

Colonial School District
District Operations
Facilities Management/Transportation Committee
Meeting Minutes
4/9/2015 – 7:30 AM

School Board President Sue Moore called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM.

Other Committee Members Present: Bernie Brady

Other Board Members Present: Beth Suchsland, Leslie Finegold, Mel Brodsky, Heather Palmer, Christine Frangiosa

Also Attending: Dr. MaryEllen Gorodetzer, Superintendent; Terry R. Yemm, Director of Operations; Trevor Jackson, Business Administrator; Mrs. Linda Doll, Community Resident

Public Comment on the Agenda: None

A status report was provided regarding the approval process with Whitemarsh Township and the Montgomery County Conservation District (MCCD) for the PW renovation project. The district received review letters from both Whitemarsh Township and the MCCD. Both letters are responded to in a timely fashion. A copy of the most recent MCCD review letter was provided for the committee. This letter contained three (3) items. The initial letter contained fifteen (15) action items indicating that twelve of the items had been resolved. Mr. Yemm explained it this is a standard process. Both approvals are required in order to obtain permits for the project. It is anticipated that we will have our approvals by the middle of May.

A bid package for the environmental control plan for the PW renovation project was advertised and bids are due on May 6th. Once all bids are received a recommendation for bid award will be presented to the Board for consideration. The environmental control plan is being run as a separate project from the renovation project. The plan is to start the removal of unwanted material in the end of May or early June so that there is no delay in the construction process.

An update was provided on the negotiations for the synthetic turf project with Chestnut Hill College. (CHC) The initial contractual agreement with CHC was rejected by CHC. CHC expressed concern about the request to provide an escrow fund and the requests to provide six months worth of payments in advance of using the field(s). They would like the request for an escrow fund removed from the agreement and they would like to make quarterly payments in advance of using the field(s). In addition, CHC would like a 15-year agreement rather than a 12-year agreement as originally proposed. They are fully aware that interest will be charged on the outstanding balance for the entire 15-year term. They also requested that language be inserted ensuring that the district will work in cooperation with CHC to secure any grant funding that may be available. After a lengthy

discussion, five (5) board members in attendance agreed to the terms presented by CHC presented above. Lastly, CHC expressed a desire to have consideration given to having the CHC logo installed on the baseball complex turf and/or any opportunity to have the field designated as CHC's home field. All board members in attendance agreed that they would give consideration to a request for a logo as well as any other opportunity to have the field designated as CHC's home field. Accordingly, the revised contract will be provided to CHC for their approval and signature.

An agreement will be drafted for Board approval regarding the conditions imposed by the Whitmarsh Township Planning Commission on their approval of the waiver of land development process for the CHC synthetic turf project. The conditions are that; 1) The school board must agree to a twenty (20) year ban on the installation of athletic field lighting on Victory Field #2. 2) The school district must install a buffer of trees or shrubs between the proposed baseball complex and the residential properties on Indian Guide Road. 3) The school district must make every effort to limit the volume of the public address system that will be installed at the baseball complex. The agreement will be between Whitmarsh Township and the school board. This agreement will be presented to the Board for approval at the April school board meeting. Once approved, the agreement will be provided to Whitmarsh Township for action by their board of supervisors.

Updates were provided on several projects that are being performed in the five (5) year capital plan. The restoration of the exterior canopies at CES is approximately 70% complete. A substantial portion of the work was completed over the spring break. The contractors will continue working off hours and on weekends to complete the project. Final completion is anticipated to be within 30 to 60 days. Two other projects were completed during the spring break. Two concrete pads on the east and west sides of the Plymouth Elementary School were replaced. Both pads were deteriorated beyond repair. Four (4) concrete pads at the Whitmarsh Elementary School were replaced. In addition, three (3) steel poles that support the front entrance canopy were replaced as they had deteriorated beyond repair.

Additional Public Comment on the Agenda: None.

There being no further business before the committee, Mrs. Moore adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:31 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry R. Yemm
Director of Operations