

Lehigh Area School District
Lehigh, Pennsylvania
Finance Committee Meeting
Monday, April 10, 2017
6:00 P.M.

Minutes

Present

- ☐ Andrew Yenser Present
- ☐ Richard Beltz Present
- ☐ Stacey Duerst Present
- ☐ Brian D. Feick Present
- ☐ Tina Champ Absent
- ☐ Jonathan Cleaver Present
- ☐ Gloria Bowman Present
- ☐ Stephen Holland Present

George's Transportation Daily Run Bills for Approval (enclosure): All attending Committee members agreed to pay the March 2017 transportation bill.

Mr. Cleaver remarked that some of the costs of transportation will decrease when the IU leases the Franklin building to house their classes.

Mrs. Bowman asked about the transportation decrease in the state budget. Mr. Feick stated that the proposal is a \$40,000-\$50,000 decrease but with an \$80,000 increase in Basic Education Funding.

Delinquent Per Cap and Occ. update and alternatives: Committee received a handout from Mrs. Champ with three companies; Berkheimer, Keystone Collection Group and Statewide Tax Recovery. The business department is recommending Statewide Tax Recovery. Local schools, i.e. Tamaqua & Weatherly, use this company. The Finance Committee agreed and is recommending Statewide Tax Recovery for the April board agenda.

The District's existing collection agency is Powers, Rogers and Speaks. They have given the District monies owed up to October 2016. Still owe the District 12 months previously. Mrs. Bowman asked if Atty. Schwab was involved in the collection. Mr. Feick stated that he talked with Atty. Schwab but since they are working with us we will move slowly on any actions.

Open Discussion:

Middle School Lockers

Mr. Feick asked the committee if he could request quotes for Middle School lockers. The original bid package did not include lockers, but he would like to check the state contracts for cost. Mr. Cleaver and Mr. Feick said they would look for lockers to fit in the same area but would be wider and double-tiered. The lockers would only be in the C & D wings. The A wing lockers would be a good place to put the 18 foot Franz Kline mural. Finance Committee agreed that Mr. Feick could request quotes.

Mr. Feick sent a memo to the board last week regarding the Middle School curtain riggings and the High School auditorium seating. This will be discussed further at the workshop meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, May 8, 2017 6:00 p.m.

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