



Board of Education COMMITTEE REPORTS

APRIL 6, 2017

Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee

The Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee met on March 8, 2017 to discuss state aid and the 2017-2018 school year budget, and other services.

1. **State Aid:** Piscataway's state aid is flat. The District will receive \$15,911,190, the same amount as last year.
2. **NJSIG (New Jersey School Insurance Group)**
Investment Resolution: The committee recommended that the Business Administrator obtain more information on the NJSIG resolution that supports NJ A4234, broadening available investment options for joint insurance funds.
3. **2017-2018 Budget:** The Superintendent will present the tentative budget at the March 9 Board meeting, The tentative budget contains a 2% tax increase, and if approved, will be sent to the County Superintendent on March 20.
4. **Schools Development Authority (SDA) Regular Operating District (ROD) Grant Local Share Projects:** The PHS Bathrooms ADA Compliance project will begin in May. Discussions continue about the PHS exterior metal panel work and roof repair.
5. **PHS Planetarium:** With the current system no longer operational and past its life expectancy, the Business Office is recommending a bid award for new planetarium equipment. Dome repairs and painting of the Planetarium ceiling are underway.
6. **Transportation:** Busing applications for nonpublic school students are due March 10; these students will be notified of scheduled transportation options by August 1.
7. **Lead Testing:** Lead testing will be completed in all schools before the end of the school year.
8. **Food Services:** Discussions were held regarding unpaid student balances for food services. The committee continues to emphasize that all students — including those with unpaid balances — will be given lunch, while additional steps will be determined to encourage all parents who can, to settle their unpaid balances.

Curriculum Committee

The Curriculum Committee met on April 3, 2017, and discussed curriculum mandates, the district website, and PiscatawayREADS.

1. **State and Federal Curriculum and Assessment Mandates:**
 - **Common Core:** All current curricula in the district align with Common Core Standards.
 - **PARCC:** This is the third year for PARCC assessments. The District 's technology resources were tested and are ready for the test's demands.
 - **ACCESS:** The state-mandated ESL proficiency test is scheduled within the mandated window.
 - **NJ Biology Assessment and NJASK 4 and 8:** These state-mandated tests are given on paper and scheduled within the mandated window.
 - **NGSS (Next Generation Science Standards):** Already implemented in grades 6-12, implementation is on track for roll-out this September for grades K-5.
2. **District Website:** The Committee discussed ways to improve the navigation and curriculum content of the website.
3. **PiscatawayREADS:** The Committee reviewed an event timeline, including student performances and presentations and book discussions, as well as the panel discussions for parents.