



Committee Report

Committee Name: Board Operations

Location	Date	Time
Virtual	August 18, 2021	5:34pm -7:07pm
Board Members		
Josephine Garcia	Hasani Council	
Shayvonne Anderson	Dawn Haynes	
District Liaison & Superintendent Representative		
Valerie Wilson	Dr. Shakirah Harrington	
Other District Staff		
Krystle Whitlock-Ude	Anthony Jackson	
Quanika Dukes-Spruill	Hasan Bullock	
Dorothy Croner	Rashon Dwright	
Carlos Edmundo	Wali Thomas	
Lisa Abdul	Nicole Yarbough	
Rodney Williams	Ashley Banks	
Vince Hutcheson	Dominique Hall	
Chris Caponegro		
Ben Olagadeyo		
Guests		
Meeting Summary		
<p><u>Security</u> The Office of Safety is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all students and staff while continuing to support district policies and procedures. With the installation of new equipment, many efforts are being put forth to allow our department to monitor our district remotely as well as increasing our staff overall. In the coming months, we're looking forward to completing our Communications Center and upgrading our two-way radio system district wide. Investigator Jackson will be meeting with principals in the coming weeks on all things SSDS. We're continuing to explore new customizations for our current visitor management system Lobby Guard.</p>		
<p><u>Transportation</u> The Office of Pupil Transportation staff has been preparing for the return of full in person instruction since the start of summer. School bus safety procedures and protocols have been updated, student transportation information and guidance has been produced for staff and families, and school bus contractors are in the process of being secured for the 3,364 Newark students who require busing. To ensure that students who are eligible for Public Transportation resources can get to and from school on day one, district drivers will deliver bus tickets to school buildings prior to the start of school. For additional information on student transportation initiatives, processes and resources, Pupil</p>		

Transportation requests that families and vested partners visit their webpage that is located on the district’s website to access downloadable forms, support and information.

Facilities

Resolution – Lease Renewal to extend lease of St. Benedict’s 124 Niagara Street in the City of Newark (a.k.a. “Ann Street Annex”) to be voted on 8/26/21. The committee recommends the resolution move forward to the full Board for action.

Resolution - Award of Bid#9340

Facilities has recommended CHA Consultants for the award of solicitation #9340. This contractor has been working with the district on our ESIP program and has quickly responded to all requests. They have outlined how they will meet or exceed all of our program goals. This will be on the 8/26/2021 Agenda. The committee recommends the resolution move forward to the full Board for action.

Facilities Condition Assessment

The district is well underway in our 2021 Facilities Condition Assessment. This Assessment is being done in partnership with NJIT and Weston Associates. The students will be visiting every building along with a group of Architects and Engineers to provide us with an updated set of floor plans, current physical conditions, and recommendations for repair/replacement of the structure. This will be ongoing thru December 2021.

PPE- Personal Protective Equipment

The Facilities Dept. is warehousing and distributing a full line of PPE items to every building and classroom district wide. We are also supplying PPE for Athletic Events, Student assessments, and (live) trainings. We will continue this practice while the pandemic is prevalent.

Newsletter - The Facilities monthly newsletter provides a snapshot of ongoing and completed work throughout the District done by our skilled in-house trades professionals as well as in partnership with outside contracting.

Item: Security	
Lead(s): Levi Holmes	Priority/Strategy: 1:1.1

Comments: OSL Recommendation –schedule and conduct trainings for all SLT. Provide district oversight through collection and inputting data in system to maintain accuracy. Recommendations to include additional professional development; and hold regular meetings to ensure compliance. October is national bullying prevention month. Allyssa’s Law compliance installing panic buttons in progress.

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

Comments: Three thousand one hundred ten (3,110) student applications have been received for home to school busing as of 8/10/21. Two hundred twenty-six (226) routes were created and presented for August 24th transportation bid. One hundred fifty-eight (158) routes have been extended and will continue for school year 21-22. School bus safety procedures and protocols have been updated, student transportation information and guidance has been produced for staff and families, and school bus contractors are in the process of being secured for the **3,364** Newark students who require busing.

Item: Facilities	
Lead(s): Valerie Wilson	Priority/Strategy:1:1.1

Comments:

Lease renewal – St. Benedicts will go before the board for approval of extension of Lease on 8/26/21.

Award of Bid# 9340 - Award for architectural and engineering aspect of the Facilities Condition Assessment goes before the board 8/26/21.

Updates: 4500 Hydroxyl Generators ordered; signage (wall and floor) are in place. District is ready to issue hand sanitizers, face masks, thermometers, student desktop dividers. Buildings readiness are near completion.