



LACEY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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PATRICK S. DEGEORGE

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOLLOWING IS A TRUE EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LACEY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON OCTOBER 15, 2018:

SCHOOL FUNDING LITIGATION

MOTION: WHEREAS, the School Funding Reform Act of 2008 (SFRA) reflects the current New Jersey law that provides State Aid to public school districts; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Legislature has appropriated limited monies to fund such State Aid for public school districts; and

WHEREAS, the Lacey Township Public School District is receiving less than the State Aid it should have otherwise received pursuant to the SFRA; and

WHEREAS, for the 2018-2019 school year the Lacey Township Public School District's taxpayers are paying \$1,166,947 more than their fair share of local taxes as determined by the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, other school districts are receiving more of their State Aid allocation pursuant to the SFRA, while their taxpayers pay less than their fair share of local taxes as determined by the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, such disparate treatment is neither "equal" nor "equitable" and is without a rational basis;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lacey Township Public School District hereby determines to initiate litigation to address the unequal and disparate results caused by the SFRA's distribution of available State Aid and its impact upon its local taxpayers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lacey Township Public School District Administration is directed and authorized to provide whatever assistance is reasonably required in order to pursue such litigation in order to further the interests of the Lacey Township Public School District and its taxpayers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lacey Township Public School District retains the services of the Weiner Law Group, LLP to represent the Board in said litigation, at a cost not to exceed \$10,000. The cost of litigation is subject to change after consultation with other potential litigants. In the event there is a need for additional funds, the proposed expense would be considered by the Board of Education. Any such expenditure of funds will be processed according to the Lacey Township Public School District's applicable procedures.

*Motion by Mrs. Downing, seconded by Mr. Giordano. Roll call votes – 6 ayes
Mr. DeBlass – absent*



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