

**Lehigh Area School District  
Finance Committee Meeting  
Monday, November 11, 2019 at 6:00 PM**

**Finance Committee Minutes**

**The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.**

**The following Board Members were present:**

Rita Spinelli, Richard Beltz, Larry Stern and David Bradley

**The following Administration Members were present:**

Jonathan Cleaver, Patricia Denicola, Tina Champ and Meghan Christman

**George's Transportation Daily Run Bill for Approval**

All attending committee members agreed to pay the October 2019 transportation bill.

**LERTA**

All attending committee members agreed to move forward with a public hearing for LERTA in Weissport and Lehigh Borough. Possible hearing dates and times will be shared with the board.

**2018-2019 Projected Results**

Ms. Denicola informed the committee that the district is anticipating a net loss of approximately \$1,842,970 for the 2018-2019 school year. The exact amount will not be available until the financial audit is complete and presented to the board by the auditors. The current projected net loss for the 2019-2020 school year is approximately \$2,111,095. Ms. Denicola stated the district is actively reviewing purchase orders, contracts, etc. to decrease the projected shortfall.

**Food Service Stipend**

Mr. Cleaver reviewed the Food Service Stipend for processing BHA free and reduced lunch applications. The district charges BHA an administration fee to help offset the cost of the stipend. All attending committee members agreed to present the food service stipend to the full board.

**Budget Transfers**

Ms. Denicola informed the committee that the majority of school districts routinely do budget transfers in order to build a stronger budget throughout the year. Transfers made from one function to another (i.e. 2620 Buildings & Grounds to 1110 Regular Instruction) will be brought to the Finance Committee to be reviewed and recommended for board approval.

Mr. Bradley raised concerns about the budget and discussed student education luxuries.

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.**

***Next Meeting Date: TBD***

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