

Loyalsock Township School District

Board of School Directors *Public Hearing*

February 21, 2007

6:30 p.m.

*Board Conference Room
1720 Sycamore Road
Montoursville, PA 17754*

MINUTES

MEMBER

X Garth M. Eck
AB Jerry S. Falco
X Frederick T. Gilmour
X John G. Lamade
X David R. Livingston, President
X Lenore G. Penfield, Vice President
*Mr. Falco - Business

MEMBER

X Jeri S. Sims
X Michael Vuocolo, Treasurer
X Scott T. Williams
X *Dr. Richard Mextorf, Superintendent of Schools
X *Gerald McLaughlin, Business Mgr./Bd.Secretary
X *Eugene Yaw, Solicitor

- 1. Introduction, Opening Remarks & Purpose of Hearing – David Livingston, Board President**
- 2. Act 1 Overview – Eugene Yaw, Solicitor**
- 3. Tax Study Commission Recommendation – Michael Vuocolo, Tax Study Committee Member**
- 4. Referendum Resolution & Ballot Question**

The purpose of this public hearing is the Board's intent to adopt a resolution authorizing the placement of the following referendum on the ballot in the 2007 Primary Election:

“Do you favor imposing an additional 1% earned income tax? The revenue generated from the increased tax rate will be used to reduce taxes on qualified residential properties by \$388.00. The current earned income tax rate is 1.15%.”

- 5. Analysis of Options & Impacts – Gerald McLaughlin, Business Manager**

6. Public Comments & Questions – David Livingston, Board President

Procedure

- Individuals should state their name and address.
- Every person will have the opportunity to make comments or ask questions one time with an initial three-minute time limit.
- Individuals may speak only on Act 1 tax.
- Additional comments or questions will be taken after each individual has had the opportunity to speak – depending on time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS -

- Bill Kelly, 1511 Sheridan Street, Williamsport, PA 17701

Mr. Kelly commented that the Board of County Commissioners endorsed a personal income tax to reduce taxes on residential properties. He questioned why so few schools have adopted a personal income tax. Mr. Vuocolo responded that one of the main reasons was that we currently have a mechanism to collect earned income tax in place. Mr. Yaw commented that there were no regulations in place when many schools proposed this recommendation. He further stated that the regulations have just recently passed by legislation. Mr. McLaughlin commented that in his opinion there would be additional proposals to reduce property taxes and that could include an increase in sales tax or some other form of tax.

- Ray McGinnis, 1016 Dawn Drive, Williamsport, PA 17701

Mr. McGinnis commented that the State funding for education has decreased from approximately 50% many years ago. The current amount is approximately 35%. He asked if the State would be increasing this percentage in the near future. Mr. McLaughlin responded that, in his opinion, increases would not approximate the funding levels of the 1970s.

7. Adjournment @ 6:55 p.m.

Motion: Mr. Eck

Second: Mr. Lamade

Yes: Eck, Gilmour, Lamade, Livingston, Penfield, Sims, Vuocolo, Williams

No: None

Absent: Falco

Result: Motion Carried