

Holmdel Board of Education

Budget & Finance Committee

Meeting Notes – September 22, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: E. Briamonte | S. Collur | K. Tuccillo

Administrators Present: M. Petrizzo, BA | S. Rogers, Asst. Dir Plant Ops & Maint |
L. Carducci, Dir Com Prog & Stu Transp | J. DeWysockie, ABA

1. Multipurpose Turf Field Project Update

- The excavated soils were fully removed and deposited at the Indian Hill field site where it has been leveled and seeded.
- The new field subsurface is complete and ready for the artificial turf material which is scheduled to be shipped on September 29th.
- Our contractor anticipates delivery the first week in October and will begin installation at that time. The process of installation will take two weeks.
- The roadway leading up to the field was excavated, crushed stone applied and a base layer of asphalt installed. The final cover layer of asphalt will be poured and rolled after all equipment is removed from the new field area.
- The athletic department and facility scheduler are aware of these timelines and are planning accordingly to ensure the safest and most efficient use of our available sport fields.

2. District Facilities Update

- Summer Projects
- Indian Hill Playground area directly behind the school:
 - The poured rubber surfacing material has been completed and the students have already begun to utilize the new play area.
 - The B&G team will evaluate the rubber surfacing material over time to ensure that it blends properly with the surrounding asphalt paving material.

- Summer Cleaning - Summer cleaning projects at all four schools were successful, despite scheduling challenges related to referendum projects and additional in and out of district building use. Kudos to the maintenance, grounds and custodial teams for their hard work leading to a successful opening day.
- Five summers of referendum projects have come to an end with the completion of the Indian Hill Playground project. Additionally, there have been other summer projects completed as well. Thank you to the entire B&G department for all of their efforts to ensure all of these projects were completed timely in addition to completing the extensive summer cleaning schedules.

3. Transportation Services Update

The committee received an update regarding transportation and some of the challenges the district faced this year. In particular, 88% of the bus routes for the 22-23 school year were required to be re-bid (in comparison to 15% the previous year). All transportation services were secured, after multiple bids and negotiation efforts. A long-time contractor of the district did not bid on any of the routes this year which led to not only new contractors and new routes, but new drivers driving new routes. Additionally, due to the ongoing driver shortages, our transportation contractors are deploying CDL licensed sub-drivers (including company owners, office staff/mechanics) to ensure all district routes are covered. Dr. Cascone will be sending out correspondence to the community detailing the challenges that were faced along with expectations moving forward from the community and district personnel. Thank you to the entire transportation department for all of their efforts in making sure the district secured routes for this school year.

4. 2022/2023 Professional/Contracted Service Renewal/Awards

The committee reviewed the resolutions, for General Counsel and School Physician services, to be renewed for the 2022/2023 school year. The applicable resolutions are included on the 9/28//22 agenda for approval.

5. 2022/2023 Nonpublic School Aid

This represents state aid provided to the nonpublic schools located within the Township. The District acts as a flow through entity, whereas the state distributes the aid to the District and then the District distributes the funding to the applicable nonpublic schools located in Holmdel. This aid is for Chapter 192/193 services and the applicable resolution is included on the 9/28/22 agenda for approval.

6. 2023 SEHBP Renewal Rate

The committee discussed the estimated SEHBP Renewal Rate of 15.1% and the financial impact. The official rate pages have not been published but in the interim, the district is working with Brown & Brown to look into all alternative options.

7. Date and Time of next Committee Meeting: 10/20/22 at 6:30 p.m.