Unapproved, unofficial Minutes of the October 9, 2018 Board Meeting

The LTSD Board of Education had a meeting on October 9, 2018 @ 7:30pm in the Board room, public notice having been given in accordance with Pa.C.S.A. § 709 (Sunshine Act) & LTSD Procedure #006. The President called the meeting to order. Present: Mr. Bianchi, Mr. Minick, Dr. Mould, Mr. Mulhern, Ms. Naylor, Mr. Ross, Mr. Stark, Mr. Strauch. Absent: Mr. Thorne. Administrators present: Mr Rakauskas, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Kordish, Ms. King, Miss Talarico and Mrs. Crum.

There were four public members and two reporters present at the meeting. All motions passed by unanimous voice vote unless indicated to the contrary.

- + Motion by Mr. Ross, Ms. Naylor to approve the minutes from the September 10 and October 1 2018 meetings as submitted.
- + Motion by Dr. Mould, Mr. Ross that all bills found to be true and accurate be approved.
- + Motion by Dr. Mould, Mr. Bianchi to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted.
- + Motion by Mr. Strauch, Dr. Mould to approve the Business Office to solicit bids for credit collection agency services for delinquent student cafeteria account balances.
- + Motion by Mr. Minick, Mr. Ross to authorize the Business Office to solicit requests for proposal for Food Service Management companies.
- + Motion by Ms. Naylor, Mr. Ross to acknowledge Assistant Cafeteria Manager, Joanne Corby's resignation effective September 28, 2018.
- + Motion by Mr. Ross, Ms. Naylor to approve the Disciplinary Expulsion Waiver and Stipulation for student #23073. Before this vote was taken, and over the objections of Mr. Strauch, there were violations of Board Procedures #006, #011 and the Sunshine Act Section 710.1 when the President prohibited a discussion of the motion. Mr. Strauch commented "As a society, we must operate on the basis of laws that specify consequences for various actions. We have laws at the Commonwealth level and our own policies that stipulate how to deal with unacceptable actions by individuals. In regards to the motion on the floor, the Board is asked to dismiss the Commonwealth's adopted consequence for one such action and instead approve an alternative proposed by the Superintendent. In my opinion, if the Board approves this motion, it will be sending a message to the community that it prefers an alternative to the reliable solution developed through the wisdom of previous Board members, hundreds of Representatives and Senators and the Governor. It will impact the safety of our students and fail to deter future occurrences of similar actions." Motion passed 7-1, Mr. Strauch voting 'NO'.
- + Motion by Mr. Ross, Mr. Bianchi to approve Jim Kotz's request to take the sixth grade class to New York City to Radio City Music Hall and Rockefeller Center in early November 2019 at no cost to the district.

Meeting adjourned 8:31pm.

There was an Executive Session from 6:58 - 7:27pm

- + to review the posting of an open position.
- + to review issues related to environmental factors in the buildings
- + to review the legal issues related to the Railroad Transfer Tax appeals

There will be an Executive Session before the next meeting to discuss matters that may arise.