

To: Holmdel Township Board of Education

From: Chair, Building, Grounds, & Safety Committee

RE: March 4, 2016 meeting notes

Attending: Mr. Reddy (chair), Mr. Sockol, Mr. Pavlik (not present), Mr. Martinez, Mr. Petrizzo, Mr. Scala, Mrs. Duncan.

The Building, Grounds, & Safety Committee met on March 4, 2016 to discuss the following matters:

1. **Food Service Program 2015/2016:** The committee toured the Village cafeteria during the 1st grade lunch. We observed the final lunch serving (1:15 pm) & sampled a wide variety of the food offered (pizza, mozz sticks, carrots etc). The fruit (oranges & strawberries) that was offered looked very fresh & appetizing. The whole operation flowed effortlessly; the students & lunch staff obviously have it down with very little issue. We watched how the students would enter their PIN & how it was checked/approved by the cashier a few steps away.

Following the cafeteria tour we had discussion with our food service consultant Bill Gerichter from Edvocate. He reviewed year to date (Sep to Feb) sales in each of the schools. As we expected the total operation is running behind last years numbers due to the expenses we incurred when setting up the rotating schedule in the high school and loss of sales. The last two months (Jan & Feb) we have seen a steady upward trend in revenue & expect that to continue through June.

This is the final year of Chartwells contract (year 5) & tenth year in the district. The service is set to be put out for RFP later this year. Overall we have had a solid business relationship with Chartwells but are always looking for ways to improve what else can be provided for the students. One topic Bill & Chartwells is exploring is to open a "Holmdel café" where high school students can get food/snacks after hours.

2. **Regular User Fee - HYAA 2015/2016:** This topic has been talked about in the committee for the past number of months. During this months' meeting we invited Chris Briamonte (HYAA treasurer) to discuss the subsidy issue (HYAA is using 30% more gym time & field time than the previous year but paying same fee). There was a lengthy discussion by the committee & HYAA on what the proper subsidy should be. The committee recognized that HYAA is made up of 100% Holmdel township residents & when deciding on what fee should be paid that needs to be considered. A number of percentages were discussed but the committee stated this needs to be a board discussion/agreement so this topic does not have to be debated each year. The committee is recommending we accept \$12,500 as HYAA's regular user fee for 15/16 (note: 14/15 regular user fee was \$10,773).

The next meeting of the Building, Grounds, & Safety Committee will be April 22, 2016.

Sincerely,
Pete Reddy
Chairman, Building, Grounds and Safety Committee