

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

Middlebush Conference Room

May 23, 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, Assistant School Business Administrator  
Margaret DeBlasi – Food Services Director  
Bob Pasqual, Steve Bach – Pinnacle Consulting  
Patrick Seiwel, Frank Bowlby, Jessica Grossi – DRG Architecture

1. Franklin Middle School – Improvement to Cafeteria Serving Line

Margaret DeBlasi, the district's Food Services Director, gave a power point presentation describing the current conditions of the food service line at the middle school. She stated that the current serving area was designed nearly 30 years ago and does not meet the requirements or needs of the present day operation. The line does not have the appropriate cooling and heating equipment, causes increased waiting times for students to be served and is not efficient. She described the improvements to be made including moving where the cash registers are located, the purchase of new cooling and heating equipment and rearranging the service line. Total cost is estimated to be about \$200,000 and will be funded by the food services program. Bids are to be received on May 24<sup>th</sup> and a recommendation for award will be made at the May Board Meeting of May 26<sup>th</sup>. Work to take place during the summer of 2016.

2. Hillcrest – Review of Proposed Bid Award

The Committee reviewed the bids received for the Hillcrest additions and bathroom improvements. Seven bids were received on May 3, 2016 and a recommendation for award will appear on the May 26<sup>th</sup> agenda. The low bidder asked to have their bid withdrawn as they omitted items from their bid. The second low bid has been reviewed by both the architect and Board Counsel and they have recommended that the Board of Education award a contract to Apex Enterprises of Union, Inc.

### 3. Elizabeth Avenue Project

The Committee reviewed the bids received for the Additions and Alterations at the Elizabeth Avenue School on May 10, 2016. There were 6 bidders. Unfortunately the low bidder for the project is beyond the budget for the project by nearly \$2,000,000. Therefore, at the Board meeting of May 26<sup>th</sup>, there will be a recommendation to reject the bids as the low bidder exceeds the budget.

The Board then received a presentation from DRG architects regarding how the project could be scaled back to meet the allocated budget amount. After a lengthy discussion the Committee decided on the following options to reduce the budget.

Option #1 - \$275,000 in reduction by using a common brick, removing trailer demo work, reusing the media center case work and other items.

Option 1A - \$1,410,000 eliminating 4 classrooms and the associated hallway space

Option 1B – Using \$150,000 from the food service fund to build the dry storage room

These reductions with the additional funds total \$1,825,000, which is \$165,000 less than the target of \$2,000,000.

To protect the budget the district will take two add alternates for not building a new stage and not making improvements to the entrance area and administrative section of the building.

The target date for rebid is June and July with an award at the July 21, 2016 Board meeting.

### 4. Pine Grove Manor Elevator Project – Bid Schedule

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### 5. Franklin Park Walkway – Bid Schedule

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### 6. Update – Roof Project – Middlebush School

Mr. Strimple reported that work has begun on the re-roofing of the Middlebush Administration building.

7. Update – High School Parking Lot – Bid Schedule

Representatives of DRG Architecture provided an update on the design improvements for the high school parking lot. The work is scheduled to take place during the summer of 2016.

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The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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