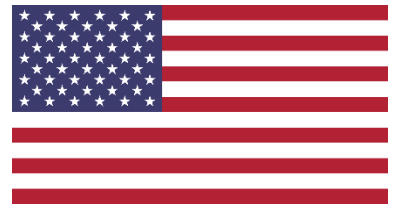


**Lehigh Area School District
Finance Committee Meeting
Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 6:00 PM**



Finance Committee Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

The following Board Members were present:

Rita Spinelli, Nathan Foeller, Larry Stern (audience), Gail Maholick (audience), Wayne Wentz (audience) and David Bradley (audience)

The following Administration Members were present:

Jonathan Cleaver, Patricia Denicola, Tina Champ and Meghan Christman

2020-2021 Budget Discussion

Ms. Denicola began with a statement regarding an email Mr. Bradley sent stating that he worked cooperatively with her to create two balanced budgets. Ms. Denicola informed the committee that this was false and she did not work with Mr. Bradley.

Review of the 2020/21 General Fund Budget PowerPoint presentation.

Audience discussions with:

- Sue Salerno- Admin pay freeze, transportation concerns and virtual learning option
- Barb Bowes- Contact sports
- Jennifer Bailey- The transition from virtual learning to regular school after COVID
- Fred Kemmerer- Athletics transportation
- Tanya Haydt- CCTI transportation
- Brian- Questioned no transportation but contact sports
- Thomas Litchauer- Transportation expense after COVID
- Steph Reese- Middle School Band and lessons
- Michael Lusch- Eliminated administration positions & PIAA guidelines currently applying to training

Mrs. Spinelli and Mr. Foeller thanked the administration team for working diligently on the budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

***Next Meeting Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 6:00 p.m.
PJD/mmc***



2020/21 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

LEHIGHTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

June 25, 2020

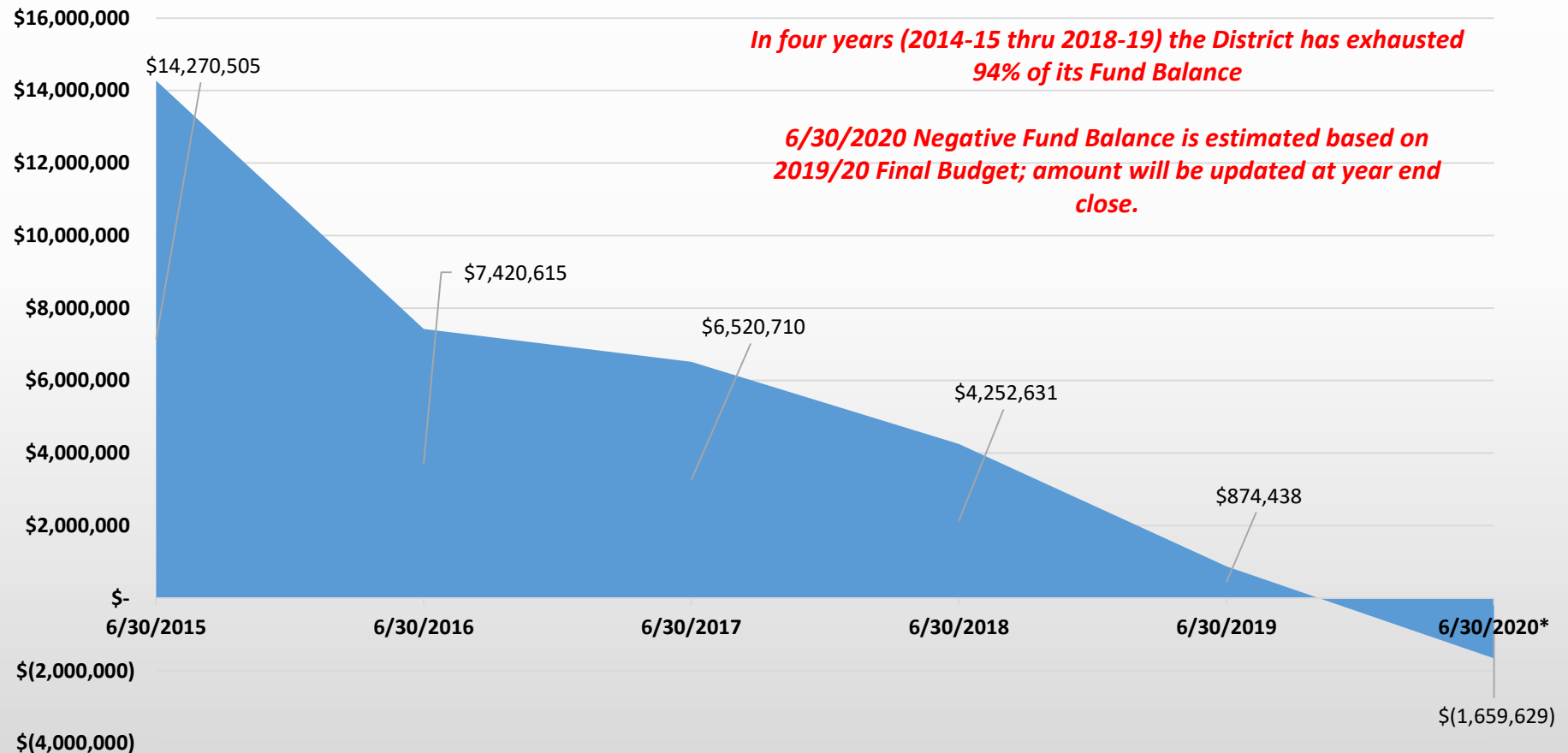


Financial steps taken to meet expenditures rising at a faster rate than revenues

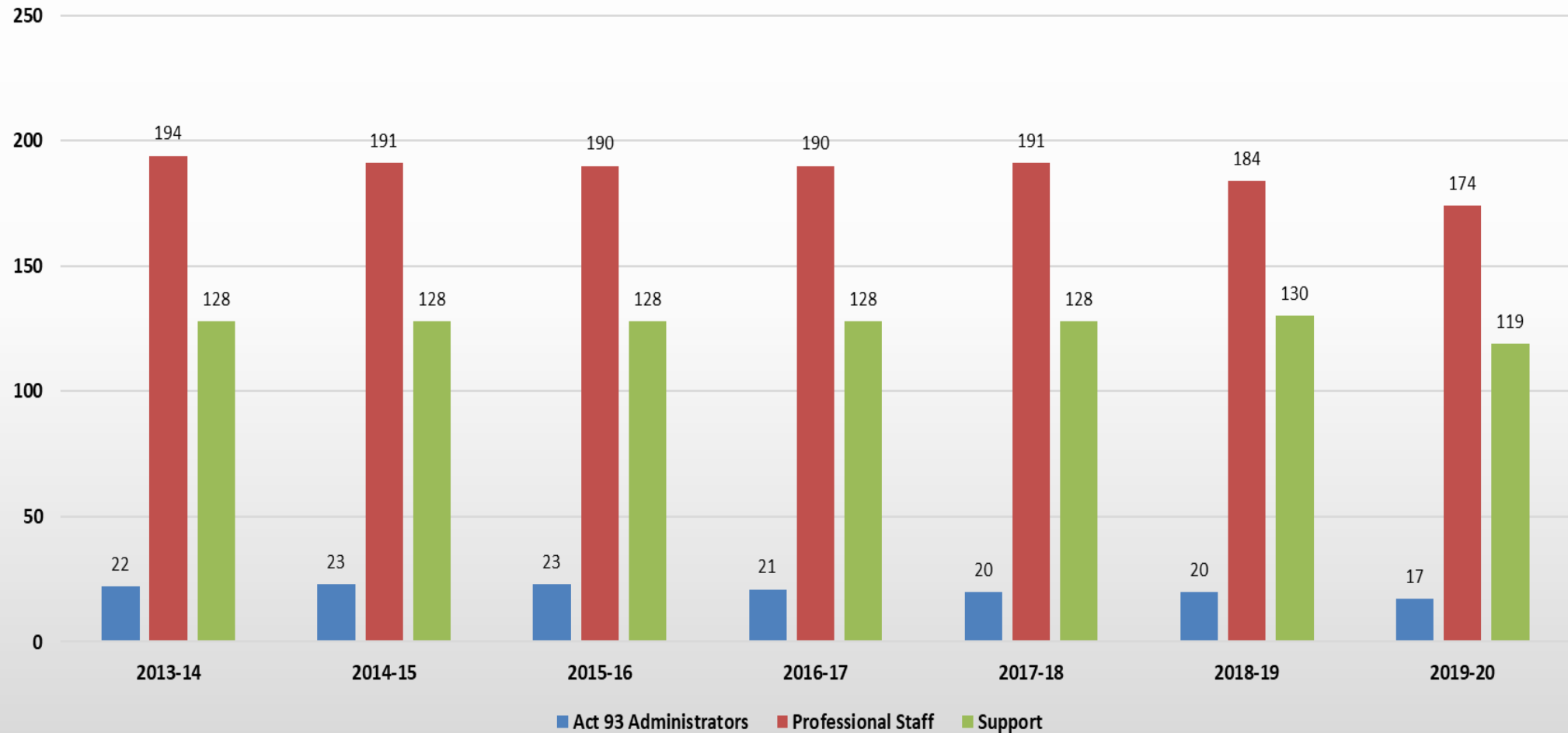
- Use of Fund Balance
 - *Concise explanations of fund balance, what it is and what it isn't*
- Elimination of professional, support and administrative positions
- State subsidy reconciliations
- Timely billing of revenues
- Purchasing procedure updates to improve pricing
 - *Bidding*
 - *Utilization of previously purchased supplies*
- Budgets built on actual expected expenditures

Fund Balance Usage

Fund Balance at Year-End



Total Employees by Group



Teaching Positions Eliminated in last few years

Elementary - 9

English - 1

ESL - 1

Family Consumer Science - 1

Guidance - 2

History - 2

Kindergarten - 1

Math - 3

Music - 1

Psychologist - 1

School Nurse - 1

Science - 1

Special Ed - 4

There has been some confusion regarding LASD's commitment to Music.

While the District will not be filling 1 Music teaching position, the District still maintains 5 Music Teachers. In comparison, district's in our surrounding area maintain only 3 Music Teachers.

2020-21 General Fund Budget

2020-21 Budget Updates as of 6/22/2020	
Total Revenue as of 6/8/2020	\$ 40,566,892
Total Expenditures as of 6/8/2020	\$ <u>42,513,563</u>
Budget Deficit as of 6/8/2020	\$ (1,946,671)
Personnel & Benefit changes due to resignations and other changes	\$ <u>(166,642)</u>
Budget Deficit as of 6/22/2020	\$ (1,780,029)

2020-21 Budget Update as of 6/25

Budget Deficit as of 6/22/2020	\$ (1,780,029)
Tax Increase up to index (1.76 mills)	\$ 580,376
Budget Deficit after tax increase	\$ (1,199,653)
Act 93 Voluntary Pay Freeze	\$ 59,093
Elimination of 2 Administrative Positions	\$ 154,189
Elimination of extra curricular programs due to COVID-19 concerns	\$ 84,614
Elimination of mandated transportation due to COVID-19 concerns	\$ 992,810
Budget Surplus/(Deficit) after program changes	\$ 91,053

**The District will continue to look for methods to safely operate transportation within COVID-19 recommendations and guidelines, as well as funding sources to fund the transportation and remain at a balanced budget.*

Next Steps: Monday, June 29, 2020

- 6 pm Finance Committee Meeting
- 7 pm Special Board Meeting
 - *To adopt the 2020-21 General Fund Budget in accordance with School Code*