

**SOUTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Budget & Finance Committee
Intermediate School Staff Development Room
December 7, 2010 5:30 PM**

MINUTES

CALLED TO ORDER 5:30 pm

PRESENT: J. Dimmig (Chair), M. Eddinger, C. Gunkle, W. Miracle, J. Quigley, J. Liberati, L. Christman, J. Snell

ABSENT: None

OTHERS: T. Bergey, R. Guerriere, A. Scherzberg, R. Gonzalez, H. Toto, D. Walkowicz, M. Flack, B. Siebert, T. Taylor-Brass, L. Costa, D. Eisenhauser, J. Terlingo, V. Lyster, T. Lyster

PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS –

(1) Mr. Dimmig updated the Committee and the visitors on the process adopted for this year, and the progress made on the budget to date. Mr. Dimmig explained the “front-loaded” process that required earlier meetings and set a deadline of January for proposals for cost reductions to be evaluated by the Committee prior to January. Mr. Liberati then provided a review of the proposed reductions for the visitors. (see reduction plan attached

(2) Mr. Snell updated the Committee on the most recent changes to the five year budget since the last update in November. The changes to revenue collections resulted in slightly less fund balance expenditure than initially forecast.

(3) Mr. Liberati updated the comprehensive list of potential budget cuts and revenue enhancements for consideration in the 2011-2012 budget. The Committee reviewed the list and provided guidance to the administration on which items were appropriate for continued consideration and refinement.

(4) The Committee (voting members only) met in executive session to begin to find consensus on a budget reduction plan as directed by the full School Board.

(5) The Committee came out of executive session and agreed to continue discussions on a “consensus budget” at its next meeting.

VISITORS' COMMENTS – C. Lidie expressed concerns over rumors of a potential “large” tax increase; L. Costa advocated a zero percent tax increase and inquired about “pay to play” fees.

ADJOURNMENT - 9:15 pm