

**Colonial School District**  
**District Operations**  
**Facilities Management/Transportation Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**1/12/17 – 7:30 AM**

Board Committee Chair and School Board Member Mr. Alan Tabachnick called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM

Other Committee Members Present: Bernie Brady, Felix Raimondo

Other Board Members Present: Sue Moore, Beth Suchsland, Leslie Feingold, Cathy Peduzzi, Kathy Oxberry

Also Attending: Dr. MaryEllen Gorodetzer, Superintendent; Terry R. Yemm, Director of Operations; Trevor Jackson; Business Administrator, Joseph Lally; Director of Facilities, Dave Sherman, Community Relations; Ms. Linda Doll; Community Resident, Ms. Dresnin, Community Resident

The status of the PWHS renovation project was provided for committee review via a power point presentation. Included were slides that showed the current condition of the corridor in front of the north gymnasium, the new wrestling room being constructed next to the north gymnasium, the east side locker room for the north gymnasium, several slides of the guidance suite and several classrooms under construction adjacent to the courtyard. As reported at the last meeting the target dates for completion of each phase has been adjusted by a few weeks. Accordingly, the completion date for Phase 4 is January 27<sup>th</sup>.

An update was provided on the approval process for the west gymnasium. The district is requesting a waiver of the land development process for the construction of the gymnasium. District administration presented plans for the west gymnasium project to the Whitemarsh Township Planning Commission (WTPC) on Tuesday, December 13, 2016. The purpose of this presentation was for informational purposes only and to gain feedback from the WTPC before moving forward. The next step is to make another presentation to the WTPC that will include any recommendations from the first presentation. The district is planning to make a second presentation to the WTPC in January at which time the District will formally request that the WTPC provide their recommendation to grant the waiver of the land development process to the Whitemarsh Township Board of Supervisors. The proposed date for that meeting is January 24<sup>th</sup>. Further information will be provided at next month's meeting.

The approval process for the classroom additions at Plymouth Elementary and Ridge Park Elementary is moving forward. The district was given approval on the waiver of land development for these projects on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. With this approval, the district has been working with township administration to secure the final approvals with

a goal of beginning construction in the spring of 2017. The same process is taking place with the air conditioning projects at WE, RP and PE. That project is on a similar timeline to the addition project. The current timeline is that the bid packages will be put out this month with a bid opening date of February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Once bids are received and reviewed a recommendation will be made for committee consideration. Based upon the recommendation and the committee's acceptance of same a contract could be awarded and a notice to proceed could be sent out on or before February 28th. Work on the site could start within thirty (30) days of the notice to proceed.

In addition to the updates provided above for the ongoing construction projects information pertaining to PlanCon was provided to the committee. The PWHS renovation project and the additions for the Plymouth and Ridge Park Elementary Schools have been submitted to the state under the PlanCon guidelines for potential reimbursement of some of the funding. Action is required by the committee and School Board to accept part "H" of the PlanCon process for the PWHS renovation as well as acceptance of parts "D" and "E" for the Plymouth and Ridge Park Elementary School addition projects and the submittal of part "F" for the Plymouth and Ridge Park Elementary School additions projects. The committee agreed to the acceptance and submittal of each component as requested. Formal action will be taken as required at the January School Board meeting.

The committee reviewed a request from the Food Service department to obsolete a salad bar that is located in the Colonial Elementary School. According to Ms. Lori McCoy, Director of Food Services, the salad bar is no longer used and is sitting in storage in the Colonial Elementary School kitchen area. The committee gave direction to dispose of this piece of equipment but requested that all efforts be made to donate this piece of equipment to a needy organization. The Facilities Management Department will oblige.

Information pertaining to the PWHS auditorium lighting project was provided to the committee. This project was the third of three components required for upgrading the PWHS auditorium over a period of three years. The proposal received for this phase of the project came in well over the original budget which was based on specifications that were developed in 2012. The committee had already approved an increase to the original budget. According to Mr. Drew Boegly, Director of Technology, additional funding was required to provide an upgraded lighting system. The additional funding required could be in the range of \$30,000 to \$40,000. The Facilities Management Department will perform a thorough review of the project to determine if some of the additional funding could be avoided by work being performed by in-house electricians.

Detailed information regarding the maintenance required for a synthetic turf athletic field as compared to a natural grass field was presented to the committee. Items such as lifecycle costs, different types of base material used to construct athletic fields, different types of grass used in various climates, storm water runoff, fertilizers, watering of natural grass as well as construction costs were discussed as well. The summation of the information provided that natural grass fields are approximately 4-½ times more expensive to maintain than synthetic turf fields.

A brief discussion took place regarding the opaque panels in the wall that separates the pool from the pool lobby. This discussion was prompted by a suggestion to put in some clear panels that would provide an unobstructed view of the pool from the lobby. The suggestion was presented to the architects as well as district security staff. The architects were concerned about making any changes that would potentially affect the appearance of the wall from inside the pool. In addition, they explained that the opaque panels prohibited the swimmers and/or divers to be distracted by movement in the corridor. The security staff did not feel that the panels would be necessary as there are three (3) security cameras that run 24/7 capturing the view of the entire pool area as well as the lobby. This request can certainly be revisited in the future if the need was presented.

Additional Public Comment on the Agenda: None.

There being no further business before the committee, Mr. Tabachnick adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry R. Yemm  
Director of Operations