

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FROM NOVEMBER 15, 2017
BOARD MEETING

1. At the October 2 Board meeting, Bob Prate of New Road Construction stated that the reason why vapors and construction dust and debris was entering the high school is because the vents to the air handling unit were left open during construction. Does the Board recognize that this is a true statement?

RESPONSE: This question was answered in the November 7, 2017

Q&A. Yes; however, it has been forwarded to Mr. Prate for clarification.

2. Did rooftop activity occur at any time at the high school between September 11-29, specifically over the D-Wing? Did it occur over any other section of the building?

RESPONSE: This question has been forwarded to Mr. Romanoli for Clarification. Members of the Ad Hoc committee and the Superintendent have been consistently told that no work occurred over The critical area of D-Wing.

3. At the October 11 Board meeting, Chuck Romanoli of New Road stated that classrooms were closed as soon as there was knowledge that debris was entering the high school. Can you please state which classrooms were closed, and on what dates?

RESPONSE: Mr. Banin: When debris fell from the ceiling on September 8, classes were relocated from room 178 and 179. Classrooms were not closed again until October 2 when rooms 176, 177, 178, 179 and 180 were closed due to the re-roofing activity occurring directly overhead, and they were not reopened until October 12. Also on October 2, room 175 was relocated due to debris entering the room through the rising wall, and room 164 was relocated due to concerns about odors. Classes in room 164 were relocated again due to concerns about odors on October 10, and classes did not return to that room before the high school was closed.

4. Did the district have a protocol in place to decide which classrooms might be closed down during construction? How were decisions made to close some classrooms during roof construction, while others in the same immediate area were left unoccupied, especially those that are landlocked with no source of fresh air except the open vents to the roof?

RESPONSE: Mr. Banin: The only rooms that were scheduled to be closed during the re-roofing in late September-early October were those that were directly below the roofing project, which were rooms 176, 177, 178, 179, and 180.

This decision was made in consultation with the Project Manager at a September 28, 2017 meeting.

5. On the school website there are air-quality reports posted for September 5, and there is a one-month gap until the next posted report on October 4. This is the time that the building was occupied by students and staff after it was recommended that by Epic that roof activity cease if the building was to be occupied. Are there any air-quality reports from that period that have not been posted? If not, why was no testing done at all during that month that the building was operating at full occupation?

RESPONSE: This question has been submitted to Mr. Romanoli, Mr. Guilardi and Mr. Brennan for response.

6. How does the Board and Superintendent receive reporting of environmental testing? Is the Board absolutely sure that they have received and posted all of the tests that were performed? Has the Board directly contacted the various environmental companies to verify that they have truly received all of the testing results?

RESPONSE: Dr. Banks: I have asked that all of the reports be posted to the Website. Most of the reports went to Mr. Brennan. Any reports I received I Have had posted. I have asked all agencies to send me any reports they Have provided Pinelands.

7. Did Mr. Bonicky, Ms McDonald and Mrs. McVey see the September 10 letter?

RESPONSE: Mrs. McVey: “In reference to the question posed about the September 11 ‘Epic’ letter, I provided the following response to Jeff Epstein Of citizens media on November 14, 2017. I wish to be consistent, please Respond with the following:

Matters contained in the letter written by Epic Environmental dated September 10, 2017 were discussed during an executive session of a BOE workshop meeting held at 6PM on September 11, 2017 in the JRHS Media center. I first read the letter from Epic Environmental from a Facebook post on or about October 3, 2017.”

RESPONSE: Mr. Bonicky: “I did not attend the September 11 board meeting As it was my anniversary. I was made aware of the letter some time after September 20.”

RESPONSE: Ms. McDonald: No response.

8. How many times does a Board member have to be here? Ms. McDonald should not be permitted to vote.

RESPONSE: Ms. McDonald is a sitting member of the Board, and as such is Permitted to vote.

9. Regarding Question 19 from November 7 Q&A: “At no time was the September 10 letter discussed...” Does that mean that the Superintendent and the Board did not know about the letter or recommendations until October 3?

RESPONSE: The superintendent and at least four Board members confirmed They had not seen the September 10 memo.

10. Regarding question 7 from November 7 Q&A and Mr. Romanoli's comment: What does "no supply duct work mean?"

RESPONSE: This question has been forwarded to Mr. Romanoli for Clarification.

11.Regarding Mr. Romanoli's comments about the ventilation duct work in the November 7, 2017 Q&A, Do you (Mr. Romanoli) commit to the ventilation duct work to be entirely cleaned before the students enter the building?

RESPONSE: This question has been forwarded to Mr. Romanoli for response.

12, Is the Facilities Manager a Certified Educational Facilities Manager?

RESPONSE: Yes he is.