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Newark Board of Education

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Board Operations Committee Meeting Josephine C. Garcia, Chairperson Wednesday, November 16, 2022 5:30 pm

Committee Report

Location	Date	Time
Virtual	November 16, 2022	5:30pm
Board Members		
Josephine Garcia		Flohisha Johnson
District Liaison & Superintendent Representative		
Valerie Wilson		
Other District Staff		
Krystle Whitlock-Ude		
Quanika Dukes-Spruill		
Hasan Bullock		
Anthony Jackson		
Carlos Edmundo		
Christophe Caponegro		
Havier Nazario		
Benjamin Olagadeyo		
Victoria Rivera		
Guests		
Meeting Summary		
Meeting called to order by SBA Wilson at 5:33 pm		
<u>Transportation</u>		
In October, 4,729 students were transported via school vehicle and 14,196 Newark students were eligible for bus tickets. Also highlighted during the committee meeting was the District’s monthly bus pass initiative that will launch January 3, 2023. High School students who attend NBOE schools will receive a monthly bus pass as opposed to the daily single use bus tickets. The District will pilot this initiative with high school students who are eligible for public transportation resources for the		

remaining of the 22-23 school year. As required by NJAC 6A;27, Pupil Transportation also reported that School Bus Evacuation Drills were conducted for students who ride school bus. As pursuant to State statute, these drills must occur twice a year. District Report of Transported Resident Students (DRTRS) Update: 14,058 Students were submitted in this year's report which is an increase of 621 more than reported than last school year.

Security

The Newark Board of Education Office of Safety is dedicated to provide a safe, secure, and orderly environment for all students and staff. A key part of our strategy is to enhance student and staff safety by our daily review of Student Safety Data System (SSDS) reports. With these reviews the Office of Safety and Security allocate resources and strategies that proactively minimize all security threat districtwide. In response to the data analysis, we are moving forward with bag scanners for all district high schools. Moreover, to respond to emergency situations in a professional manner, the Office of Safety requires all dispatch units to be certified and trained in customer service, FEMA ICS (Incident Command Systems)100, and FEMA ICS (Incident Command Systems)700.

Facilities

School Business Administrator Wilson presented an update on New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) and the status of the district's submission of materials. The required materials were uploaded to the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) homeroom site within the required deadline. District staff will be attending a countywide training session later this week. An update was provided to the committee members on both the ESSER II and American Rescue Plan (ARP) spending analysis for October. The district has committed 80% of the ESSER II funds and has expensed almost 60% of the total allocated funds. Selected departments who have aggressively spent their ESSER II allocation have been allowed access to the ARP funds and have begun commitment and expenditures.

Meeting Adjourned	
The Committee agreed to move Resolution(s) Forward to The Full Board	The two resolutions presented to the board - Comprehensive Maintenance Plan (CMP) - Continued Use of Temporary Classroom Units (TCU) and Leased Facilities
Miscellaneous	- Chair Garcia requested a walk through in regards to The Office of Safety Command Unit. - Amendment to Long Range Facilities Plan will be presented at future board meeting
Adjournment Time	6:53 PM by SBA Wilson
Minutes Submitted By	<i>Victoria Rivera</i>

Item: Transportation	
Lead(s): Quanika Dukes-Spruill	Priority/Strategy 1:1.1

Comments: Student Transportation Updates and Information

Updates: As of 11/16/2022, 4,279 eligible students (IEP, DCPD/Displaced, ELL, and OOD); Total Routes 520/173 OOD routes; 49 Contracted Vendors; 28 Field Inspections; 8 Liquidated Damages; 5 Total Shuttle Buses for English Language Learners (ELL) – 3 at Louise A. Spencer School, 1 at Quitman Street School, and 1 at Sussex Avenue School servicing 117 students; 19 Courtesy applications received and approved. 14,196 students eligible for bus tickets; 62 students transported to and from courtesy hubs – 37 at Ridge Street Annex and 25 at Peshine Elementary School. 621 scheduled High School Athletics – 353 trips facilitated and 235 trips canceled (15 cancelled on site, 18 not covered); Field Trips 388 requested and 352 facilitated. Bid 9616 – 127 routes presented; 102 routes awarded; 25 routes remaining intact; approved contract 11/22/2022; New Routes will begin 12/05/2022.

Monthly Bus Pass Initiative: NBOE High School students who are eligible for single use bus tickets would receive a physical or electronic monthly bus card consistent with the zone in which they currently travel to and from school (1 zone bus card or a 2 zone bus card). Distribution would begin January 3, 2023 and continue through June 23, 2023 when the initiative will be assessed.

School Bus Evacuation Drills: 1st Quarter School Bus Evacuation drills that are required as pursuant to (NJAC 6A:27-11.2) have been performed – OPT will continue to work with schools/vendor bus companies who have not yet satisfied this requirement.

District Report of Transported Resident Students (DRTRS): 14,058 Students were submitted in this year’s report which is an increase of 621 more than reported than last school year.

Item: Security	
Lead(s): Levi Holmes	Priority/Strategy: 1:1.3, 1.5

Comments: The Office of Safety Updates and School Safety Data System (SSDS) Report

The Office of Safety: Bag Scanners and Security Training such as used by Transportation Security Administration (TSA). Dispatch Units, total of 10, are all certified “FEMA ICS100” Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Introduction to the Incident Command System (ICS)100 and FEMA ICS700 in addition to customer service training and chain of command/supporting contacts. Currently 12 screens monitoring 30 schools. Information Services Department (ISD) is still conducting assessments for the remaining schools and blind spots.

School Safety Data System (SSDS) Report: For October, 95 reported incidents; 73 acts of violence; 6 vandalisms; 3 weapon offenses; 8 substances; 5 other incidents leading to removal. Fights and Assaults were the most frequent reported SSDS incidents. East/Central and HSLT had the highest reported incidents. Suspension Disposition- the most frequent consequence in response to student SSDS incidents. An overall increase in comparison to the 21-22 SY report for October and September of 22-23 SY.

Harassment Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) / SSDS compliance on site Administrative Trainings increased. Evaluating alternatives to suspensions.

Item: Facilities	
Lead(s): Valerie Wilson	Priority/Strategy:1:1.5

Comments: Comprehensive Maintenance Plan (CMP) and Facilities Updates

Comprehensive Maintenance Plan (CMP): NPS M-1 23-24 Annual Maintenance Budget Amount and Detailed Actual Expenditures by Year by Building. The Detailed Expenditures Report: Shows realistically what the district is actually spending. Maintenance and repairs have the most accruals to cost. Tracking cost to know and predict cost for budgetary information for maintenance.

Facilities Newsletter: The most recent updated data translated and referenced for review at leisure located in the shared Google drive.

- Resolution:**
1. Continued Use of Temporary Classroom Units and Leased Facilities
 2. Comprehensive Maintenance Plan (CMP)

Item: Miscellaneous	
Lead(s): Valerie Wilson	Priority/Strategy:1:1.2

Comments: ESSER Spending Analysis and Other Updates

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER) II and (ESSER) III: Break down of funds that are allocated by departments valid until September of 2024. ESSER II Dollars are to be spent prior to the ESSER III funds for each department.

New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) Update: We provided the board the deceleration page and Resolution for the submission of the District Performance Review and Self Scoring. All 3 documents were uploaded to NJDOE Homeroom prior to the due date of 11/15/2022. Currently awaiting notification from the County for when the district will have the in person or document review process occur. We are moving forward with school inspections and will be receiving training with the county superintendent as part of Cohort 1 on 11/18/2022.

The Next Decade (TND): 2020-2023 Year 3 Quarter 1 Highlights/Deliverables: Several components that breakdown the different roles (Priority 1 – 6). SBA Wilson requested board members to review the documents for feedback in regards to additional data that may be useful. Highly focused on Teaching and Learning, Facilities, and Transportation.