

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

Middlebush Conference Room

May 24, 2016

7:00 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
Rick Goetz – Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds

1. Update on Testing for Lead in Water

Rick Goetz provided an update on the latest testing. R.K. Environmental has conducted a second round of testing at the Hillcrest School. Test results are expected to be provided on Friday, May 27th. Once the results are returned appropriate remedial action will be taken. The Hillcrest water fountains that had previous been found to have elevated lead in the water have been shut-off. Bottled water is being provided to the students and staff.

Rick indicated that he has reached out to neighboring district's to determine the type of remedial action they have taken when elevated lead levels have been found.

2. Update on Energy Savings Improvement Projects

The district conducted a reverse auction for electricity on 4/29/16. The rate bid is lower than the rate offered by the Middlesex Educational Services Commission. The rate will hold firm for 24 months and will save the district more than \$20,000 over the term of the contract.

Most of the contractors are completing punch work items at this time. There is a concern regarding the lighting levels at the FMS gymnasium. Corrective action is being pursued to improve the lighting level.

WHL the boiler contractor still has some work to complete at Pine Grove Manor. The boiler control portion of the work is largely complete. A punch list will be created on a walk through inspection on 5/25/16.

3. Update on School Projects

Sampson G. Smith

Mr. Strimple reported that the courts sustained the district's position in rejecting the low bid, as the bidder did not provide the Iran Disclosure Statement which is a mandatory filing with the bid. The second low bidder The Bennett Construction Company has begun to mobilize and a kick-off meeting has been held.

Mr. Strimple also reported that a kick-off meeting has been held for the unit ventilator project.

Claremont Road Elementary School

The Committee reviewed the submission and bidding schedule for the Claremont Road project. Plans will be submitted to DCA for review on May 26, 2016. During the month of June various submissions for environmental permits will be submitted. Due to the essence of time, with the permit filings it may be necessary to submit manual checks with the applications. It is the intent to advertise the project to receive bids on August 4, 2016. Bids will be received on September 8th and a recommendation for award will be made on September 22, 2106. This will allow for a 22 month construction schedule to open the building in September of 2018.

To determine if there are any cost savings with a later start date and completion date of the project, the Committee reviewed the draft bid proposal form. It was decided that bids will be received for a project completion date for September 2018 opening, and, for a completion date of August 2019 and a September 2019 school opening.

Asbestos Removal Projects

Mr. Strimple reported that bids were received on May 18, 2016 for asbestos removal at various schools. Thirteen (13) companies submitted bids. A recommendation for award to Savic Construction will be made at the Board Meeting of May 26, 2016. The district has budgeted \$200,000 for the project and the low bidder is at \$123,353. Work will start at the end of June when students and staff are off for the summer recess.

Improvements to the Food Service Kitchen – FMS

Mr. Strimple reported that 4 bids were received for the renovation work for the FMS kitchen and service line area. A recommendation for award will be made at the May 26th Board Meeting. The low bidder for the new equipment and construction work is \$299,000. This project will be paid from the food service account.

4. Contract and Billing

The committee discussed the contracts with the architecture firms and the billing arrangements for the various projects.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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