

Lackawanna Trail School District  
School Board Meeting Minutes  
April 14, 2020

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and the CDC recommendation to have groups adhere to social distance guidelines, the Lackawanna Trail School District met electronically for their regularly scheduled meeting, via a Zoom Meeting, on Monday, April 14, 2020 at 7:33 pm. Public notice thereof having been given in accordance with applicable law. Two Executive Sessions were held prior to the School Board meeting, both of these meetings were virtual meetings which utilized the Zoom meeting format. The first Executive Session meeting was held on, March 23, 2020 from 2:00 pm and ended at 3:24 pm. During the first Executive meeting, the following items were discussed: legal concerns, personnel and contracts. The second Executive session meeting was held on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 from 10:00 am and ended at 11:05 am to discuss personnel, contracts and the solicitor's report. The April 6, 2020 Work Session meeting was canceled this month.

President Thorne called the meeting to order and directed the secretary to call the roll.

Present: Mr. Bianchi, Mr. Minick, Dr. Mould, Mr. Mulhern, Ms. Naylor, Mr. Petula, Mr. Ross, Mr. Stark and Mr. Thorne.

Administrators present: Mr. Glynn, Mr. Kearney, Mrs. Kuchak, Dr. Murphy, Mr. Rakauskas and Miss Talarico. Absent: Mr. Kordish.

Also present: John Audi and Mrs. Crum

The meeting began with a time period for open public participation. One citizen voiced concerns over wording of a few policies on the agenda.

Mr. Stark made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minick that the minutes from the March 9, 2020 school board meeting be approved as submitted. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minick that all bills found to be true and accurate be approved. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Mr. Thorne made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ross that all bills that could extend until June 30, 2020 be found to be true and accurate be approved. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Dr. Mould made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ross to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi to approve the Lackawanna Trail School District's proposed final budget in the amount of \$21,494,409.37. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Ms. Naylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minick to remove from the table the motion to approve the Act 93 Administration contract approval for July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2024. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Mr. Thorne made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi to approve the Act 93 Administration contract approval for June 30, 2020 to July 1, 2024. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Mr. Bianchi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ross to acknowledge the resignation of Community Bank as paying agent on all bond issues as of May 15, 2020. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Mr. Stark made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mulhern to approve the contract with Fidelity Bank as paying agent on all bond issues as of May 15, 2020. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Ms. Naylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi to approve Brittany Butler's FMLA leave request for the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year to December 15, 2020. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mould to appoint Sweet, Stevens, Katz, Williams (John G. Audi) as school solicitor at a rate per the proposed agreement, effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. The motion was approved by a vote of 8-1. Mr. Petula voted No.

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Ms. Naylor to approve the first reading of Policy 006.1, 335 and 626. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Mr. Stark made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minick to approve the second reading of the following policies:

- 201 Admission of Students
- 202 Eligibility of Nonresident Students
- 203 Immunizations and Communicable Diseases
- 203.1 HIV Infection
- 205 Postgraduate Students
- 206 Assignment Within District
- 206.1 DELETE Courses Change
- 208 Withdrawal from School
- 209 Health Examinations/Screenings
- 209.1 Food Allergy Management
- 209.2 Diabetes Management
- 210 Medications
- 210.1 Possession/Administration of Asthma Inhalers/Epinephrine Auto-Injectors
- 211 DELETE Student Accident Insurance
- 212 Report Student Progress
- 213 DELETE Grading Student Progress
- 216.1 ON HOLD Supplemental Discipline Records
- 218 Student Discipline
- 218.1 Weapons
- 218.2 Terroristic Threats
- 218.3 DELETE Fighting/Use of Profanity
- 219 Student Complaint Process
- 220 Student Expression/Distribution and Posting of Material
- 221 Dress and Grooming
- 222 Tobacco and Vaping
- 223 Use of Bicycles
- 224 Care of School Property
- 225 DELETE Relations with Law Enforcement

- 226 Searches
- 227 Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia
- 228 Student Government
- 229 Student Fundraising
- 230 Public Performances by Students
- 231 Social Events and Class Trips
- 232 Students Involvement in Decision-Making
- 233 Suspension and Expulsion
- 234 Pregnant/Parenting/Married Students
- 235 Student Rights and Responsibilities
- 235.1 Surveys
- 236 Student Assistant Program
- 237 Electronic Devices
- 238 DELETE Parent-Of-Record
- 239 Foreign Exchange Students
- 240 Awards
- 246 School Wellness
- 247 Hazing
- 248 RETIRE Unlawful Harassment
- 250 Student Recruitment
- 252 Dating Violence
- 255 Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care

The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Ms. Naylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stark to acknowledge the retirement request of Curt Sohns, Social Studies Teacher, effective at the conclusion of the 2019-2020 school year. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi to acknowledge the retirement request of Kelly Hopkins from her Interact Adviser position, effective at the conclusion of the 2019-2020 school year. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Mr. Stark made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi to approve The Lackawanna Trail Continuity of Education Plan to be implemented for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic mandatory school closure. This plan, as per the guidelines issued by PDE, may be amended between now and the end of the academic year.

There will not be a work session meeting in May. The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Mulhern, Secretary  
Board of Education