

Finance, Facilities, Technology Committee
Agenda

April 29, 2021

Board Members:

Johanna Wright – Finance Chair

Kamal Zubieta

Shannon Cuttle

Annamarie Maini

Administration

Dr. Ronald Taylor, Superintendent

Andrea Del Guercio, Acting Business Administrator

Keith Bonds, Technology Director

Discussion Items:

- Budget Update
- Review of \$1 million of additional State aid
- Construction Update
- Field Improvements – Underhill Field
- Contracts
 - Renewals
 - Awards
- Transportation
- Danielson Training
- Portrait of a Graduate
- Information Security Audit
- Public FFT Meetings
- Smart Watch Policy
- New Business

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Minutes

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Members Present:

Johanna Wright, Kamal Zubieta, Erin Siders, Annamarie Maini, Dr. Ronald Taylor, Andrea Del Guercio, Keith Bonds

The committee meeting was held via Webex.

Budget Update/\$1Million State Aid:

There was a question about reducing the tax levy. If we do what programs would be cut. Dr. Taylor spoke to this (giving back through fund balance & reserves) as well as presented the plan to expend the additional state aid the district received (from the March 15, 2021 meeting). There was a question about responses to the summer survey – we have received about 1,500 responses. There were comments about purchasing items/services we do not need. There was a question about upgrading technology devices. Mr. Bonds spoke about the target number (150) to be replaced as well as the cycle the district is using to replace items. Dr. Taylor responded to questions regarding if the choices will work as well as move the district forward & what data there is to know if the choices made will work.

Construction Update/Field Improvements:

Seth Boyden will have to relocate two of the Kindergarten classes due to the construction. We will visit the school to determine how space in the building can be reimagined to incoming students. A committee will be meeting to address the renovations at Underhill Field as well as the timeline in order to be the least disruptive to athletics.

Contracts:

Talked about the contracts to be renewed as well as the bids hopefully to be awarded if all paperwork is in order. i.e. Construction bids.

Transportation:

Routes for the 2020-2021 school year will be rebid for efficiency as well as for the integration plan. Seth Boyden/CHS shuttle – maybe Township can provide service. Board Member Sider was going to look into this.

Danielson Training:

There was a comment about using the funds for the Danielson training for different training – Dr. Taylor spoke to this.

Portrait of a Graduate:

Dr. Taylor explained what the program is & how it works. There were questions as to its purpose & comments about it not helping students.

Information Security Audit:

Mr. Bonds explained other districts have been hit with cyber attacks. He explained the purpose of the audit & he will be getting proposals for the audit.

Public FFT Meetings:

Board Member Wright spoke to having the FFT meetings in public for transparency. There was mention of bring the issue to a vote of the full board.

Smart Watch Policy:

Mr. Bonds will review the the policy (2363) & send it to the policy committee.

New Business:

Project Acceleration: Dual enrollment with Seton Hall University for students to obtain college credits for a minimal cost – currently one course at HS & working to adding more. Conversation about Seton Hall donation programs for students & there was discussion about potential programs.