

Colonial School District
District Operations
Facilities Management/Transportation Committee
Meeting Minutes
12/11/2014 – 7:30 AM

Committee Chair Alan Tabachnick called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM.

Other Committee Members Present: Kathleen Oxberry, Bernie Brady

Other Board Members Present: Sue Moore, Beth Suchsland, Christine Frangiosa, Leslie Finegold, Mel Brodsky

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

Public Comment on the Agenda: None

A status report was provided on the renovation project for PWHS. Based on requests made from several people attending the town meeting in October the installation of some of the water filtration equipment for the pool will be installed well in advance of the original schedule. Specifically, the installation of an Ultra Violet filtration system will be scheduled for installation as soon as possible. A bid package will be put together and a recommendation for bid award will be given to the school board. This piece of equipment was originally scheduled for installation in the summer of 2016. The district will receive the benefit of the installation earlier than scheduled and it will not cost the district any additional dollars to install the system now rather than when originally scheduled.

The district is currently working with Whitmarsh Township on the approvals for the PW renovation. Specifically meetings have been held with the fire marshal and building and codes group to gain direction on certain building codes. One of the determinations that was made is a requirement to install sprinklers in the new cafeteria. In addition, the project was reviewed for compliancy with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The Facilities Management Department is working with PECO energy in an effort to take advantage of energy savings incentives. Based upon the current program there's a substantial amount of money that the district can receive for installing energy efficient lighting. An application will be submitted for consideration in the next 30 days.

The district appeared in front of the Whitmarsh Township Planning Commission on Thursday November 20th at 7:00 PM. The purpose was to request an official waiver of the land development process for the PWHS renovation project. A presentation was made regarding the project. A brief discussion took place regarding certain aspects of the

project. The planning commission voted unanimously to approve the waiver of the land development process for the PW renovation project.

The status of continuing discussions with Chestnut Hill College (CHC) regarding athletic field upgrades was discussed by the committee. An agreement was reached regarding the financial concerns last month. Accordingly the district will now proceed with finalizing an official agreement with Chestnut Hill College for the project. Updates will be provided at future meetings.

The committee reviewed recommendations for projects to be completed in the 2015-2016 school year. There were approximately 28 projects recommended for consideration. The total amount for the projects is above \$800,000. A suggestion was made to put together a detailed presentation providing information about each project. Accordingly, the Facilities Management Department will create a document that will show pictures of each project along with a brief description and the proposed cost for each project. This document will be presented to all board members for review prior to the next scheduled committee meeting.

The committee reviewed the status of the proposed aesthetic upgrades to the exterior of the Colonial Middle School. The original proposal included the fabrication of an atrium type structure for the current front entrance. Upon review it was determined that there is an advantage to relocating the front office to the front face of the building. The committee reviewed drawings of the proposed front entrance relocation as well as the changes that will be made in the main office to accommodate the relocation of the front entrance.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding a Recommended Contractor Ordinance. (RCO) An RCO provides requirements for contractors bidding public projects. The district was exploring whether or not adopting an RCO would benefit the district. A legal opinion was provided by the district solicitor. Information was also provided regarding the current requirements all bidders must comply with when bidding projects for school district. There were a few concerns presented regarding the length of time adopting an RCO would add on to a project as well as the potential increase in costs to hire contractors that could comply with the RCO. After the discussion a decision was made to not move forward with adopting an RCO as there was no consensus to do so.

Additional Public Comment on the Agenda: None.

There being no further business before the committee, Mr. Tabachnick adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:54 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry R. Yemm
Director of Operations