

Manasquan School District/Borough Shared Services Agreement Proposal



Mission Statement

The Manasquan School District empowers all students by providing a safe, healthy, and inclusive environment where continual growth, perseverance, and rigorous academic standards are balanced with extensive extra-curricular opportunities and rich tradition through partnership with the community

The Need....

- The district currently has no wrestling facility, the weightlifting room is obsolete (housed in a converted grounds garage behind elementary school) and athletic space is limited, particularly in inclement weather
- The bleachers and gym floor have been replaced; however, the locker rooms are deteriorating and in need of upgrades. Prior to the gym renovations, no major upgrades had taken place in the gym or locker rooms since 1965
- The community has a need for recreational facilities for everyone from our children to our seniors
- Practices for several sports are currently being held off campus at the Sea Girt Army Camp
- The Board of Education and The Borough of Manasquan lack a large indoor space capable of hosting events and meetings, in particular when consideration must be given to social distance

The Need....



The Solution...

- Shared services agreement with the Borough of Manasquan to upgrade the facilities through a Municipal Bond
- Proposed facilities upgrades
 - 200'x160' indoor training facility
 - 160'x160' indoor fully lit turf field lined for multiple sports
 - State-of-the-art weight training room
 - Dedicated sanitary wrestling space
 - Retractable batting cages
 - Bathrooms and storage
 - Gym renovations
 - Project is already completed but current lease would be incorporated into long-term bond debt
 - Other facility upgrade considerations pending fieldhouse bid
 - Locker room upgrades
 - Baseball field upgrades
 - Cafetorium gym floor encapsulation
 - Additional site work to recreation facilities in district

Exterior View (Corner of Atlantic Avenue and Media Center Driveway)



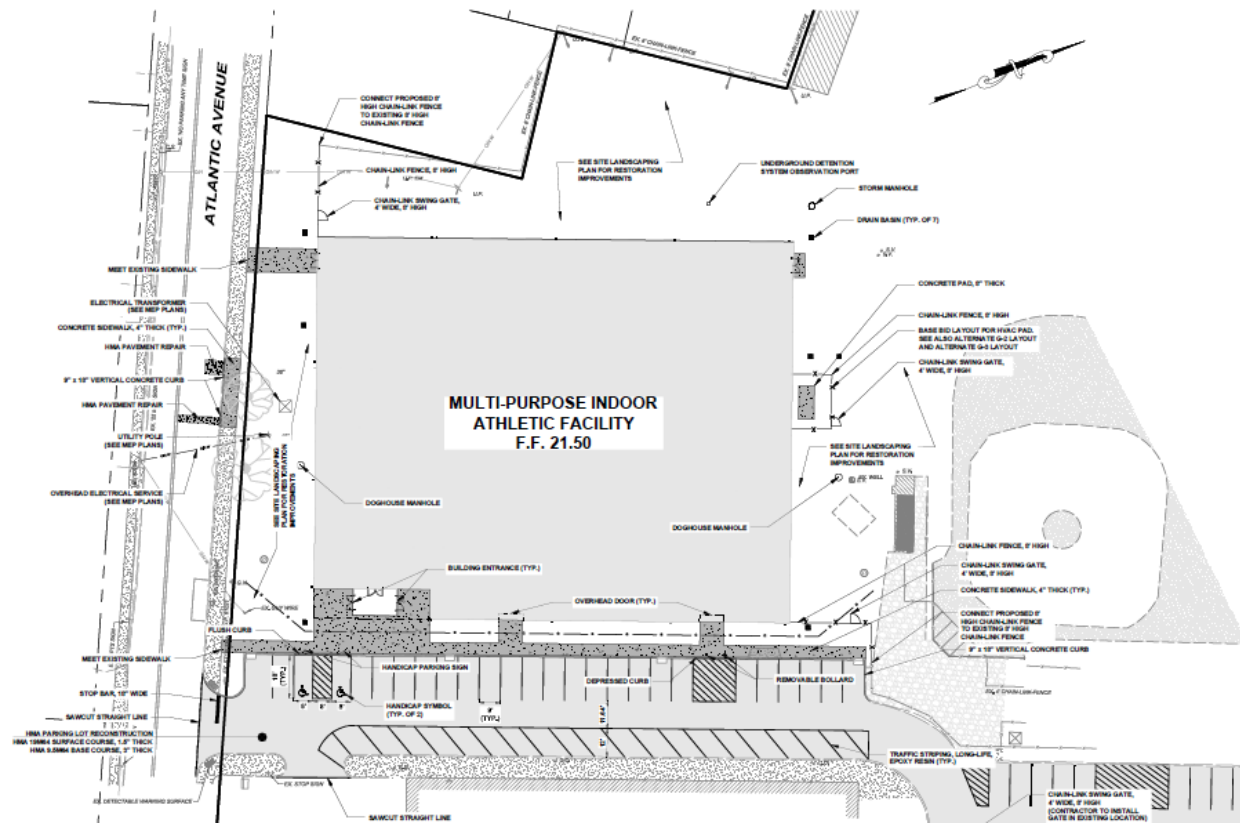
View from Field



View from Weight Training Room



Proposed Site Location



New Jersey Statutes and Regulations

Such a partnership is permitted under New Jersey Statutes and Regulations

- Under the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq (the Shared Services Act), local units, which includes a municipalities and a school districts, may enter into agreements to provide or receive any service that each local unit participating in the agreement is empowered to provide or receive within its own jurisdiction including services incidental to the primary purposes of any of the participating local units.
- N.J.S.A. 40A:65-7(d) provides that the contracting party may only be liable for any part or share of the cost of acquiring, constructing or maintaining a capital facility acquired or constructed by a party to the agreement if the agreement specifically provides for it.
- N.J.S.A. 40A:65-7(a)(4) provides that the duration of the agreement shall be ten (10) years unless otherwise agreed upon by the parties.
- N.J.S.A. 40A:2-3 and 21 provides the agreement would dictate who does the financing and the service fees paid by the parties. A municipality may enter into the agreement with the school district if it serves a municipal purpose
- N.J.S.A. 18A:20-22 specifically authorizes school districts to join with municipalities in providing certain recreational facilities including playgrounds, playfields and gyms and other recreational centers.
- The Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq., permits a municipality to adopt a bond ordinance to finance a municipal public purpose with a useful life of 5 or more years.
- Similar projects have been done by townships all over New Jersey including West Orange, East Brunswick, Guttenberg and North Bergen, all of whom were advised by Mcmanimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC who currently serves as bond counsel for both the Manasquan Board of Education and the Township of Manasquan

Cost

- Project will be funded by the proposed shared services bond ordinance of approximately \$4,725,000 (\$4,500,000 plus 5% down payment) and approximately \$900,000 of district funds to offset site work and other costs for a total estimated construction cost of \$5,400,000
- Multipurpose Building
 - Estimated cost \$4,402,404
- Gymnasium renovations
 - Estimated cost \$732,796
- Construction management
 - Estimated cost \$182,300
- Cost of Bond Issuance
 - Estimated cost \$82,500
- Minor projects to be considered dependent on bid results
 - Girls and Boys Locker Rooms
 - Cafetorium Floor

Budget Neutral Impact

- The District already has in place a plan to upgrade the facilities included in this project through multiple lease purchase agreements, two of which are already underway (Turf Field and Gymnasium)
- Approximately \$250,000 is budgeted in the general fund annually for repayment of lease-purchased capital projects and other upgrades. A referendum would create an additional tax burden outside of the general fund
- The proposed shared services agreement simply extends the 5-year limit placed on school districts to repay debt without passing a referendum and increasing the overall tax levy. The budgeted \$250,000 would be put towards paying back the bond from the shared services agreement rather than a series of 5-year lease purchase agreements. The bond would be repaid over a 25-year period
- Completing all planned projects now will give several additional generations of students access to these facilities with associated taxes remaining at the same rate

Effect on Tax Levy – General Fund vs. Referendum

Year	General Fund Tax Levy Revenue	% Change in General Fund Revenue	Referendum Related Debt Service Revenue	% Change in Referendum Related Debt Service	Total Local Tax Revenue	Total % Change
18-19	\$15,342,558		\$672,400		\$16,014,958	
19-20	\$15,649,409	2.00%	\$937,808	39.47%	\$16,587,217	3.57%
20-21	\$15,962,397	2.00%	\$1,423,979	51.84%	\$17,386,376	4.82%

