



The budget season is in full swing. At the March 20th meeting, the board approved the 2018-2019 FY budget. Many hours were spent determining the needs and priorities to efficiently run the district. The Board of Education creates this newsletter as a means of better informing our residents of the process involved in creating a school budget. We are cognizant of your tax dollars. Some of our priorities and items for next year are upgrading our camera /video security system, fixing our drainage problem at the Elementary School, and repaving/repairing parking lots to name a few. Building maintenance that has been parlayed by budget concerns are now being addressed. We are happy to report all programs will remain intact as well as our current staffing projections.

Although we had our fingers crossed, we are receiving a slight increase in state aid for the year. The net result is an increase of just over \$40,000.

The board additionally presented a power point presentation on the tuition calculation to Phillipsburg High School. Hopefully, now, with additional information, there is no longer misunderstanding. Much gratitude to Mrs. Horne, Mr. Troxell and Mrs. Pearson from Phillipsburg who attended our presentation to answer questions.

On a final note, we thank Mrs. Bellfy and her drama students who showcased their talent by entertaining us with a scene from Aladdin. In the weeks it takes to put on a show, students learn how to collaborate, stick with a project, empathize and be creative. Mrs. Duffy and Mrs Nassi had their 7th grade students present their 7th grade project *What Will Happen When Landfills Are Not Controlled?* Brianna Rosa and Giannina DeNuzzi shared their project with us which earned them an Honorable Mention in the STEM Project. Thank you students and staff.

LOPATCONG BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Please attend and
feel free to ask
questions of the
school board
members**

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MEETING DATES

APRIL, 10 2018

APRIL 24, 2018