



FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

8:30 a.m.

Committee Members: Michele Mencer, Chair
Dr. Camille Cerciello, Ellen De Pinto, Justina Ryan

Administrative Staff: Dr. Jonathan Hart, Superintendent
Jason Bohm, SBA/Board Secretary
Don Race, Facilities Manager

1. Board Goals were discussed and the committee agreed the referendum, safety and communications goals would be prioritized in future Finance Committee discussions.
2. An update on the 2024-25 Capital Projects including the RMS Main Office and Nurses Suite were provided. All projects are on track and estimated to be completed by January 1st.
3. RMS Student Activities Online Payment Pilot (Field Trips, etc.) - The Committee discussed various payment options for cash / checks (required per State law) and electronic payment including which electronic payment channels have set-up and per use fees. The District will pilot Payschools for field trip payments through Genesis which are compatible and sync together, offering an ease of use feature. The Committee was informed that Paypal and Venmo are not a legal means of collecting payment for school districts. Pilot results will be available by April.
4. Referendum / Expiring Debt - The architect will review the proposed referendum project list with the Committee in January. The goal remains to have the referendum on the September ballot. More discussion is needed to finalize a recommendation including the need for projected costs for referendum projects.
5. The Committee discussed the need for the state to provide a facilities waiver for an alternative toilet room in the Three Bridges School in order to provide an accommodation for a student with special needs.
6. Issues persist with Healthcare & Prescriptions backend data discrepancies resulting in complaints that are three times higher than the average. The NJEA is now engaged with the district on this topic.
7. The Committee was provided an update on newspapers going out of business and the disconnect with this and the state law that requires printed notifications in businesses. No decision is needed on this topic.
8. The Committee reviewed the Holiday Gift Drive which is covered by donations.
9. The Bill List was reviewed and proposed agenda topics for the next meetings were discussed.
10. The next meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.