

Facilities Committee Meeting (Tuesday, June 16, 2026)

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A. Call to Order

Chair, Montu Patel, called meeting to order at 4:30 PM. Per Board Operating Guideline 006.2, all public meetings of the Board of Directors, including committees, are audio recorded.

B. Approval of Minutes

Minutes: 1. Approval of May 19, 2026 Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the May 19, 2026 Facilities Committee meeting minutes.
The motion carried unanimously

C. Public Comment

The Chair opened the 3-minute public comment period.

Mel Band – Solebury Township Resident

- Submitted two Right-to-Know requests seeking copies of the three state contract quotes related to the fire alarm upgrade discussed at the prior Facilities Committee meeting.
- Questioned whether committee members had reviewed and discussed the quotes before making a recommendation.
- Commented that state-approved vendors are licensed and background checked but questioned whether the district is required to select the lowest state-approved quote.
- Referenced the solar proposal discussed at the previous meeting and asked about the projected break-even period for the proposed \$1.4 million parking canopy system.
- Referenced commencement materials and noted that, based on his review, 50 of 104 graduates received the state diploma pathway. Commented on district graduation requirements and the distinction between state minimum requirements and district expectations.

Jessica Hough – Solebury Township Resident and Parent

- Recommended that portions of district property be converted to native meadow areas as an educational and environmental resource.
- Discussed benefits including carbon sequestration, stormwater absorption, pollinator habitat, reduced mowing, birdwatching opportunities, and environmental education.
- Suggested that students could participate in creating and maintaining the meadow and use the area for learning opportunities such as bird counts and native plant studies.
- Referenced potential partnerships with the Bucks County Conservation District, Honey Hollow Nature Center, Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve, Aquetong Watershed Association, the Environmental Club, and the LES/UES Sustainability Committee.

Pam Kerr – Solebury Township Resident

- Expressed support for the native meadow proposal.

Toby Klein

- Expressed support for the proposal and stated that it could be a positive addition to both the district and the community.

Jade Green – Solebury Township Resident and Chair of the LES/UES Sustainability Committee

- Expressed support for the native meadow proposal and discussed connections to environmental education and curriculum.
- Provided an update on the Little Libraries project, noting that libraries have been installed near the LES and UES playgrounds and are being actively used by students.

Committee Discussion / Responses

- Potential locations for native meadow areas.
- Educational applications and curriculum connections.
- Environmental Club involvement.
- Stormwater management areas and other suitable locations on campus.
- Opportunities for student participation in planning and maintenance.
- Clarified the distinction between public bidding requirements and purchases made through state and federal contract purchasing programs.
- Clarified that the solar panel presentation discussed at the previous meeting were intended as illustrative concepts and that future exploration would likely focus on existing flat roof structures and qualified vendors capable of completing district work.

D. Old Business

Information: 1. Update on Athletics – Ms. Anne Tamporello, Director of Athletics

Athletics Recognitions

- Baseball
 - Anthony Whelan, Sophomore – First Team Pitcher
 - Lucas Kevorkian, Sophomore – Second Team Catcher
 - Blake McCagg, Junior – Second Team Shortstop
 - Kiernan Patel, Senior – Second Team Outfield
 - JT Bach, Junior – Honorable Mention Second Base
 - Charlie Plebani, Senior – Honorable Mention Outfield
- Boys Lacrosse
 - Colin Foster – USA Lacrosse All-Academic Team
- Girls Lacrosse
 - Season complete.
- Softball
 - Dagny Mobley, Junior – Suburban One League MVP
 - Dagny Mobley, Junior – First Team Pitcher
 - Riley Sim, Sophomore – First Team Catcher
 - Mabel Klossner, Junior – First Team First Base
 - Juliet Freer, Freshman – First Team Designated Player
 - Rachel Sim, Junior – First Team Outfield
 - Mabel Klossner, Junior – Second Team Pitcher
 - Morgan Foster, Freshman – Second Team Third Base
 - Kaylee Harris, Senior – Second Team Outfield
 - Natalie D'Agostino, Freshman – Honorable Mention Second Base

- o Danielle Wilson, Sophomore – Honorable Mention Outfield
- Boys Tennis
 - o Season complete.
- Track & Field
 - o Season complete.

Business Updates:

- Scoreboard quote process has begun.
- Fall athletics registration is open.
- Free athletic physicals are scheduled for August 5, September 9, and October 28.
- Planning has begun for the 2027 Hall of Fame Banquet.
 - o Request for recommendations for Hall of Fame committee members.
- Long Jump Pit Concrete
 - o Lantech representative scheduled to visit June 27 to review the long jump pit issue.
 - o Administration continues to pursue information regarding the original construction.
 - o Legal counsel, Erin Aronson, has been consulted regarding potential next steps if the issue is not resolved administratively.
- ADA Ramp Handrails
 - o Sections of the ADA ramp handrails between the football concession area and diamond fields have separated at weld points.
 - o Railings remain in place and usable but require repair.
 - o Fidevia and the contractor have been notified and corrective action is being pursued.
- Permanent Turf Netting
 - o Permanent netting is being explored to improve safety and ball containment around the turf field. Estimated cost is expected to exceed \$100,000.
 - o Project would require permanent support poles, netting, and related infrastructure.
 - o Current temporary netting is not sufficient and requires frequent replacement.
- Softball Field Drainage
 - o Drainage improvements continue to perform as intended following recent rain events.
- Hall of Fame
 - o Existing athlete nomination process remains in place.
 - o Recommendations for Hall of Fame committee members were requested to be a part of reviewing nominations and making award decisions.
- Summer Camps
 - o Eight camps are being offered this summer.
 - o Boys Basketball Camp has more than 50 participants.
 - o Field Hockey Camp participation remains strong.

Information: 2. Update on Facilities and Grounds – Mr. George Arslanian, Facilities Supervisor

- Hugh Marshall completed the tree planting project.
- Environmental Club plantings have been completed.
- Bronze plaques have been installed at the field house.
 - o Considering adding a lion head to complete the field house plaque display.
- Posts have been installed for the Little Libraries.
- Safe Sidewalks is scheduled to complete sidewalk leveling and trip hazard repairs in the coming weeks.
- Painting has begun at the Lower Elementary School, including classrooms and office spaces.
 - o Carpet replacement is planned in five LES locations. Existing carpet is more than 25 years old.
- Pad for the new storage building is expected to be completed in the coming weeks, with installation of storage building anticipated in late July or early August.
- Preparation for the Middle School STEAM Lab has begun, including removal of shelving, packing of library materials, and painting completed by district staff.
 - o New lighting and epoxy flooring are planned for the STEAM Lab area.
 - o Original estimate to paint the STEAM Lab ceiling grid and tiles were purchased.
- New backstage theater shelving is being installed through Ed Fund support.

Information: 3. Update on Projects for FCA in 2026 – Mr. Scott Radaszkiewicz, Director of District Operations

- Upper Elementary School HVAC
 - o Reviewed a \$7,200 quote for controls work associated with six Upper Elementary School HVAC units scheduled for replacement.
 - o Controls work was not included in the original replacement proposal.
 - o Quote presented included pricing for the entire building; only the six replacement units would be completed at this time.
 - o Committee Discussion
 - Prevailing wage requirements do not apply to the six-unit project but would apply if the entire building project were completed at once.
 - Previously approved replacement cost for the six units was \$158,960.
 - Unit costs vary based on location and installation requirements for labor.
- High School Theater Sound and Lighting
 - o Pricing received was significantly higher than anticipated.
 - o Michael Howell, Stage Manager EDR holder, and Dave Bachart, Music Director, reviewed the project and determined that much of the installation work could be completed in-house.
 - o Equipment would be purchased directly by the district.
 - o Installation would be completed during the summer and paid through EDR summer compensation.
 - o Committee Discussion
 - Estimated equipment cost of \$300,000–\$400,000.
 - Prior vendor-installed estimate of \$600,000–\$700,000.
 - Scissor lift rental estimated at \$1,000–\$2,000.
 - Replacement of aging lighting with LED fixtures.
 - Replacement of outdated sound equipment while utilizing existing infrastructure.
 - Liability coverage for district employees completing the work.
 - Warranty implications of in-house installation and potential extended warranty options to be explored.
 - o Motion

- A motion was made to move the High School Theater Sound and Lighting Project forward to the Board for consideration, not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$420,000, with administration pursuing the lowest-cost equipment through the appropriate purchasing process.
 - Andrew seconded the motion.
 - The motion carried unanimously.
- Transportation Fuel Tank
 - Item was removed from the previous Board agenda due to questions regarding consortium pricing.
 - Verified as an approved COSTARS/state contract purchase.
 - Item will be presented to the Board in June.
- Fire Alarm Panels
 - Item will be presented to the Board in June.
 - National contract pricing is approximately \$30,000 lower than comparable state contract pricing.
 - National contract pricing is approximately \$170,000.
 - Legal review is underway regarding requirements associated with the national contract.

Information: 4. Update on Lions Legacy Projects for 2026 – Mr. Scott Radaszkiewicz, Director of District Operations

- Middle School STEAM Lab
 - Windows and walls project is being reviewed to confirm compliance with state purchasing requirements.
 - Expected to be presented to the Board in June if contract details are finalized.
- LES Playground
 - Recent fundraiser included activities such as "Pie a Teacher" and a dunk tank activity.
 - Fundraiser generated approximately \$2,500.
 - Private donation of \$20,000 received.
 - New Hope Helping committed approximately \$10,000 toward one playground structure.
 - Additional donations totaled approximately \$5,000.
 - Additional fundraising opportunities include approximately ten bench sponsorships.
 - Existing playground will be refinished during the summer.
 - Playground perimeter will be expanded.
 - Area will be re-mulched with either wood chips or rubber surfacing depending on available funding.
 - Full playground project is not expected to be completed before the start of school.
 - Inclusive play pieces will be selected with LES staff input and added as funding allows.
 - Committee Discussion
 - Clarification – the \$50,000 is the Board commitment and additional funds raised will increase the total project budget rather than offset the \$50,000.
 - Additional fundraising will increase the overall project budget rather than offset the Board commitment.
 - An \$80,000 gift has also been received for the Middle School STEAM Lab project

E. New Business

1. District HVAC Service Contract

- Radius provides support for district building controls and operating systems.
- Radius has supported the district for many years and regularly services district facilities.
- Committee Discussion
 - Annual contract increase from the prior year.
 - Radius supports building controls and operating systems.
 - Johnson Controls supports physical HVAC equipment and components.

2. UES HVAC Upgrade of 6 Replacement Units

- Reviewed the \$7,200 controls upgrade associated with the six Upper Elementary School HVAC replacement units.
- Committee Discussion
 - Potential eligibility for PECO Energy Smart rebates.
 - Application process and submission requirements.
 - Potential rebate opportunities based on unit model numbers and efficiency ratings.
- Motion
 - A motion was made to move forward with the District HVAC Service Contract and the UES HVAC controls upgrade for six replacement units in the amount of \$7,200.
 - The motion was seconded.
 - The motion carried unanimously.

3. Park Mobile Parking

- Request received to disable ParkMobile during the St. Baldrick's event.
- Current practice is to disable ParkMobile for the New Hope Auto Show, Art Show, and district-sponsored events when needed.
- Committee Discussion
 - Whether disabling ParkMobile for St. Baldrick's would create a precedent for future charitable event requests.
 - Whether the event should be treated differently because of significant district student and family participation.
 - Availability of free parking in district lots.
 - Whether attendees could be directed to free parking rather than disabling ParkMobile.
 - Whether parking fees discourage attendance.
 - Whether ParkMobile revenue should ever be donated to charitable events.
 - Distinction between district-sponsored and community-sponsored events.
 - Original intent of ParkMobile as a revenue source for non-district users parking on district property while visiting New Hope.
 - No change to current practice was recommended.
 - The topic will be revisited prior to the next St. Baldrick's event or if similar requests are received.

F. Adjournment

- With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:52 PM.