

# School Advisory Board Update

November 25, 2014

**S**

**System-wide Accountability**

Standard approaches to tracking student, school, and system success and progress across all schools.

**U**

**Universal Enrollment**

Universal Enrollment is straightforward, user-friendly and empowers our students & families to choose the school experience that best meets the student’s needs and preferences.

**C**

**Citywide Facilities and Technology Plan**

Bold, inspirational, and participatory plan to operationalize the “21<sup>st</sup> century learning environments for all students” piece of One Newark vision.

**C**

**Common Core Mastery and PARCC Readiness**

Lead the nation in the number of students living below the poverty level making progress towards Common Core mastery and PARCC readiness, especially those who are too often left behind.

**E**

**Equity and Access for All Students**

Increase the number of high quality seats for all students – particularly those too often left behind.

**S**

**Shared Vision for Excellent Schools**

Embed the demand for 100 excellent schools and the groundswell of support for the changes necessary to get there.

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**Systemic Conditions for Success**

Radically transform NPS to ensure it is a high performing organization for years to come.

# **SYSTEMIC CONDITIONS FOR SUCCESS:**

Electronic Board Materials  
Solution



# Electronic Board Materials Initiative

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## **Initiative under Consideration:**

Transition of board meeting materials and management to an electronic platform

## **Over-Arching Purpose:**

The over-arching purpose of transition to an electronic platform is to:

- 1) Decrease cost of materials preparation and distribution
  - Decrease printing costs
  - Decrease courier costs
  - Decrease staff time spent preparing materials
- 2) Increase efficiency of delivery to Board and Committee Members
  - Increase the amount of time Board and Committee members have to review all materials prior to meetings
- 3) Increase the accessibility of materials to the community
  - Allow for more immediate sharing of:
    - Agenda
    - Minutes
    - Approved Resolutions
    - Meeting Video

# Vendor Demonstrations

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## Overview:

Multiple vendor demonstrations were held for both Board members and Staff

Vendor	Board Demos	Staff Demos
Electronic School Board	November 4 <sup>th</sup> November 6 <sup>th</sup> November 10 <sup>th</sup>	October 24 <sup>th</sup> October 31 <sup>st</sup>
BoardDocs	November 4 <sup>th</sup> November 5 <sup>th</sup> November 6 <sup>th</sup>	October 24 <sup>th</sup> October 31 <sup>st</sup>
SchoolBoardNet (NJSBA)	November 6 <sup>th</sup>	October 31 <sup>st</sup>

# Board and Staff Feedback Summary

	Board Feedback			Staff Feedback		
Vendor	Rank	Pros	Cons	Rank	Pros	Cons
BoardDocs Pro	1 <sup>st</sup>	META Search Feature Easier functionality Ability to tag video to agenda items	No option to load historical minutes No option to purchase outright	1 <sup>st</sup>	User-friendly Frequent updates to the technology 24/7 Support	Inability to customize colors/interface
Electronic School Board Premium +	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Option to load historical minutes Option to purchase outright	No META Search Feature	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Same functions as BoardDocs, although less user-friendly Ability to customize colors/interface	Not user-friendly
BoardDocs Lite				2 <sup>nd</sup>	User-friendly	Less functionality than advanced packages
Electronic School Board Premium	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ability to customize package to meet exact needs	No META Search Feature			
SUMMARY	-Board Members focused heavily on the specific features available through the two vendors, and were less concerned with the “user-friendliness” of the tools			-Majority of staff ranked the tools on user-friendliness -Many noted that Electronic School Board Premium + would offer the same functionality, but that the interface was inferior to BoardDocs		

# Final Board Recommendations

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## **Background:**

All Board Members received the previous slides for review, along with the Staff and Board Feedback surveys in their full form.

## **Recommendation Details:**

Based on information in those materials, as well as their experience of the tools during vendor demos, Board Members submitted final recommendations, resulting in the following tally:

BoardDocs Pro- 8 recommendations

Electronic School Board Premium- 1 recommendation

## **Final Recommendation from Finance Committee:**

BoardDocs Pro

## **Next Steps:**

Vote on resolution, 11/25