

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
FACILITIES/TECHNOLOGY/TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AGENDA**

Middlebush Conference Room

November 9, 2015

6:00 PM

**MISSION STATEMENT OF THE FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

The Mission of the Franklin Township Public Schools is to provide excellent educational opportunities that meet or exceed New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards for every student; maintain an environment that engenders an appreciation of the value of every student; develop every student to his/her highest potential; and instill the attitudes, skills, and knowledge necessary to become independent, contributing members of a democratic, multi-cultural society.

In Attendance: Christine Danielsen, Chair  
Nancy LaCorte – Board Vice President – via telephone  
Richard Seamon – Board Member  
Edward Potosnak – Board President  
Dr. John Ravally - Superintendent of Schools  
James H. Strimple, Jr. – Interim Asst. Superintendent for Business  
Rick Goetz – Supervisor, Buildings and Grounds Department  
Connie Coriell – Energy Efficiency Coordinator  
Gary Peatick – Transportation supervisor

Absent: Richard Seamon  
Edward Potosnak

Also: Jeanne Perantoni, Tammy Stouchko and Mark Nicholson – SSP  
Joe Nigro and Steve Bach – Pinnacle Consulting

1. Update on Referendum and ESIP projects

Connie Coriell provided a written and verbal update on the ESIP projects. The Lighting & Lighting Controls project is substantially complete at all buildings except for the Middle School and High School. The punch list is being developed

Boilers are operating in all buildings; however, occasionally there are some problems that have to be resolved.

The controls contractor is working to have all boilers integrated into central controls by the end of November.

2. Review of Elevations – Claremont Road Elementary School

Representatives from SSP reviewed with the Committee the Design Development program for the school. They indicated a working committee has been meeting regularly to develop the plans for final DOE approval of the Educational Specifications and the Design Development. It is the plan to have final Board

approval on November 12<sup>th</sup> and submission to DOE at that time. SSP will also present the plans to the full Board and community on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

3. Review of Overall Design Construction Schedule for 4 Projects

Joe Nigro and Steve Bach of Pinnacle Consulting provided an updated construction schedule for the Claremont Road School, Hillcrest Elementary School, Sampson G. Smith and Elizabeth Avenue Schools. They provided a handout of the schedule. The schedule is still being refined as they continue discussions with the architect and administration. An updated construction schedule will be provided at each Facilities Committee Meeting.

4. Appointment of Energy Broker

Mr. Strimple reported that there will be a resolution on the November 19<sup>th</sup> Agenda for the appointment of Schaeffer Associates to represent the district as its Energy Broker. It is the intent of Schaeffer Associates to hold a reverse auction to solicit cost proposals for electricity and natural gas for a 24 month period. The rates from the reverse auction will be compared to those rates of the ACES Program and MRESC.

5. Appointment of Melick Tully – Underground Storage Tank – Former Phillips School

Mr. Strimple reported that he has received communication from the State DEP regarding the removal of the underground storage tank at the Phillips School. The tank was removed in 1994 and the site has been sold, but according to the DEP the project was never completely closed out. The district has received a bill of nearly \$3,000 and moving forward will have to secure a Response Action Outcome letter to completely close out the project. Mr. Strimple is attempting to get the fee waived and is recommending that the firm of Melick Tully be appointed to close out the project on behalf of the district.

6. Roof Replacement – Administration Building, Conerly Road School and Pine Grove Manor

Mr. Strimple reported that it is necessary to replace the roof on the administration building. There have been multiple leaks and there is a fear of mold and the deterioration of walls. The worst area is where the district houses its computer servers. He provided the Committee with an evaluation and proposal from DRG Architects. Estimated total cost is \$315,500. The appointment of DRG is being recommended for the 19<sup>th</sup> of November. It is necessary to move on this project now.

The Committee also discussed the need to include in the 2016-17 budget the roof replacements for the Conerly Road School and a portion of the Pine Grove Manor School.

7. List of needed sidewalks

Gary Peatick provided a history of working with the township on the installation of sidewalks. Discussed was the protocol for putting a sidewalk on the list and the prioritization of installing sidewalks. Mr. Peatick indicated that he has had discussions with the Township Manager, Mr. Vornlocker, and they are hopeful that funds will be placed in the Township's budget to install some sidewalks. The most likely area is near the Middle School.

8. Rental of School District Buildings

STARTALK – Dr. Ravally discussed with the Committee a request from an organization – the Hindi Sangam Foundation - to reduce the proposed fees for their program that would take place during the summer of 2016. The estimated cost for their program using the district fee schedule is in excess of \$33,000. Their request is for a fee of around \$6,000 to \$10,000. It was the consensus of the Committee to have Dr. Ravally and Dr. Charney discuss the proposal with the group regarding their use and determine if a compromise can be arranged. The full Board would have to vote on the fee arrangement if it is different than the existing regulations.

Franklin Township Food Bank – Dr. Ravally discussed with the Committee a request from the organization to reduce the proposed number of individuals for their event, thus hoping to reduce the cost to the Food Bank. After discussion it was the consensus to have Dr. Ravally discuss with Mr. Goetz if reducing the number of staff assigned to the event could be reduced.

As an outcome of both of these discussions it was decided that a review of the district's fee structure be evaluated and compared to the fee structure of surrounding school districts.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

James H. Strimple, Jr.  
Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business