



FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Friday, October 18, 2024

8:30 a.m.

Committee Members: Michele Mencer, Chair
Dr. Camille Cerciello, Ellen De Pinto (absent), Justina Ryan

Administrative Staff: Dr. Jonathan Hart, Superintendent
Jason Bohm, SBA/Board Secretary
Don Race, Facilities Manager

- 1. 2024-25 Capital Projects:** An update on capital projects was provided and all projects remain on track as planned. The WHS Art Room and PreK Playground projects are complete. Ongoing projects include the RMS Main Office/HVAC, Nurse Suite and Furniture update, IT Switch and Access Point Project and the First Responder Radio Enhancement.
- 2. Cafeteria Equipment Grant:** The committee agreed to apply for a grant for flat top griddles.
- 3. Referendum Update:** Stakeholder meetings including discussions with administration, staff, HSA, RTEA and the Township of Readington have been held to gather questions and perspectives on the referendum. Once the final project list is complete and projected expenses are determined, the committee will review the estimated costs. A discussion was held regarding whether to conduct the referendum during the November election cycle or during a special election. After considering many factors including referendum experiences from other districts, the Committee agreed to consider a special election for the referendum. Upcoming milestones for the referendum include the November BOE meeting which will feature a Bond attorney referendum presentation and the December BOE meeting which will feature an open public forum on the same topic.
- 4. Electric School Bus Update:** An update on progress made and next steps was provided to the Committee. The Committee agreed a common foundational understanding of electric school bus utilization in other districts, risks and benefits was needed in order to make informed decisions for the district. The topic will be further discussed at future Committee meetings.
- 5. Safety & Security:** A brief overview of the safety manual and select safety procedures were reviewed. The Reunification Memorandum of Understanding and the selected location were discussed.
- 6. Finance Agenda Items / Bill List:** The bill list was reviewed.
- 7. Next meeting(s) are planned for:** November 20 at 8:30 a.m. & December 13, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.