

Superintendent Update

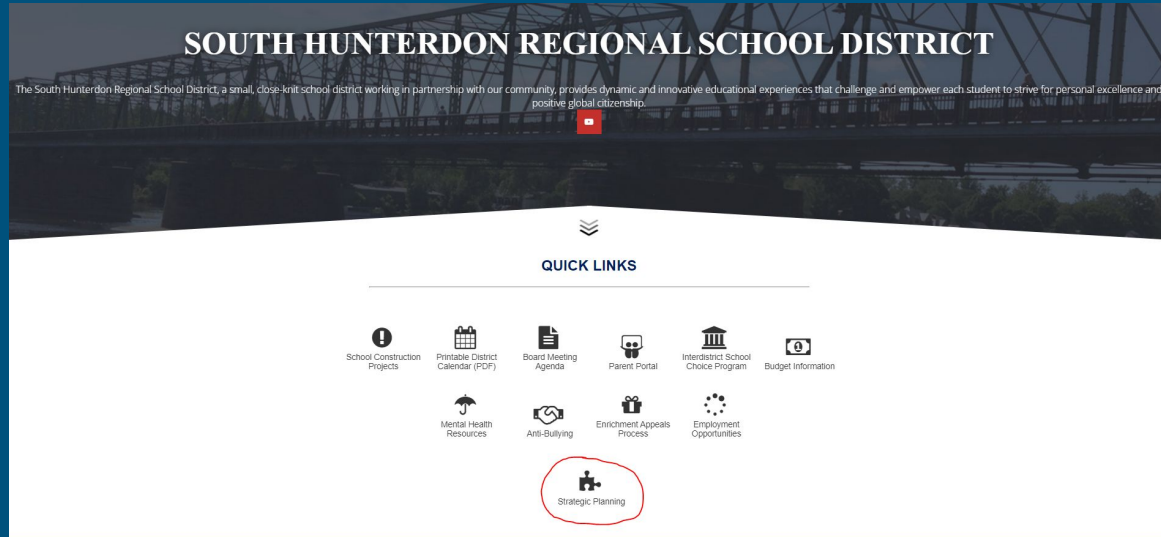


April 24, 2023

Strategic Planning Update

- Planning Session I: March 28, 2023: Focus was on Strengths and Challenges of the District
- Planning Session II: April 18, 2023: Focus was on Vision, Initiatives and Goals
- Planning Session III: May 10, 2023: Focus will be on Objectives, Strategies and Action Plans.
 - 7 pm in the West Amwell Gym
 - Even if you missed the first two planning sessions you are welcome to join us!

Where else can I find out more information about the Strategic Planning process?



School Construction Update

- At the March 27, 2023 Board of Education meeting the Board approved a resolution to award the bid to H&S Construction for the renovation of the South Hunterdon Elementary School (PreK-4).
- On Thursday, April 13, 2023 we received a letter from the attorney for H&S Construction that stated the following:

As H&S broke down its estimate from the lump sum final bid amount into the individual Schedule of Values items for labor and material, they noticed a significant math error, in that all estimate line items within Division 8, Doors and Hardware, did not mathematically transpose into the final bid amount. The error apparently was attributable to a faulty program formula within Division 8 that did not account for the cost of all line items in this Division. The result was that the bid submitted was \$508,950 less than the actual sum of the line items comprising the estimate. This error could not have been previously identified and involved no negligence on the part of H&S or its subcontractors. Such transpositional errors are recognized by the courts as justification for equitable withdrawal of the bid. No one is more upset than H&S that it must withdraw its bid and it apologizes for this late notice.

- Board of Education has two options:
 - Litigate with H&S to force them to do the project at the bid number submitted.
 - Release H&S from the project and award the bid to the 2nd lowest bidder.
- The Board of Education will be releasing H&S from the project and awarding it to the next lowest bidder which is Scozzari Construction.

March 16th: PreK-4 Bid Opening

Contractor	Base Bid Price	Alternate Bid (Kitchen)	Total Bid
H&S Construction	\$7,570,000	\$275,000	\$7,845,000
Scozzari Construction	\$7,989,243	\$272,000	\$8,261,243
DeSapio	\$8,478,000	\$269,688	\$8,747,688
Ernest Bock & Sons	\$8,513,000	\$320,000	\$8,833,000
M&M Construction	\$8,675,000	\$290,000	\$8,965,000
The Bennett Company	\$9,430,000	\$270,000	\$9,700,000

PreK-4 renovation will cost \$416,243 more based on going with the 2nd lowest bid.

Next Steps

- Scozzari Construction will take over the permit process with the City of Lambertville.
- Construction will begin at LPS on Monday, June 12.
- We are still in the permit process for the 5-8 building.

5-8 Furniture Renderings