

**DRAFT
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF
SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD
NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
February 22, 2016**

RESOLUTION **TBD**

FOR ACTION

SUBJECT: ADOPT FINANCE, FACILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE CHARGE
FOR 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, pursuant to Policy 0155, for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education charges the Finance, Facilities and Technology Committee to work with the superintendent as follows:

- Engage the full Board in establishing budget priorities, both immediate and long-term, aligned to the 2016 Strategic Directions and Action items, and in line with appropriate revenue estimates;
- Engage the full Board in identifying the Strategic Action Items for which monitoring should be (managed) by the FFT committee.
- Request on the Board's behalf, analyses, presentations and monitoring reports focusing on the budget priorities or other topics related to the budget, including, but not limited to, a five-year financial projection to guide both the 2016-17 and long-range budget planning processes;
- Ensure that the analyses to project revenues, expenditures, savings and other data that will influence the budget are understandably and accurately presented to the public in a timely manner to maximize public engagement in the budget process;
- Manage the budget approval process with the full Board;
- Ensure budget-related line items and bonding levels are appropriate to address the district's facilities needs, are fiscally responsible and are aligned to district goals and policies;
- Update the Board of School Estimate on the budgeting process and priorities for the 2016-2017 school year and the progress of district facility projects;
- Recommend to the Board those priorities, actions and budgets necessary for the proper care and maintenance of district properties to ensure an environment that supports educational excellence, both in the near and long term, and to preserve the community investment.
- Recommend standards to the full board by which to monitor and communicate the status of all district real properties, their cleanliness, maintenance, facility improvements and safety and hold the superintendent responsible for meeting the standards.
- (For years where additional bonding for capital improvements is anticipated: Prepare for approval by the full Board a long range capital improvement plan that identifies priorities and projects, supports public engagement , and gains the approval of the BSE.)
- Recommend to the Board those priorities, actions and budgets necessary to provide a technology infrastructure that effectively supports instruction and administration as outlined in the Strategic Directions and Action Items.
- Accept and address other business referred to the Committee by the Board.