

Robbinsville Board of Education

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Frequently Asked Questions Robbinsville Board of Education June 25, 2019

1. Has the district considered adding additional bus routes for Town Center?

We continually review our transportation services for our students. The financial commitment would cost the district an additional \$325,000.00 per year to provide busing for students who attend Pond. At this time, we are not planning to institute courtesy busing in the Town Center area.

2. What are we doing to help provide a safe route for walkers?

The Robbinsville Board of Education is working with the Township to increase the lighting on Hutchinson Road. These additional street lights will create a safer route for students to and from school.

3. Could we provide Performance Bonuses for quality teachers?

Various states across the country have begun to develop performance pay for teachers. The two most common types of performance pay include: an annual salary increase which then becomes part of the long term base salary and an end-of-year bonus based upon performance that year. The challenge of this practice is developing a fair and measurable means to assess different content and grade level teachers. It is difficult to use the same metrics to evaluate a Kindergarten teacher and an AP Statistics teacher. Please see the article link for additional information. Any new practice involving compensation must be a negotiated item with the collective bargaining unit. Please see the link for further information:

<https://www.njsba.org/services/labor-relations/resources/merit-pay/>

4. What is the purpose of the Special July 17th Board meeting?

Each year the Board of Education comes together to reflect on past successes and challenges in order to set goals for the upcoming school year. This meeting, although open to the public, is designed as a retreat to allow the board and superintendent to use data and feedback to develop a blueprint for the upcoming school year. Usually, no other business or action is taken at this meeting.