

Colonial School District
District Operations
Facilities Management/Transportation Committee
Meeting Minutes
8/10/2016 – 7:30 AM

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

Other Committee Members Present: Bernie Brady

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Also Attending: Dr. MaryEllen Gorodetzer, Superintendent; Terry R. Yemm, Director of Operations; Dave Sherman, Community Relations; Ms. Lisa Dresnin, Community Resident, Joe Abruzzo, Community Resident

Public Comment on the Agenda: None

Mr. Yemm provided a power point presentation on the status of the PW renovation as well as the status of the locker painting project at CMS. 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. The current schedule is for the entire east wing, trainer's room, weight room and cardio room to be ready for school opening on September 6th. As reported at previous meetings the natatorium and large group instruction room will not be completed for the start of school. Due to delays encountered in the spring the opening of these areas will be delayed until the end of September. An abatement company surveyed the space above the plaster ceilings in the north gymnasium locker rooms as part of the environmental control plan. The results of the survey were that these areas had already been abated. As a result there will be no need for any abatement process above the ceilings. Once the demolition is started a determination will be made if the abatement process is needed for any pipes that are currently embedded in the walls.

The committee reviewed the status of the CMS locker painting project. This project is part of the five-year capital improvement plan. All of the lockers in the corridors were prepped and painted with a color that was selected based on the colors that exist throughout the rest of the facility. In addition to improving the appearance in the corridors the new paint will help to preserve the life of the lockers.

An update was provided on the status of the design and approval process for the classroom additions at Ridge Park Elementary and Plymouth Elementary Schools. The architects and engineers are in the process of designing the additions. The goal is to have the Plymouth Township Council consider a waiver of the land development process at the September meeting. All information required in order to receive the waiver has been

completed and submitted to the township for consideration. Mr. Yemm reported that a decision has been made to change the proposed location for the addition at Plymouth Elementary. The initial plan was to construct the addition on the south side of the building closest to Plymouth Road. However, upon review it was determined that this location would prohibit the ability to drive vehicles from the lower parking lot to the rear parking lot as there is a substantial drop off in grade on that side of the building. Relocating the location for the addition to the opposite corner of the building would avoid any problems with vehicles getting to the rear parking lot. Consequently, the decision was made to construct the additional on the east side of the building. In addition, this side of the building is a much better location for the purposes of bringing in construction material. District administration will put together a plan for utilizing Red Rowen Lane as the construction entrance for the construction project. This plan will be discussed with the township and based upon their approval the district will move forward with setting up meetings with the residents that reside on Red Rowen Lane.

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 information will be given as available.

The status of the synthetic turf project was provided to the committee for review and consideration. Several changes had to be made to the current agreement with Chestnut Hill College. In addition, these changes need to be approved by Whitmarsh Township. Once these changes are approved by both entities the construction of the baseball field will begin. Depending upon the time table for the construction of the baseball field, it is possible that the re-turfing of Victory Field #1 could be delayed until late spring 2017.

A drawing of a new traffic pattern proposed for Colonial Drive was provided for committee review. The current configuration will be changed to two exit lanes on the side closest to the school and two entrance lanes 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. The intent is to make this change happen as soon as possible without interfering with the construction project.

Additional Public Comment on the Agenda: None.

There being no further business before the committee, Mr. Tabachnick adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:28 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry R. Yemm
Director of Operations