

Lehigh Area School District
Lehigh, Pennsylvania
Finance Committee Meeting
Monday July 10, 2017
6:00 PM

Minutes

Present

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

Recording Secretary- Melissa Wagner

George's Transportation Daily Run Bills for Approval (enclosure)

All attending Committee members agreed to pay the June 2017 transportation bill.

Open Discussion:

Tax collectors, except Weissport, have not gotten the tax bills out. They are having some difficulty with the new program. The county tax office has been walking them through the program. Tax collectors had asked that the District move the billing to August 1, 2017. Mr. Feick feels that this is unfair to the taxpayers because it would only give them a 30-day grace period instead of a 60-day. Palmerton School District is using the program that Mr. Feick suggested to the tax collectors and their bills were out by June 30th.

Two of the current tax collectors did not run for re-election, Bruce Koch (Parryville) and Lynette Moyer (Weissport).

Mr. Feick asked Atty. Schwab if the townships appoint someone, does the District need to accept them. The answer is “yes”. The township has 30 days to fill the position. The District can appoint someone until the township/borough or courts fill the position.

Mrs. Bowman stated that the State budget has been passed, but not sure how it will be paid.

There is a 2.5% increase in Basic Education Funding. The budget will probably hurt the state’s bond ratings. Lehigh Area School District is in good shape.

Mr. Feick stated that if the District does look to do any kind of tax decrease, it would be best to look at the Per Capita and Occupational Tax.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: Monday August 14, 2017 6:00 p.m.
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