

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

Middlebush Conference Room

February 11, 2016

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
Ed Potosnak - President
Dr. John Ravally - Superintendent of Schools
James H. Strimple, Jr. – Interim Asst. Superintendent for Business
Maureen Manning – School Business Administrator
Rick Goetz – Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds
Bob Pasqual, Steve Bach and Joe Nigro – Pinnacle Consulting
Jeanne Perantoni, Mark Nicholson – SSP Architecture
Patrick Seiwel, Frank Bowlby – DRG Architecture

1. Presentation by SSP Architects

Jeanne Perantoni and Mark Nicholson of SSP Architectural Group provided a power point presentation regarding site logistics and the phasing of the renovation and addition work for the Sampson G. Smith School. Of concern was access to the playing fields for the school and community groups. The staging area for the construction workers was reviewed and will be moved to provide safer access to the fields.

Next the Committee reviewed the estimated budget projections of Pinnacle Consulting and compared that to the budget for each project. During the review for the Sampson G. Smith School and Claremont Road school the Committee looked at the scope of the projects, the square footage for classrooms and the impact of the LEED certification.

The Sampson G. Smith School project is now being reviewed for code compliance by the local code officials and the Claremont Road School project will be submitted to the Department of Community Affairs in March. Claremont Road construction documents are 85% complete.

The Committee directed SSP to continue to address classroom square footage at Claremont and the impact that it will have on the construction budget.

2. Presentation by DRG Architects

The Committee then received a presentation from DRG Architects, Patrick Seiwell and Frank Bowlby. The presentation began with a power point presentation regarding the site logistics and phasing program for the Elizabeth Avenue School. This presentation will also be made for the school's staff.

Next the Committee reviewed the budget for the Elizabeth Avenue School Project. Much of the discussion focused on the size of the classrooms and the impact it could have on the construction budget. Also discussed were methods of keeping the project within budget. The project is currently being reviewed by the local code official for code compliance.

The Committee then reviewed the budget for the Hillcrest Elementary School. This project is also being reviewed by the local code officials. Pinnacle Consulting will continue to work with DRG reconciling the cost estimates to the construction budget.

3. Future Meeting

It was decided that the Committee would have a follow-up meeting with both architectural firms and Pinnacle Consulting prior to going out to bid. At this meeting, scheduled for March 1, 2016, the Committee would receive final construction cost estimates and review the bidding schedules for each project

4. Status of Capital Reserve Funds

Mr. Strimple discussed with the Facilities Committee the status of the Capital Reserve Fund. The district has \$4.4 million in Capital Reserve. Some of these funds have been targeted to complete the ESIP projects and will also fund the re-roofing projects for the Administration Building, Conerly Road School and Pine Grove Avenue. Also, there is the possibility that funds will be used to support the renovation of the girl's locker room at Sampson G. Smith. Finally, the Board has the option to use Capital Reserve Funds to support the Referendum projects during the 2016-17 budgeting process.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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