

2016-2017 BOARD GOALS

Goal #1: Settle the REA contract.

Background: The REA contract expired on June 30, 2015.

Goal #2: Settle the RAA contract.

Background: The RAA contract expired on June 30, 2016

Goal #3: In 2016-17 the Board will continue its review of the Facilities Study, prioritize projects, and identify any additional curriculum and enrollment related construction needs. The Board will develop a timeline for completion of projects and evaluate the possibility of going out to the voters with a bond referendum.

Background: In the 2014-15 school year, the Board hired a consultant to complete a comprehensive Facility Study of the 11 district buildings. Over \$40 million worth of building system replacements and upgrades were identified.

Goal #4: Working with a parent committee, the Communications Committee, and the superintendent the Board will initiate and implement a campaign to inform the community of the need for and benefits of a full day kindergarten program and activities to encourage voters to vote on this issue.

Background: At the September 2014 Community Planning Sessions, participants identified the need for full day kindergarten. The majority of districts in northern NJ have transitioned from half day to full day kindergarten. In 2015 the Board hired a consultant to complete a five year enrollment study and facilities usage evaluation. The study and evaluation revealed that there was classroom space available for full day kindergarten and we could use that space without an adverse impact on class size. The Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment led a committee of parents and staff to further study how the district would transition from a half day to a full day kindergarten. The committee surveyed the community. Those responding to the survey favored a full day program. The Board in looking at the data, conferring with the superintendent, and examining the full day kindergarten instructional schedule voted unanimously to seek voter approval to fund a full day kindergarten program. The vote is scheduled for the November 2016 General Election.