a request for an extension of the liquidation period for ESSER II federal grant funds.
- Water Cooler upgrades – Thirty-three bottle filling stations were installed over the summer and have passed building department inspections.
- Paving projects – Paving and concrete sidewalk projects were completed at Conackamack, Quibbletown, and Schor middle schools.
- PHS woodshop equipment – Spiezle Architectural has started working on the initial phases of the project, including the submission of project information to the Department of Education.
- Door hardware replacement – The projected budget for door hardware replacement has increased to \$7.2 million. The Committee supports moving forward with the project. A bid award is tentatively scheduled for January 2024.

Energy Savings Improvement Program (ESIP)

- Transformer upgrades were completed at Conackamack and Quibbletown, and remain to be done at King and Piscataway High School.
- Asbestos abatement and window removal for the PHS Patton classrooms was completed. Delivery and installation of the new windows is expected in September. The classrooms have temporary plywood barriers and are available for use.

Transportation

- Administrators reported timely arrivals at the start of the year. Subscription busing placements were processed through the end of August. New placements have been put on hold pending a review of route schedules and ridership.

Food Services

- Serving line and equipment upgrades – Four new serving lines were installed in August at Conackamack, Eisenhower, Knollwood, & King. New kitchen equipment was installed at Eisenhower, King, and Quibbletown.
- Free and Reduced Lunch applications – Reminder messages to complete this year's application were delivered to parents via email, phone call, and text on August 21 and September 6. A flier was posted to social media and a video demonstrating how to complete the online application is posted on the website.

Business Office

- Investment Account – The Committee reviewed the August 2023 NJARM statement. The new 90-day term investment was purchased on July 11 and has a maturity date of October 5, 2023.
- Facilities Requests – Mr. Oliveira discussed the request for a facilities rental discount received from a renter. The Committee tabled the discussion until the October meeting.
- Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting – Mr. Oliveira informed the Committee that the District received recognition for the 2021-2022 audit report. This is the sixth consecutive year the district has received the award.