

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

Middlebush Conference Room

December 14, 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
Richard Seamon – Board Member
Dr. John Ravally - Superintendent of Schools
James H. Strimple, Jr. – Interim Asst. Superintendent for Business
Maureen Manning – School Business Administrator
Rick Goetz – Supervisor, Buildings and Grounds Department
Connie Coriell – Energy Efficiency Coordinator

Absent: Edward Potosnak

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. 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.

There are several outstanding change orders which have yet to be presented for approval.

Jim Strimple provided a brief update on the status of the design stage for the Hillcrest, Elizabeth Avenue, Sampson G. Smith and Claremont Road Schools. The schedule calls for bids to go out in late January for all schools except for Claremont. Claremont will go out for bid in May of 2016.

2. Appointment of Melick-Tully – Underground Storage Tanks

Jim Strimple reported that he continues to attempt to make contact with the owners of the former Phillips School to explain to them the issue regarding the removed UST.

He did indicate that the state will provide some relief from the fee for the Phillips School. The original invoice was for \$3,830. He has been told that the new fee will be \$750.

He also indicated that he has received two additional letters from the NJ Department of Environmental Protection for the Conerly Road School and the former Franklin High School. In both instances DEP records do not indicate final closeout of the projects. The DEP is looking for fees of \$3,830 for both buildings. Mr. Strimple will pursue relief on these charges. The district will have to engage Melick – Tully to complete this work. These UST tanks were removed or abandoned in place in 1994.

3. Appointment of AHERA Consultants – Asbestos Survey and Removal

Jim Strimple reported that it will be necessary to engage an approved Asbestos Consultant to survey district schools for asbestos materials prior to the start of construction at the various schools. He has received a proposal from AHERA and it will be presented to the Board at the December Board meeting. After the survey has been concluded the district will need to engage another firm to create bid specifications for the removal of the asbestos. The areas where asbestos is most likely to be present is on the tile floors, caulking around windows and interior pipes.

4. Capital Reserve Budget

Jim Strimple provided an analysis of the district's Capital Reserve Budget. As of June 30, 2015 there is \$4,797,054 in Capital Reserve. On the December Agenda \$326,000 will be used to supplement the ESIP projects and to pay for architectural services for roof replacement projects at the Administration Building, Conerly Road School and Pine Grove Manor. Additional funds may be used to supplement the district's referendum projects.

5. Bids for Window Replacement Projects

Jim Strimple reported that bids for a second time have been received for the window replacement projects at Hillcrest, MacAfee and Conerly Road. The bids again are over budget and the architect has recommended that the bids not be awarded. Mr. Strimple recommended that this project be put on hold till the major projects have been bid and there is a clear picture of the availability of funds.

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

Jim Strimple reported that the December agenda will have an item appointing DRG to provide architectural services for the roof replacement projects at Pine Grove Manor and Conerly Road. He also recommended that the Board increase the contract to DRG for the project at the Administration Building so that HVAC issues can be mitigated.

7. Policy Regarding the Use of School District Buildings

The Committee discussed the use of district building and the practice of limiting the use by outside agencies to 4 buildings. It was decided that this matter should be discussed in the Policy Committee.

8. Request of Parents

The Committee discussed a request of a parent for relief regarding the cost for afterschool care. It was the consensus of the Committee to have Dr. Ravally communicate to the parents their request is denied.

9. Request of Building Use – Football University

The Committee discussed a request for use of district facilities and relief from the cost of the fees for a football camp. It was the consensus of the Committee to have Dr. Ravally communicate to the organization that their request is denied.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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