

Tredyffrin/Easttown School District
BOARD AD HOC LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

September 12, 2017
6:00 p.m.
TEAO, Meeting Room 200

Agenda

- I. Public Comment

- II. Approval of May 18, 2017 Minutes

- III. Update on Keystone Exams as Graduation Requirement

- IV. Other

Board Legislative Committee Goals:

1. Determine annual priorities for District legislative advocacy.
2. Monitor legislative and regulatory developments emerging from the state and federal governments.
3. Determine appropriate methods to influence state and federal representatives including, but not limited to, legislative contacts, Board action and public engagement.

DRAFT PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
May 18, 2017
Tredyffrin/Easttown Administrative Offices 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

Attending all or part of the meeting:

Board Committee Members: Edward Sweeney (Chair), Michele Burger, Virginia Lastner, Katharine Murphy

Other Board Members: Kevin Buraks, Doug Carlson, Roberta Hotinski, Todd Kantorczyk

TE School District Representatives: Wendy Towle (Administrative Liaison), Richard Gusick, Oscar Torres, Chris Groppe, Art McDonnell

Community Members: Heather Ward, Jamie Lynch, Kyle Boyer

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

Public Comment:

No public comments were made.

Approval of Minutes:

The March 23, 2017 minutes were approved.

Committee Discussion and Recommendations:

The Committee discussed the **Proposed Property Tax Elimination Bill**. Dr. Wendy Towle shared with the Committee that there is no new information about this plan at the present time. There were no Committee recommendations.

Dr. Towle shared a newly revised piece of legislation, **House Bill 1213**, that deals with the opportunity for Districts to appeal property assessments initiated by local taxing authorities. The Committee discussed the impact this legislation would have on the District. The Committee reviewed a resolution opposing House Bill 1213. The Committee then recommended the resolution be put forward for a vote by the full Board at the May 22 Board meeting. Additionally, the advocacy efforts around House Bill 1213 will be shared with Township officials and other school districts.

Dr. Towle provided an update on **Medicaid/ACCESS Funding**. The Committee discussed the impact the proposed federal legislation would have on the District. Mr. Chris Groppe, Supervisor of Special Education, provided examples of how the funding supports students and provides services to students within the District. Although the District takes no position on Federal Health Care Reform, the concern is the reduction of funds that can provide students with needed services and goods. The Committee discussed opposition to this piece of legislation and recommended continuing to monitor the issue with the option to consider a resolution at the June Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

BOARD LEGISLATIVE AD-HOC COMMITTEE

September 12, 2017

6:00 PM

SENATE BILL 756 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR

- No longer use Keystone Exams
- Use PSAT and SAT for Accountability, continue use of PSSA (3-8), PASA (3-8, 11)
- No test shall be used as a graduation requirement
- Shall not be retaken by any student
- Shall not exceed 2 instructional days
- PSSA testing time reduced by 40%
- Expands the grounds for Parent/Guardian Exemption
- Not be listed on transcripts
- Changes in Teacher Evaluation System

DISCUSSION - OPTIONS

- Continue to monitor
- Communication with Legislators
- Communication with Parents
- Resolution
- Other suggestions