

The Randolph Township Board of Education held a Finance, Facilities and Transportation Committee meeting on Monday, January 25, 2016 at 07:00 p.m. Administration Building, 25 School House Road, Randolph, New Jersey.

FFT Chairperson Sheldon Epstein called the meeting to order and read the following statement:

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Randolph Township Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted in The Daily Record. It is also posted in all district schools as well as the Randolph Township Municipal Building.

### **Roll Call**

The following Board members were present: Mr. Jeffrey Braverman, Mr. Ronald Conti, Ms. Tammy MacKay, Ms. Anne Standridge, Mr. Alfredo Z. Matos and Mr. Sheldon Epstein.

Board members Ms. Christine Aulenbach, Ms. Colleen Pascale and Dr. Diana Thomas were absent.

The following Administrations were present: Miss Jennifer Fano, Interim Superintendent, Mr. Gerald M. Eckert, Business Administrator / Board Secretary and Mr. Eric Burnside, Assistant Business Administrator / Assistant Board Secretary were also present.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Public Comments**

A concerned Randolph resident complained about the acoustics in the high school library.

A concerned Randolph resident inquired about improvements to the high school baseball field.

### **New Business**

The Board discussed the following:

- 2016-2017 Budget Development:

Mr. Eckert distributed and explained budget location code analysis and budget manager request list. This was a preliminary draft of the budget and is approximately \$4.6mm over the 2015-16 approved budget. Lease options were discussed for buses and technology needs to reduce the overage. The committee agreed to use \$1 million from capital reserve to help fund capital projects. The committee requested inviting certain budget managers into future FFT meetings to identify critical areas.

- Lighting Upgrade Report:

The Donnelly Energy proposal was explained by Mr. Eckert. The Board agreed to get the paperwork ready. The committee discussed the possibility of not having enough projects to qualify for an ESIP. The board requested to find out if out of pocket investment might be able to be financed.

- Lighting Upgrade – Transportation / DPW Facility:

The labor for the installation of outside lights at the DPW facility will be done in house employees. There are approximately \$8000 in supplies. The Township as agreed to pay 25% and provide use of their bucket truck. Currently bus drivers are wearing reflective vests. The lighting will improve safety in the bus yard as a result of this project.

- Signs in front of RHS and RMS:

The principals from the high school and middle school contacted Ms. Fano about having the current signs removed. They are requesting new signs be installed with the school name and address on them. The Board requested designs and quotes for the new signs. The Board agreed the current signs will remain until new signs are available.

Board member Tammy Mackay arrived at 07:38 p.m.

- Jesse Spencer & Marybeth Foran met with Ms. Fano and Mr. Eckert in regards to the high school baseball field. Facilities Director Andy Hurd is in the process of getting quotes to lower the fence at baseball field. Facilities is also exploring the possibility of repurposing the current fence for the on deck circle. Mr. Eckert spoke with the school insurance company and was told there is no higher premium because of risk. Mr. Braverman requested drawings as to where the repurposed fence would be located. Mr. Hurd is going to get quotes for the softball area as well. Mr. Hurd is having the infield conditioned for better soil.

- Rod Grant reimbursement requests are currently being processed and will be submitted. At the end of this fiscal year we should be seeing the money from the State.
- Mr. Epstein wants a status on the pension. He will contact Ms. Charlene Peterson from NJ School Boards Association to see if they can present for clarification and understanding.

**Closed Session - 10:08 p.m.**

Board member Sheldon Epstein made a motion seconded by Board member Ronald Conti and carried by roll call vote to adopt the following with exceptions:

Board members Ms. Christine Aulenbach, Ms. Colleen Pascale and Dr. Diana Thomas were absent.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 and 10:4-13 that the Board of Education of the Township of Randolph will hold a Closed Session regarding personnel. It is not yet possible to determine when the matters discussed in Closed Session will be made public.

Mr. Gerald M. Eckert, Business Administrator / Board Secretary and Mr. Eric Burnside, Assistant Business Administrator / Assistant Board Secretary were also present.

**Adjournment**

Board member Sheldon Epstein made a motion seconded Board member Ronald Conti and carried by roll call vote to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 p.m.

The Board adjourned the meeting at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gerald M. Eckert  
Board Secretary