

*Northern Tioga School District
Public Hearing Pursuant to
Section 780 of the PA School
Code of 1949*

Friday April 1, 2011

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Tonight's Agenda

- I. Opening Remarks
- II. Format for Public Participation
- III. Compliance with School Code and Regulations
- IV. Critical Issues
- V. Comments
- VI. Adjournment

Northern Tioga School District

Mission: The mission of the Northern Tioga School District is to provide all students with the knowledge, skills, and strategies needed to successfully meet the challenges of the future.

Vision: World Class Leaders and Productive Citizens

Format for Participation

- Speakers will have up to 5 minutes to share comments.
- Please begin your comments with your full name and current address and state if you are a resident of the school district.
- You may not defer your 5 minutes of time to someone else to speak on your behalf.
- Comments may be submitted in writing up to 30 days after the date of this hearing and will be considered part of the official record.
- Tonight's Hearing is for Comments Only.

PA School Code Section 780

“In the event of a permanent closing of a public school or substantially all of a school’s facilities, the Board of School Directors shall hold a public hearing on the question not less three months prior to the decision of the board relating to the closing of a school. Notice of the hearing shall be given in a newspaper of general circulation in the school district at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of such hearings.”

Exhibits

- 1. Legal Notice
- 2. Legal Notice
- 3. Facility Study – January 26,2011
- 4. Northern Tioga Board of Education – February 14, 2011
- 5. Facility Study - February 23, 2011
- 6. Financial Review – February 23, 2011

Exhibits Continued

- 7. Facility Study – March 14, 2011
- 8. Northern Tioga Board of Education – March 28, 29, 30, 2011
- 9. Facility Study - March 28, 29, 30, 2011
- 10. Existing Student Capacity
- 11. Northern Tioga School District Public Hearing – April 1, 2011

Funding for Education

- Act 48 puts limits on School District fund balances. Schools may not approve an increase in real estate property taxes unless they have adopted a budget that includes an estimated ending unreserved, undesignated fund balance between 8 and 12%.
- Act 1 limits the amount of tax revenue that can be collected. School Boards may not increase any tax at a rate that exceeds the index as calculated by the Department of Education, unless the District meets the criteria for an exception.
- The adjusted Tax index for 2011-2012 has been set at 2.1%. The maximum tax increase would be 0.3204 mills which would generate approximately \$150,000.00 additional real estate tax revenue. The exceptions available to Northern Tioga School District would generate approximately \$263,000.00.

Critical Issues to Our School District

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| Critical Issue # 1 | Decrease in Student Enrollment |
| Critical Issue # 2 | Decrease in Local, State and Federal Funding |
| Critical Issue # 3 | Increased Costs |

Critical Issues #1: Decrease in Student Enrollment

- 1990-1991 2897
- 2010-2011 2136
- Decrease 761
- Decrease 26%
- 2014-2015 1887*
- * projected by Pa. Department of Education
- The projected decrease from 2010-2011 to 2014-2015 would be 11.7%

Critical Issue #2:

Decrease in Local, State and Federal Funding

***The State has supplanted 1 billion dollars
of school subsidy money.***

***Based on the current proposed state
budget, The Northern Tioga School
District is scheduled to receive a 1.9
million dollar reduction in funding.***

Critical Issue # 3: Increased Costs

- A. Retirement
- B. Health Care
- C. Employment Contracts
- D. Charter Schools
- E. Special Education

Critical Issue # 3: Increased Costs

A: Retirement

NTSD PSERS Rate/Cost 1 Year Projection
(Based on Total Salary of \$15,500,000)

2010-2011	\$15,500,000	0.0564	\$846,000.00
2011-2012	\$15,500,000	0.0865	\$1,340,750.00
2012-2013	\$15,500,000	0.1219	\$1,889,450.00

Critical Issue # 3: Increased Costs

B: Health Care

2010-2011*	\$2,919,300
2011-2012*	\$3,286,000
Difference	\$ 366,600
Difference	12.5%

* Estimated

Critical Issue # 3: Increased Costs

C: Employment Contracts

Uncertain, due to ongoing negotiations for:

NTEA-Teachers

NTESPA-Support Staff

Charter Schools

- 2010-2011* - \$328,000
- 2011-2012* - \$375,000
- Difference - \$47,000
- Difference - 14.3%

Special Education Instruction

- 2010-2011* - \$3,831,000
- 2011-2012* - \$4,031,000
- Difference - \$ 200,000
- Difference - 5.2%

Totals

- State etc. funding - \$1,900,000
- Retirement - \$ 466,550
- Health Care - \$ 366,600
- Charter Schools - \$ 47,000
- Special Education Ins. - \$ 200,000

Total \$2,980,150

New Fiscal Reality

- Difficult Adjustments necessary in our future :
 - Uncertainty of local, state and federal revenues
 - Rising expenditures and declining enrollment

Key Point to Consider

- ***The Northern Tioga School District Board of School Directors is charged with Providing the Most Thorough and Efficient Educational Programs and Services.***

Comments

- Comments Tonight
- Written Comments may be submitted in writing up to 30 days after the date of this hearing and will be considered part of the official record. There is a comment box in the back.