

**Lehigh Area School District
Finance Committee Meeting
Monday, March 9, 2020 at 6:00 PM**

Finance Committee Minutes

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

The following Board Members were present:

Richard Beltz (arrived approx. 6:15) Rita Spinelli, Nathan Foeller, Larry Stern (audience), Stephen Holland (audience) and David Bradley (audience)

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 February 2020 transportation bill.

CCTI Budget

There is a \$41,699 decrease in cost share for the 2020-2021 year. All attending committee members agreed to recommend the 2020-2021 CCTI Budget to the full board for approval at the March Board Meeting.

LCCC Budget

There is a \$551 increase in cost share for the 2020-2021 year. All attending committee members agreed to recommend the 2020-2021 LCCC Budget to the full board for approval at the March Board Meeting.

Delinquent Real Estate Tax Collection

Ms. Denicola distributed handouts with information from Portnoff relating to the delinquent real estate taxes turned over from 2014-2019. She stated over half of the taxpayers faced no attorney fees for their delinquent taxes. Delinquent taxes turned over have decreased from \$1.5 million in 2015 to \$999,000 in 2019.

Open Discussion

Mr. Bradley expressed documents should be shared with the board prior to the meeting.

Ms. Denicola informed the committee that there would be a 2020-2021 budget presentation in April. An audience member asked if the financial audit was complete to which Ms. Denicola responded the auditors are in the process of finalizing the audit report and it will be shared with the full board upon completion.

Ms. Denicola shared since her start at Lehigh, the district has received approximately \$910,000 in PlanCon funds and \$100,000 in tuition revenue. \$10,000 has been requested from the PA Treasurer for unclaimed funds held in the district's name. She emphasized that she is trying to do everything she can to bring money into the district and keep expenses under control to be able to give the students the education they deserve.

Mr. Stern asked Ms. Denicola to go over PSHIC surplus funds.

Mr. Bradley questioned who is involved in negotiations.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

***Next Meeting Date: Monday, April 20, 2020 6:00 p.m.
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