

Lackawanna Trail School District
School Board Meeting Minutes
May 11, 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, May 11, 2020 at 7:35 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, April 30, 2020 from 2:04 pm and ended at 3:31 pm. During the first Executive meeting, all of the board members were present as well as Superintendent Mr. Rakauskas, Business Manager Keith Glynn and solicitor John Audi. The following items were discussed: negotiations with Teacher's Union, Transportation, Act 13, and the following contracts: Nutrition Group, Bookkeeper, Confidential Administrative Assistant, Athletic Director, there was a discussion about Essential Employees and Solicitor gave his report. The second Executive session meeting was held on Monday, May 11, 2020 from 10:00 am and ended at 10:37 am. During the second executive session, all of the board members, except Mr. Thorne and Mr. Stark were present. Also present: Mr. Rakauskas, Mr. Glynn and John Audi. During the second executive session, the following items were discussed: future Athletic Director's contract, upcoming staffing requirements and the solicitor's report and availability. The May 4, 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, Mr. Kordish, Mrs. Kuchak, Dr. Murphy, Mr. Rakauskas and Miss Talarico.

Also present: John Audi and Mrs. Crum

The meeting began with a 2020-2021 Academic Calendar presentation led by Superintendent Rakauskas. Following the presentation, there was a period of time set aside for public participation.

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Ms. Naylor that the minutes from the April 14, 2020 school board meeting be approved as submitted. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Dr. Mould made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi that all bills 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. Minick 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 RBC Capital Markets be named as investment banker for the 2020 Lackawanna Trail General Obligation Bond/Refinancing Issue. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Mr. Thorne made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minick to approve the contract with Nutrition Group, Inc. for the 2020-2021 school year. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Mr. Stark made a motion, seconded by Ms. Naylor to approve the contract with Pivot for Physical Therapy (\$100 per hour), Occupational Therapy (\$100), and Speech Pathology Services for extended school year only (\$90 per hour) for the 2020-2021 school year. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stark to approve the revised transportation contracts for following list of bus contractors/contracted drivers for the 2019-2020 school year.

Bus Contractors Bus Drivers

Nichols Bus Company, Padula Ritter Bus Company, James Schirg, Mary Smarkusky and James Vasky.

Private Vehicle Contractors

Margaret Burns, D. Wayne Burns, Brenda Ditonto, Kathy Geerts, Dave Gower, Debbie Hazlak, Vince Kalinoski, Linda Kettel, Theresa Loney, Gretchen Sheposh, Judith Smith, Arlene Sorak, Cheryl Sutton, Gennifer Sutton and Troy Thurston.

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

Mr. Stark made a motion, seconded by Mr. Petula to approve the 2020-2021 Academic Calendar to begin for faculty on September 8, and students on September 10, contingent on Pennsylvania's reopening phase as per criteria set by the Governor's Office. This calendar may be amended in length and substance dependent upon future mandates from The Pennsylvania Department of Education. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Mr. Thorne made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi to approve The Lackawanna Trail Continuity of Education Plan, Phase II 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. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Ms. Naylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi to approve Jr. High 2020-2021 Course Description Guide and the Sr. High 2020-2021 Course Description Guide. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Mr. Bianchi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minick to approve Elementary 2020-2021 Course Description Guide. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Ms. Naylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ross to approve the following tuition waiver students for the 2020-2021 school year, per Policy #202- Eligibility of Non-Resident Students:

Elizabeth Ambrose, Hayden Bluhm, Maxwell Bluhm, Michael Bluhm, John-Patrick Gilroy, Sean Gilroy, Calvin Harris, Cordelia Harris, Stephen Jervis, Tyler Jervis, Adam Jones, Aleese Joseph, Leigha Joseph, Nadia Kuchak, Ella Murphy and Deana Wilhelm.

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

Mr. Thorne made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stark to approve the appointment of Kelly Services for substitute teacher and support staff calling services for the 2020-2021 school year. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Mr. Stark made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mould to approve the following advertising rates in the high school and elementary gyms for 2020-2021, on the recommendation of the superintendent:

3' X 4' \$250
4'X 6' \$300
Annual renewal \$75

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

Mr. Bianchi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minick to approve the contract for Sarah DeBree as the Bookkeeper/Confidential Secretary, from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2025, at a starting rate of \$44,358.25, effective July 1, 2020. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Mr. Bianchi made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mould to approve the contract for Tara Crum as the Confidential Administrative Assistant, from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, at an initial rate of \$21.10/hour, effective July 1, 2020. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Ms. Naylor to approve the second reading of the following Policies:

- 006.1 Attendance at Meetings Via Electronic Communication
- 335 Family and Medical Leave
- 626 Federal Fiscal Compliance

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

Mr. Thorne made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stark to approve the adoption of the following 200 level 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 Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care

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

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mould to approve Joel Nietz as a volunteer varsity girls basketball coach for the 2020-2021 school year. All Clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Mr. Thorne made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi to approve Ben Domiano as a volunteer varsity boys basketball coach the for the 2020-2021 school year. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.
Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Mulhern, Secretary
Board of Education