

Lehigh Area School District
Lehigh, Pennsylvania
Finance Committee Meeting
Monday November 13, 2017 at 6:00 PM

Minutes

Present

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

Recording Secretary- Meghan Christman

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

Mrs. Bowman commented that she recently read an article stating there are approximately 1.2 million homeless people in our country and made a reference to the increasing amount on the district transportation bill. Mr. Feick explained that there have been more foster family cases and families displaced in recent years. While on the topic of transportation, Mr. Feick referenced a change that was made last school year. Up until last school year, in town transportation was provided on the elementary level and only 5th and 6th grade on the middle school level. Due to complaints and concerns from parents, the policy was changed and 7th and 8th grade in town students were also eligible for transportation. Mr. Feick stated that this was not an additional cost to the district and he believes that many 7th and 8th grade students have been taking advantage of the transportation provided. Mrs. Duerst and Mrs. Bowman added that they have both received concerns from parents regarding younger high school students not being able to ride the bus. Mrs. Duerst mentioned that there are certain intersections that are very unsafe for students to cross. Mrs. Bowman suggested looking into the possibility of extending in town bussing eligibility to high school students.

All attending committee members agreed to pay the October 2017 transportation bill.

Timeline for Events Related to 2018-2019 Budget Process (enclosure)

Mr. Feick informed the committee he filed the Sterling Tax Credit. For the 2015-2016 School Year the Sterling Tax Credit was approximately \$29,000. For the 2016-2017 School Year the Sterling Tax Credit was approximately \$35,000 which indicates that wages are increasing. Mr. Feick stated the next due date is January 30 for a copy of a resolution adopted pursuant to 311(d)(1) and proposed tax rate increases. Mr. Feick stated that the committee and board agreed that there would be no tax increase next year and suggested they adopt the resolution now instead of waiting until January. Mr. Yenser stated that the resolution reflects the five-year projection and he agreed it would be a good idea to adopt the resolution.

YTD Budget (enclosure)

Mr. Feick included a year to date report for the current budget. He explained that all departments are within their allowed budget and he would like to start giving a monthly update to the committee.

Open Discussion:

None

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: Monday December 11, 2017 6:00 p.m.

(tentative due to reorganization)

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