

Colonial School District
District Operations
Facilities Management/Transportation Committee
Meeting Minutes
9/8/2016 – 7:30 PM

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

Other Committee Members Present: Bernie Brady, Kathy Oxberry, Felix Raimondo

Other Board Members Present: Sue Moore, Beth Suchsland, Leslie Feingold, Cathy Peduzzi, Mel Brodsky

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

Public Comment on the Agenda: None

A brief overview was provided regarding the opening of school on September 6th. From a facilities perspective all schools were clean, safe and ready. There were many smaller size projects completed in each school over the summer. Transportation issues were at a minimum and there were minimal complaints. The Principals of each school commented on how positive the first day of school was for the staff and students. Several committee members expressed their appreciation to all of the support staff for a successful opening.

Mr. Yemm and Mr. Lally provided a power point presentation on the status of the PW renovation. Pictures of specific areas including all three floors of the east wing, the bridge, the natatorium, the weight room, the trainer's room and the exterior curtain wall of the east wing were shown. Detailed information was provided for each of the areas shown. All classrooms in the east wing were completed and ready for student use on September 6th. On the west side of the building, the trainer's room, weight room, aerobics room and three (3) Health and P. E. classrooms were ready for student use. Mr. Yemm reported that there were many positive comments about the project from the staff and students.

Work will continue on the natatorium and old east cafeteria until completion currently scheduled for the end of September or early to mid-October. Once completed the old east cafeteria will be used as a large group instruction room. Phase four (4) of the renovation project has started. This phase involves the renovation of the north gymnasium locker rooms, the four (4) classrooms across from the north gymnasium and the conversion of the old Tech-Ed room into the new Guidance Suite. Demolition on the locker rooms in the north gymnasium is underway. A safety wall was constructed in the corridor between the new cafeteria and the old Tech-Ed rooms. The wall will keep students and staff

separated from the construction area. The wall will remain in place until the old tech lab area is renovated to house the new guidance suite.

Two options for the west gymnasium were provided for committee review. The options were presented in the layout that will be used for the physical education classes with the bleachers pushed back against the walls. One option showed two full size basketball courts running east to west and the other option provided space for a third basketball court running east to west. The additional area in the second option will be used for cheerleading practice, volleyball, drumline. Pricing for both options, including costs for the site work and storm water management will be presented to the committee for review in October.

The changes in traffic flow on Colonial Drive presented at the August committee meeting were put in place on Thursday, September 1st. The previous configuration was changed to two exit lanes running southbound on the side closest to the school and one entrance lane running northbound that splits into two lanes at the stop sign at the end of the island on the side closest to the church. This configuration was designed by a traffic engineer and reviewed and approved by the Whitmarsh Township Police Department. To date there has not been any issues and everyone has adapted to the changes without any problems.

Updates were provided on the status of the approval process for the classroom additions at PE and RP. A meeting was held with the officials of Plymouth Township on September 7th to discuss the status of the approvals. Plymouth Township is requesting that we install a fire lane to allow a fire-fighting equipment to be able to access the rear of the building from the front of the building. The fire lane will have to be maintained at all times as if it is a parking lot. The engineers are working on what needs to be done to comply with the request. Our goal is to have the waiver of the land development process for both projects approved by Plymouth Township at their business meeting on October 10th.

The engineers are in the process of designing the HVAC systems for Plymouth, Ridge Park and Whitmarsh Elementary Schools. The current timetable is to have the project out for bid this fall with the start of construction date for late winter early spring of 2017. It is possible that the air conditioning system may be up and running in one of the schools for late spring 2017. Further updates will be provided to the committee at the next meeting.

The status of the synthetic turf project was provided to the committee for review and consideration. A meeting will be held with Chestnut Hill College (CHC) in the next week to determine the exact scope of work that will be included in the project. There is not enough money approved for the project to be able to construct all of the elements that were originally designed. CHC was considering eliminating the synthetic turf in the outfield as a way to free up enough capital to be able to construct the other elements. The committee strongly objected to the possibility of eliminating the synthetic turf in the outfield. This message will be given to CHC prior to the meeting. The results of the

meeting along with options for the project will be presented to the committee for review at the October committee meeting.

The current status of the Five-year Capital Improvement Plan was provided for committee review. Presented for review was a copy of the approved 2015-2016 Priority List and a copy of the approved 2016-2017 Priority List. In summary, there were twenty (20) projects completed during the school year, seven (7) projects reclassified, two (2) projects eliminated from capital projects and eight (8) projects moved to the 2016-2017 school year. Mr. Yemm explained that this is the time of year that meetings will be held with the Principals and Custodial Supervisors of each school to determine what projects will need to be completed in the next year or two. This list is then reviewed in combination with the current approved list as well as any projects that are still outstanding from the previous year. A final determination is then made on the priority of projects and presented to the committee for review and approval in November or December.

Additional Public Comment on the Agenda: None.

There being no further business before the committee, Mr. Tabachnick adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry R. Yemm
Director of Operations