



## **Lacey Township School District Board of Education**

### **Minutes - Finance & Operations Committee**

### **Board Office**

**Monday, February 13, 2023 - *Board Office***

**Call to Order:** 9:40 a.m.

**Members Present:** Frank Palino - Chairperson  
Linda Downing - Committee Member  
Kim Klaus - Committee Member  
Vanessa R. Pereira - Superintendent  
Sharon Silvia - Business Administrator

**Members Absent:** None

#### **Agenda Items:**

- Dr. Pereira led a discussion about the Districts proactive measures in response to the sad news from Central Regional. Discussion followed.
- *Facilities*
  - SDA Emergent & Capital Maintenance Needs Grant Update
    - Ms. Silvia updated the committee on this grant. The District received the funds and work has started on phase-out protection at the Middle School and doors at select locations.
  - Securing Our Children's Future Bond Act
    - Ms. Silvia updated the committee on this grant. The District is still waiting for approval from the State on the spending plan.
  - ROD Grant
    - Ms. Silvia updated the committee on this grant. This grant application has been released.
  - HVAC Grant
    - Ms. Silvia updated the committee on this grant. The District is working with the architect on the application.
  - HS Sports Complex Sign
    - Ms. Silvia led a discussion on the donation of an athletic complex sign by the Lacey Township High School Parent, Teacher Student Association.

- *Finance*

- Cenergistic

- Ms. Silvia updated the committee on next steps with the partnership with Cenergistic. The part-time energy specialist accepted the District's offer of employment. Resolution will be on the February agenda.

- Grant Committee

- Mr. Bedell led a discussion about the status of the grant committee. Discussion followed.

- November Ballot Question

- Ms. Silvia led a discussion about putting an Additional Spending Question on the November ballot. Discussion followed.

- S2 Litigation Update

- Ms. Silvia led a discussion about the status of the S2 litigation. Discussion followed.

- The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS)

- Ms. Silvia led a discussion on the participation in a new cooperative purchasing system. Discussion followed. Resolution will be on the February agenda.

- ESSER Salaries

- Ms. Silvia led a discussion on the employees that are currently funded by the ESSER grant. Discussion followed.

- LinkIt! and NJTSS

- Dr. Pereira led a discussion on the need to switch to the New Jersey Tiered System of Supports (NJTSS). This is a mandate passed by the State. Discussion followed. Resolution will be on the February agenda.

- 2023-2024 Budget Projection

- Ms. Silvia led a discussion on the 2023-2024 budget. Discussion followed.

- *Food Services*

- Privatization

- Ms. Silvia led a discussion on the privatization of food services. The committee is recommending we table this discussion until September for consideration for going out for RFP in January 2024.

- *Human Resources*

- Energy Specialist

- Ms. Silvia led a discussion on the part-time energy specialist. Resolution will be on the February agenda.

- Substitute Nurse Rates

- Ms. Silvia and Dr. Pereira led a discussion on increasing the current substitute nurse rate from \$130/day. Discussion followed. The committee is recommending the District wait for the 2023-2024 budget to be closer to finalized before we make any further financial obligations.

- *Security*
  - No items to report
- *Technology*
  - No items to report
- *Transportation*
  - Bus and Van Purchases
    - Ms. Silvia led a discussion on the need to purchase buses and vans. Discussion followed. Resolution will be on the February agenda.
- *Upcoming BOE Meetings*
  - Use of Facilities
    - Ms. Silvia provided the committee with the use of facilities requests as of February 13, 2023. Resolution will be on the February agenda.
  - Professional Days and Workshops
    - The committee reviewed the professional days and workshops that will be presented to the Board at the February meeting.
  - Copier Lease
    - Ms. Silvia updated the committee on the copier lease previously discussed. Resolution will be on the February agenda.
- *Other*
  - No items to report

Adjournment: 11:22 a.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 14, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Silvia  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary