

Finance, Facilities, Technology Committee
Minutes

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Discussion Items

- Tech – Multi-Factor Authentication & eRate Contract Award - Fiber for Secondary Schools
- Scott Downie – Speizle Architects (CHS Pool Discussion)
- Budget Update
- Storm Water/Runoff Issues – Seth Boyden & South Mtn. Annex
- Essex County Department – Intersection Improvement
- Boilers – CHS & Central Office
- Tammy Talmadge – Director of Transportation
- New Business
 - Resolutions

Tech Updates by Mr. Bonds:

- Two Factor Authentication:
 - Board was updated some time back.
 - This is for all systems - staff only.
 - Cisco duo - costs \$20k annually.
- Fiber upgrade
 - The existing fiber is 15 years old.
 - Many breaks during the past year

- Went through the eRate Fed program. ~40% of the cost from Federal grants
- Card Access System
 - \$4-7 per card - easy to add
 - Phase 1a is for staff only
 - Phase 1b for students to swipe in
 - Phase 1 target is the end of Summer, depending on asbestos abatement and supply chain issues
 - Phase 2 allows for Attendance Kiosks and Integration with PowerSchool
 - \$20-50k for the system that integrates with power school; this will be phase 2. Infrastructure (Wiring, Card Access Panels, Readers, and other card hardware) installation and Asbestos Abatement.

Pool Update by Scott Downie:

- Current plans include Student Commons, Alumni Wall, Expanded Guidance Area, Flexible small space gatherings, and a large room.
 - It can be repurposed to be a STEM/Media lab, with flexibility over many years - the district will decide how best to use this space.
 - Approx. 10.5k sq. ft.
 - Current cost ~ \$3.5MM, including HVAC
- Pool will have to be rebuilt.
 - entirely new Venting + HVAC systems
 - New lockers + bathrooms
 - cost ~\$8.0 MM
 - There is no double-counting of charges; the build for the pool is mutually exclusive from the Commons as commons does not have any load-bearing features, whereas the collection currently does
 - If we go down this path, we will have to get Dept. Of Education approval again and a new Board of Estimates meeting.
 - Anecdotally, this is the 4th architectural firm to do a similar study and comparison.
 - The Board Members spent time discussing the various alternatives and will reach out to the full Board with these new facts
 - Answer to a prior submitted question:

While there is no requirement that the district expend what it has committed for the projects that have been approved, changing those projects would have time and cost impacts. The department of education has approved the projects, and changes - because changes to this area would impact educational space - would require redesign and resubmission to NJDOE, including amendment of the district's LRFP accordingly. If a feasibility study were undertaken, I would expect that to take approx. two months. The re-design and re-submission to NJDOE would be an approximately 5 month+/- window. Then revised construction documents would have to be developed for bidding following NJDOE approval which may impact other aspects of the project at the high school. I would characterize the time impact as 7-8 months minimum. If a feasibility study were undertaken, our recommendation would also be to consider the construction of a new pool at an alternate location if a competition pool is desired.

Budget update

- Approved by the county superintendent, advertised 4/21
- Before the public vote, the User-Friendly Budget will be published on the district website.
- Mr. Burnside shared his calendar showing all the meetings held to come up with the budget; all Supervisors had input into the budget - the process is consistent with previous years and transparent.

Facilities updates by Mr. Giglio:

- Stormwater runoff issues
 - South Mountain
 - Crawl space filled with water, no gutters pitching roof, etc.
 - Fixing the surrounding land and ensuring gutters empty into the storm drains should fix the issue.
 - Seth Boyden
 - The basement flooded out, which is the gym.
 - Most severe flooding in years
 - Both these runoffs are likely not because of the construction.
 - Will report any/all resident complaints to the Board.
 - The fix will have to be paid for from the Capital Reserve Fund, which currently stands at ~ \$7MM
 - Regular maintenance - concrete sidewalks
 - SOMS parking lot fix is part of LRFP.
- Intersection Improvement: Done by the county - Parker & Valley intersection, also ass sidewalks from 3rd Street to Millburn Ave. starts in a year will take seven months
- Boilers in CHS are part of the bond; paying for Central Office Boilers is our money, asbestos abatement - then-new boilers.

Transportation Update: Tammy Talmadge

- Detailed discussion on Transportation issues by everyone present except. Board Member Wright, who is conflicted and was not present