



# Board of Education COMMITTEE REPORTS

MAY 26, 2016

## Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee

*The Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee met on Wednesday, May 11, and reviewed the implementation of the 2016-2017 budget, health benefits, summer building projects, and other important issues:*

- **2016 - 2017 Budget Preparation:** The budget was submitted to the County Executive Superintendent's Office and a user-friendly version was published on the District website.
- **2016 - 2017 Health Benefits:** Calculations for employee contribution rates for the 2016-2017 fiscal year are underway.
- **Schools Development Authority (SDA) Regular Operating District (ROD) Grant Local Share Projects:** PHS Chiller and HVAC projects are going well and on schedule. All other district HVAC upgrade projects were successfully put out to bid. The new roof for the Administration building is scheduled for work from June 21-July 15.
- **Architect of Record:** The decision to name an Architect of Record is on hold while ROD projects are competed. El Associates was named to conduct a feasibility assessment for the PHS Athletic Complex.
- **Solar Renewable Energy Certificates:** We are awaiting formal guidance from the DOE before moving forward with any resolution to sell energy credits.
- **Subscription Busing:** Opened to the public on May 2.

## Culture & Climate Committee

*The Culture & Climate Committee met on Tuesday, May 17, 2016, and reviewed pending beautification projects and the "Character Education Toolbox," as well as staff and student recognition efforts.*

1. Beautification—The committee reviewed documentation and photos of six school beautification projects. Costs are currently under review.
2. Character Education Toolbox—The virtual toolbox is on schedule for a September timeline, and introduced to Leadership in August.
3. Staff and Student Recognition Efforts: The four elementary schools responded to an inquiry of current practices within their buildings. Some current practices geared toward positive incentives include monthly assemblies, positive behavior tickets in exchange for prizes, staff breakfast, positive messaging, etc. Quibbletown and Schor are implementing a building specific Positive Behavior Support in Schools (PBSIS) model for the upcoming 2016-2017 school year.
4. The Committee will forward a small item "Wish List" to the Administration for funding.
5. The Committee will not meet in June.

## Community Relations Committee

*The Community Relations Committee met on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 to review the implementation of "Our Inspiring Heroes" and the Know Your Schools Newsletter.*

1. **Our Inspiring Heroes:** The committee reviewed the timeline for the virtual monument and the nomination form. Our Inspiring heroes is timed to launch in the 2016-2017 school year.
2. **Know Your Schools:** Scheduled for twice a year, delivered by bulk mail to all Piscataway residents. The first issue is scheduled for a June mailing and will feature student awards and accomplishments throughout the year, and a focus on strong academic programs.
3. **Social Media:** While district social media accounts continue to trend up, the Committee discussed a possible need to educate members of the community about how to use social media. This will be referred to the Community Education Department for consideration as an adult education class.
4. **Relay for Life:** This community event is scheduled for Saturday, June 11, at PHS. The district is happy to support this event, offering space and help with publicity. The committee discussed the need to strike a balance between support for worthy community events and straying from its committee goal to support district events.