



Committee Report

Governance Committee

Location	Date	Time
CGCS Conference	October 17, 2024	11:41 AM
Board Members		
H. Council, President	V. Santana, Co-Vice President	
A James-Frison, Co-Vice President		
District Liaison & Superintendent Representative		
B. Liss, General Counsel	R. León, Superintendent	
Other District Staff		
N. Deering, Director of Board Relations		
Guests		
N/A		
Meeting Summary		
<p>Call to Order: 11:41 AM</p> <p>The Committee received reports on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School Facilities - Newark Enrolls - Board Policies - Legal Update <p>Adjournment: 12:40 PM</p>		

School Facilities	
Lead: R. León	<u>Priority/Strategy:</u> 1.5 Develop a capital strategy aligned with the <i>Long-Range Facilities Plan</i> and strategic plan to modernize all facilities, and plan for enrollment projections, academic programs, and community needs.

Comments:

The Committee received an update on progress toward completion of the new High School of Architecture and Interior Design, which is currently under construction. It also discussed enrollment and facilities needs district-wide, which are monitored continually. There are 13 of 33 school buildings in Newark which were built by 1920 that meet the replacement criteria of the Schools Development Authority. The process for selecting those 13 schools, which will begin in the next few months, will include community meetings and other means of obtaining stakeholder input, and will provide an opportunity for the administration and Board to review the needs at all of our district's schools.

Newark Enrolls	
Lead(s): R. León	<u>Priority/Strategy:</u> We believe that parents should have their children attending the school of their choice and that it is the district's responsibility to offer in every school a quality option worthy of the children of the City of Newark.

Comments:

The All Schools Fair will be held on November 2, 2024, from 10 AM to 2 PM at Newark Vocational High School. Representatives of all district schools and participating charter schools and community preschool providers will be in attendance. All parents of children who will be new to district schools, or whose children are in grade 8 and need to select a high school, are encouraged to attend. Additionally, high schools are conducting open houses at various dates and times this month. Information about the open houses and the entire enrollment process is available on the Newark Enrolls website, newarkenrolls.org. The enrollment period begins on the afternoon of the All Schools Fair, November 2.

Item: Legal Update	
Lead(s): B. Liss	<u>Priority/Strategy 1.1:</u> Organize and align departments and resources to support district priorities, strategies, and initiatives.

Comments:

General Counsel provided updates on several pending legal matters. The details of this discussion are confidential, subject to the attorney-client privilege. One item is a proposed settlement of pending litigation, which the committee agreed to recommend for approval by the full board of education.

Board Policies	
Lead(s): R. León, B. Liss	<u>Priority/Strategy 1.2:</u> Adopt a sustainable fiscal strategy and operating budget that is aligned with the strategic plan and drives district priorities. <u>Priority 6.2:</u> Implement a partnership framework that communicates a vision for mutually beneficial and accountable partnerships, strengthens relational ties, and integrates partnership evaluation.

Comments:

The Committee considered the recommendation of the Finance Committee to adopt three new policies:

3220.1/3230.1 – Federal Awards / Funds; Internal Controls – Allowability of Costs

3220.2/3230.2 – Federal Awards / Funds; Mandatory Disclosures

3220.3/3230.3 – Federal Awards / Funds; Conflict of Interest

All of these policies pertain to compliance with requirements of federal regulations establishing procurement standards for purchases and contracts supported by federal grants. The specific terms of the three proposed policies are based on policies in effect in many other New Jersey school districts.

After discussion of the three policies, the Committee recommended their adoption by the full board of education. Copies of the policies have been distributed to all board members.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 PM.