

DRAFT PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL  
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
February 1, 2018

Tredyffrin/Easttown Administrative Offices  
6:00 p.m.

**Agenda**

**Attending all or part of the meeting:**

**Board Committee Members:** Edward Sweeney (Chair), Kyle Boyer, Todd Kantorczyk, Heather Ward

**TE School District Representatives:** Oscar Torres (Administrative Liaison), Nancy Adams, Richard Gusick

**Community Members:** Jerry Henige

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

**Public Comment:**

Jerry Henige commented on **House Bill 1213**.

The September 12, 2017 minutes were approved.

**Committee Discussion and Recommendations:**

The Committee discussed **House Bill 1213**.

Dr. Torres provided an overview of House Bill 1213 and the District's actions to date. He explained that the Board had opposed the previous version of the bill and that the current bill was co-sponsored by Warren Kampf. On January 24, he reported, T/E administrators contacted our legislators and expressed opposition to the bill. Mr. McDonald then talked through the assessment process and described the property tax revenue generated over the past several years from the District's assessment appeals. Mr. McDonald described the District process as one that looks at large differences between property sale prices and the current assessment. House Bill 1213 would place additional restrictions on the rights of taxing districts to appeal the assessment of a property.

Dr. Gusick explained that the passage of HB 1213 would shift much of the property tax burden from corporate properties to residential properties. The District already has checks and balances in place to ensure fairness to both corporate and residential property owners. At the time of this meeting, a vote in Harrisburg was scheduled for Monday, February 5.

The Committee recommended that, due to the need for a quick turnaround, the District distribute a special email blast containing key points about House Bill 1213 with explanatory information and a request for residents to contact their legislators. The Committee also recommended that a follow up story be included in the regular weekly email blast.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.