

Tredyffrin/Easttown School District  
**AD HOC BOARD LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

**May 18, 2017**

**6:00 p.m.**

TEAO, Meeting Room 200

Agenda

- I. Public Comment
- II. Approval of March 23, 2017 Minutes
- III. Update on Property Tax Elimination
- IV. Update on Medicaid/ACCESS Funding
- V. Other

DRAFT PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL  
**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**March 23, 2017**  
Tredyffrin/Easttown Administrative Offices 6:30 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:** Doug Carlson, Roberta Hotinski

**TE School District Representatives:** Wendy Towle (Administrative Liaison), Nancy Adams, Richard Gusick

**Community Members:** Ray Clarke, Jerry Henige, Michael Heaburg, Heather Ward, Claire LaTorracca, Xavier Arnault, Ibrahim Souadda

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Public Comment:**

Jerry Henige commented on the **Property Tax Elimination**.  
Xavier Arnault commented on the **Property Tax Elimination**.  
Claire LaTorracca commented on the **Property Tax Elimination**.  
Michael Heaburg commented on the **Property Tax Elimination**.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The September 12, 2016 minutes were approved.

**Committee Discussion and Recommendations:**

The Committee discussed **Property Tax Elimination**. An overview of steps taken to inform the community about property tax elimination was presented. These included a mailing to families, inclusion in school-based newsletters and a local presentation by legislators and Dr. Gusick. Dr. Towle reported that state legislation for Property Tax Elimination was in limbo at this time and that a number of community members had called or emailed the state regarding the proposed legislation. The Committee recommended that the Resolution of January 23, 2017 stand as is but suggested that further discussion take place should developments occur at the State level.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

# TESD Legislative Action Plan Blueprint



Legislative issues are identified and monitored on a regular basis by the T/E School Board and Administration. Most of these issues remain in this monitoring stage and do not require additional actions. The Legislative Committee is the forum for monitoring these issues.

When the State or Federal governments consider issues that may have a potential impact on the students of the T/E School District, it is important to respond quickly and effectively. The steps below outline a Legislative Action Plan where issues are identified and monitored, and the District and community may be engaged cooperatively to positively influence legislative outcomes.



## Identify and Monitor

## District Actions

## Community Engagement

When deemed appropriate, the committee may direct the School Board and Administration to engage in one or multiple Action Methods. This will occur when a particular issue has the potential to have a significant impact on our school community.



### Possible Action Methods:

- ◆ Phone calls to Legislators
- ◆ School Board Position Statements
- ◆ School Board Resolutions
- ◆ Correspondence with PSBA
- ◆ Website Postings
- ◆ Communication with other districts
- ◆ Sample Citizen Letters for Legislators
- ◆ PTO Involvement
- ◆ Newsletters and Press Releases
- ◆ Face-to-Face Meetings (ISC, Community)
- ◆ Emails to the community
- ◆ TETV Programming
- ◆ Video Production
- ◆ Hearing Testimony

### Possible Outcomes of

### Action Methods:

- ◆ State a Strong District Position
- ◆ Raise Community Awareness
- ◆ Draft a New Bill
- ◆ Support or Oppose an Existing Bill
- ◆ Support or Oppose Regulation
- ◆ Maintain the Status Quo