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LMSD Board of School Directors Business Meeting Highlights

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PRESENTATIONS

2016-17 District Budget Update

Superintendent Robert Copeland provided a presentation on District finances in response to recent litigation. Mr. Copeland discussed the budgeting process, the numerous factors that impact annual budgets, fund balance and the District's focus on maintaining quality programs and fiscal responsibility in an environment of increasing mandates and unprecedented enrollment growth. To view a slideshow of the presentation, [click here](#). Mr. Copeland also referenced a comprehensive update document for the community regarding LMSD budget practices and fund balance, available [by clicking here](#).

Gifted Evaluation Postponed

The District cancelled a presentation on Gifted Program Evaluation and tabled this topic for a future meeting (TBD).

BOARD ACTIONS

Appointment of Special Counsel

The Board of School Directors appointed Alicia Hickok, Esquire and the firm of Drinker Biddle as special litigation counsel at the rate of \$495/hr. Special counsel will serve the District in defense of the Wolk vs. LMSD litigation. The Board considered multiple firms during a rigorous and selective interview process and voted unanimously to appoint Ms. Hickock and Drinker Biddle.

Establishment of Escrow Account

The Board of School Directors approved the establishment of an escrow account for the purpose of segregating the monies that are received on account of the exceptions approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the 2016-17 tax year pending the resolution of the appeal of the Order of August 29, 2016.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

Upcoming Meeting Dates: September 15 Facilities/Purchasing Committee @ 8:30 AM; September 19 Regular Business Board @ 8:00 PM and September 21 Communications Committee @ 7:00 PM

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