District Goals 2019-20

- To create a comprehensive community outreach program that will educate the citizens of Dunellen about the proposed $23.8 million bond that will fund the construction and renovation plans created to address an emerging population and modern curricular needs. The program will culminate in the approval of the bond in a Special Election on December 10, 2019.
- To finalize the new emergency plans for the district and the individual schools while simultaneously creating a reunification plan that would be flexible enough to cover any emergency scenario, whether it be district-wide or isolated to a specific school or schools.
- To evaluate the curricular offerings in the middle school. This will include a reassessment of the cycle electives that will result in the development of new electives that best meet the needs of 21st century learners.
- To develop a new budget process that will reflect a zero-base philosophy and require each administrator to provide a detailed, itemized budget that they will defend in pre-budget meetings with the business administrator and the superintendent. This should result in a more transparent, streamlined budgetary process that accounts for every item and avoids departmental and/or building duplication.

Agenda: For the meeting of the Board of Education, April 7, 2020 at 4:00 pm Regular Public Meeting via telephone conference call

I. Call to Order
II. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence
III. Roll Call
IV. Approval of Minutes
   A. Approval of March 24, 2020 minutes
V. President’s Remarks
VI. Superintendent’s Report
VII. Questions/Comments from Public – Agenda Items

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VIII. Information/Reports/Action

A. Curriculum and Instruction

B. Buildings and Grounds

C. Finance

1. Per the recommendation of its group insurance broker-of-record, Brown & Brown Benefit Advisors, Inc., the Board of Education hereby resolves, effective July 1, 2020, to make the following changes to its group medical and prescription drug insurance carriers:

   a. Terminate its group medical and prescription drug insurance policy with AmeriHealth, via the Public Employer Trust, group #10147907.

   b. Select Horizon Healthcare Services, Inc. as its group medical and prescription drug insurance carrier, at the rates, benefits, terms, and conditions presented. Benefits will be consistent with the requirements of the collective bargaining agreement.

   c. Designate Brown & Brown Benefit Advisors, Inc., as the Board’s broker-of-record for our new Horizon group medical and prescription drug insurance programs. Brown & Brown Benefit Advisors, Inc. is authorized to act on behalf of the Board in all matters related to these programs.

Brown & Brown Benefit Advisors, Inc.’s responsibilities will include, but are not limited to, negotiating annual renewal rates, marketing our group insurance programs, and aiding our staff in the resolution of billing, enrollment, and claim problems.

Brown & Brown Benefit Advisors, Inc. is authorized to receive commission payment from Horizon, percentages for which are included in Horizon’s proposed rates.

   d. All appropriate Board of Education staff are authorized to take such action and affect such documentation as necessary to implement this change.

2. Approval to withdraw from the Capital Reserve for an amount of $392,368.00 for expenditures related to interest payments for the Bond Referendum in the 2020 – 2021 school fiscal year and $2,107,632 for expenditures related to Classroom additions

D. Executive Session
E. Personnel

1. Approval to amend the Maternity Leave Dates for Melissa Vanraes, return to work date changing from September 1, 2020 to June 1, 2020

IX. Board Policy and Operations

A. Approval to accept the determination made by the Superintendent regarding the HIB Investigations reported by the Superintendent at the Board’s March 24, 2020 meeting, which encompasses all HIB findings between March 10, 2020 and March 24, 2020

B. Consent Motions

1. Approval of the Bills list dated 4/7/20

X. Comments from the Public – Any Issue/Topic

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XI. New Business

XII. President’s Remarks

XIII. Executive Session

XIV. Adjournment