

Colonial School District
District Operations
Facilities Management/Transportation Committee
Meeting Minutes
10/8/2015 – 7:30 AM

Board Committee Liaison and School Board Member Alan Tabachnick called the meeting to order at 7:32 AM.

Other Committee Members Present: Kathy Oxberry, Bernie Brady

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

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

Public Comment on the Agenda: None

An update was provided on the status of the PW renovation. The cafeteria floor concrete was poured last week. The contractors are now preparing the kitchen floor in anticipation of pouring that concrete next week. The shop drawings for all of the mechanical equipment are approved. The hollow metal frames were delivered which will allow the masons to construct the kitchen walls. Accordingly, that work will start next week as well. The installation of the carpet tiles for the classrooms that had the old floor tiles removed will resume this week. Prior to this week the new carpet tiles had been installed in five (5) classrooms. There are twenty-six (26) classrooms remaining to be completed. The current plan is to install four (4) or five (5) classrooms per night.

A brief conversation took place regarding the renovation of the west gymnasium. As there are many decisions yet to be made regarding the renovation of the west gymnasium a decision was made to schedule a separate meeting in the near future. This meeting will be dedicated to discussing the west gymnasium.

The committee reviewed an e-mail from the Township Manager of Whitemarsh Township regarding the requests for the waiver of the fee for the permit for the PW renovation project. According to the Township Manager, the Board of Supervisors will review the request at their October Board meeting.

An update was provided on the status of the approval process for the synthetic turf project. District Administration met with administrators from Whitemarsh Township and the Whitemarsh Shade Tree Commission on Tuesday, September 15th to review the resolution for the synthetic turf project. The main topic of discussion was the 2010 resolution for the Victory Fields athletic field lighting project. One of the requirements of the 2010 resolution was the planting of trees on the south side of the berm to act as a

visual buffer for the lights. A decision was made in 2010 by the township to hold off on planting any trees as the township had received a grant to plant over 600 trees in that area. That work was never completed. The purpose of the meeting was to review the feasibility of completing the process started and 2010. Based upon the review and site inspection it was decided that no trees should be planted between the bike path and the berm as the existing canopy is too dense and the trees would not live. Any trees that are requested by the residents will have to be planted on the residents properties. The District will require legal documents to be signed and the property owners will have to agree to maintain the trees after a period of time. A letter is being sent to all of the property owners explaining the process.

Information was provided regarding the ability to put central air conditioning in the all day kindergarten wings at RP and WE. Mr. Yemm explained that the duct work and coils for air conditioning were installed in 2004 at the time that the additions were constructed. As such the amount of money required to install the air conditioning in these additions should be minimal. Plans have been sent to a local engineer for review. A full report will be given to the committee upon receipt.

The committee went into executive session at 8:28 AM. The executive session was completed and the meeting resumed at 8:38 AM.

Two transportation items were presented by Mr. Jackson. One was the concerns with the location of a bus stop at Johnson Road and Whites Road in Plymouth Township and the other with the transportation of students with F-1 visas.

Additional Public Comment on the Agenda: None.

There being no further business before the committee, Mr. Tabachnick adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry R. Yemm
Director of Operations