

Lackawanna Trail School District
School Board Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2021

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and the CDC recommendation to have groups adhere to social distance guidelines, the Lackawanna Trail School District met in person and via Zoom for a scheduled meeting, on Monday, May 10, 2021 at 7:32 pm. Public notice thereof having been given in accordance with applicable law. A mixture of live and virtual Google Executive Session was held prior to the School Board meeting from 6:30 pm to 7:28 pm. All nine board directors were present for this meeting. The following items were discussed: contract issues, a legal issue and personnel.

President Mulhern called the meeting to order and called the roll.

Board Members 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, Mr. Schofield and Miss Talarico.

Absent: John Audi.

The meeting began with a Proposed Budget Overview presentation by the Business Manager, Keith Glynn. There was also an opportunity for public participation.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ross to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2021 School Board Meeting and the May 3, 2021 Work Session meeting. The motion was approved 8-0-1. Mr. Petula abstained.

Bill Listing

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

Treasurer's Report

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

Proposed Final Budget

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thorne that the board approve Lackawanna Trail School District's 2021-2022 proposed final budget in the amount of \$21,486,088. The motion was approved by an unanimous vote of 9-0.

Lackawanna Trail Education Association (LTEA) Contract

Dr. Mould made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi that the board approve the Lackawanna Trail Education Association (LTEA) contract from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2026. The motion was approved 8-0-1. Mr. Ross abstained.

Track Replacement

Mr. Minick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mulhern that the Board approve the purchase of a replacement track through Deluxe Athletics per TIPS (The Interlocal Purchasing System) contract #20020501 at a price of \$407,159.00, from the assigned fund balance. The motion was approved by an unanimous vote of 9-0.

Flooring Replacement

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thorne that the Board approve the bid for flooring replacement by D&M Construction Unlimited, Inc. at a price of \$278,000.00, from the assigned fund balance. The motion was approved by an unanimous vote of 9-0.

Physician Appointment

Ms. Naylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi that the board approve the appointment of Dr. Rajan Mulloth as the school district physician for the 2021-2022 school year at a stipend of \$10,000. The motion was approved by an unanimous vote of 9-0.

Kelly Services

Mr. Minick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stark that the board approve the appointment of Kelly Services for substitute teacher and support staff services for the 2021-2022 school year. The motion was approved by an unanimous vote of 9-0.

Nutrition Group

Mr. Bianchi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minick that the board approve the contract with Nutrition Group, Inc. for the 2021-2022 school year. The motion was approved by an unanimous vote of 9-0.

2021-2022 Academic Calendar

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Petula that the Board approve the 2021-2022 Academic Calendar. The motion was approved by an unanimous vote of 9-0.

Flexible Instructional Days

Mr. Petula made a motion, seconded by Ms. Naylor that the Board approve the Lackawanna Trail School District's Flexible Instruction Day (FID) application to meet the 180 instructional day requirement of section 1501 of the Pennsylvania Public School Code, 24 P.S. § 15-1501. The FID application is inclusive of the 2021-2022 through 2023-2024 school years. The motion was approved by an unanimous vote of 9-0.

COVID 19 Compensatory Services Teacher

Ms. Naylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minick that the board approve the appointment of Tyler Gratz as the COVID-19 Compensatory teacher starting May 11, 2021 to July 1, 2021 as scheduled at a pay rate of \$25.50/ hour. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by an unanimous vote of 9-0.

COVID 19 Compensatory Services Tutor

Mr. Thorne made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi that the board approve the appointment of Sara Cook as the COVID-19 Compensatory tutor starting May 11, 2021 to the end of the 2020-2021 school year at a pay rate of \$12.00/hour. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by an unanimous vote of 9-0.

Tuition Waiver for Students of Staff and Faculty

Mr. Thorne made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi that the board approve eligible tuition waiver students for the 2021-2022 school year, per Policy #202- Eligibility of Non-Resident Students. The motion was approved by an unanimous vote of 9-0.

First Reading of Policies

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thorne that the board approve the first reading of the following policies:

- 113 Special Education
- 113.1 Discipline of Students With Disabilities
- 113.4 Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information
- 117 Homebound Instruction
- 137 Home Education Programs
- 137.1 Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students
- 601 Objectives
- 602 Budget Planning
- 603 Budget Preparation
- 604 Budget Hearing
- 605 Tax Levy
- 606 Tax Collection
- 607 Tuition Income
- 608 Bank Accounts
- 609 Investments
- 610 Purchases Subject to Bid Quotation
- 611 Purchases Budgeted
- 612 Purchases Not Budgeted
- 613 Cooperative Purchasing
- 614 Payroll Authorization
- 615 Payroll Deductions
- 616 Payment of Bills
- 617 Petty Cash
- 618 Special Purposes Funds
- 619 District Audit-Public
- 620 Fund Balance
- 621 Local Taxpayer Bill of Rights
- 622 GASB Statement 34
- 624 Taxable Fringe Benefits
- 626.1 Travel Reimbursements
- 626.2 Conflict of Interest
- 701 Facilities Planning

702 Gifts, Grants, Donations

810.1 School Bus Drivers and School Commercial Vehicle Drivers

810.2 Transportation Video Audio Recording

810.3 School Vehicle Drivers

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

School Board Treasurer

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minick that the board approve Dr. Mould as Lackawanna Trail School Board Treasurer for the 2021-2022 school year, at a stipend of \$600. The motion was approved 8-0-1. Dr. Mould abstained.

School Board Secretary

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi that the board approve David Thorne as Lackawanna Trail School Board Secretary for a four-year term effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025, at a stipend of \$600 per year. The motion was approved 8-0-1. Mr. Thorne abstained.

Interact Club Advisor Resignation

Ms. Naylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thorne that the board acknowledge the resignation submitted by Nicole Pizzola as the Interact Club Advisor at the end of the 2020-2021 school year. The motion was approved by an unanimous vote of 9-0.

Extra Curricular Fall Weightlifting Coach

Mr. Minick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stark that the board approve Stan Harder as a Fall Weightlifting Coach to begin the 2021-2022 season, at a rate of \$1950, according to the LTEA agreement. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by an unanimous vote of 9-0.

Extra Curricular Volunteer Coach Golf

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thorne that the board approve Steve Beckish as a volunteer Golf Coach for the 2021-2022 season. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by an unanimous vote of 9-0.

Extra Curricular Volunteer Coach Golf

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mulhern that the board approve Rhett Butler as a volunteer Golf Coach for the 2021-2022 season. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by an unanimous vote of 9-0.

Mr. Mulhern announced there will be an executive session prior to the next meeting and the school board meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
David Thorne,
Secretary Board of Education