

Lackawanna Trail School District  
School Board Meeting Minutes  
June 29, 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, June 29, 2020 at 7:34 pm. Public notice thereof having been given in accordance with applicable law. A virtual Zoom Executive Session was held prior to the School Board meeting on June 15, 2020 from 6:33 pm to 8:21 pm. The following items were discussed: Athletic Director contract, School Safety Report, Guidance Counselor Long-Term Substitute position, Staffing for Technology and Act 13 staffing. In attendance for this meeting: All of the board members, Mr. Rakauskas and Mr. Glynn.

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: Mrs. Crum.

Absent: John Audi.

The meeting began with a public statement of tenure by Superintendent Rakauskas for the following teachers: Jessica Bentley and Sarah Richard. There was a period of time set aside for public participation.

Dr. Mould made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stark to approve the minutes from the June 1, 2020 school board special meeting. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote 9-0.

Mr. Stark made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ross to approve the Lackawanna Trail School District's 2020-2021 final budget in the amount of \$22,055,000. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote 9-0.

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minick to approve the following tax rates for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

|                      | Lackawanna County              | Wyoming County                |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Earned Income        | .5% earnings                   | .5 % earnings                 |
| Real Estate Transfer | .5% sale price                 | .5% sale price                |
| Real Estate Tax      | 170.88 mills of assessed value | 91.68 mills of assessed value |

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

Mr. Minick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thorne to approve the 2020 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote 9-0.

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minick to approve Matthew Rakauskas as the Lackawanna Trail School District Pandemic Coordinator. The vote was approved with a vote of 8-1. Voting no was Mr. Thorne.

Mr. Bianchi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ross to approve the 2020-2021 Lackawanna Trail School District Athletic Opening Plan. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote 9-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Minick and seconded by Mr. Ross to approve the contract with Pivot for Athletic Training (\$24 per hour), for the 2020-2021 school year. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote 9-0.

A motion was made by Ms. Naylor, seconded by Mr. Bianchi to approve the appointment of Dr. Rajah Mulloth as the school district physician for the 2020-2021 school year \$10,000 stipend to be paid in full unless any sports season(s) is canceled. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote 9-0.

A motion to was made by Mr. Stark and seconded by Mr. Thorne to table the motion to approve the PATH contract for the 2020-2021 school year, effective July 1, 2020. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote 9-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Ross and seconded by Mr. Thorne to approve the first reading of the following Policies:

103 Nondiscrimination/Discriminatory Harassment- School and Classroom Practices

104 Nondiscrimination of Employment Practices

249 Bullying/Cyberbullying

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

A motion was made by Mr. Minick and seconded by Mr. Bianchi to approve the contract between The Lackawanna Trail School District and Penn East Federal Credit Union for a three-year naming rights agreement starting July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023 for the elementary library for a total of \$5,000. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote 9-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Minick and seconded by Mr. Bianchi to approve extending the required date to use the remaining senior class activity fund balance for the Class of 2020 from June 30, 2020, to July 31, 2020. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote 9-0.

A motion was made by Ms. Naylor and seconded by Mr. Thorne to acknowledge the retirement of Judith Huester from her paraprofessional position effective June 30, 2020. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote 9-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Bianchi and seconded by Mr. Petula to approve the appointment of Ed Gaidula to a one-year Athletic Director contract at a stipend of \$12,000. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote 9-0.

A motion was made by Ms. Naylor and seconded by Mr. Minick to approve Nicole Pizzola as the Interact Adviser starting the 2020-2021 school year, at a stipend of \$2,500, according to the LTEA contract. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote 9-0.

A motion was made by Ms. Naylor and seconded by Mr. Thorne to approve Jeffery Marx as the Humanities Department Chairmen starting the 2020-2021 school year, at a stipend of \$2,470, according to the LTEA contract. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote 9-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Minick and seconded by Mr. Ross to approve Joel Nietz as the Girls Head Varsity Basketball Coach starting the 2020-2021 season, at a stipend of \$5,550, according to the LTEA contract, will not be paid if the season is canceled. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote 9-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Ross and seconded by Mr. Minick to approve Ben Domiano as the Boys Head Varsity Basketball Coach starting the 2020-2021 season, at a stipend of \$5,550, according to the LTEA contract, will not be paid if the season is canceled. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote 9-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Minick and seconded by Mr. Stark to acknowledge the resignation request from Ashley Chuck as the head volleyball coach effective June 30, 2020. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote 9-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Minick and seconded by Mr. Bianchi to approve Ben Simmons as a volunteer Assistant Football Coach for the 2020-2021 school year. All clearances on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote 9-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Ross and seconded by Mr. Bianchi to approve Steve Jervis Sr. as a volunteer Assistant Football Coach for the 2020-2021 school year. All clearances on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote 9-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Minick and seconded by Mr. Ross to approve Colin Golden as a volunteer Assistant Football Coach for the 2020-2021 school year. All clearances on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote 9-0.

A motion was made by Ms. Naylor and seconded by Mr. Bianchi to approve Michelle Fahey as a volunteer Field Hockey Coach for the 2020-2021 school year. All clearances on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote 9-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Minick and seconded by Ms. Naylor to approve John Yanniello as a volunteer Boys Basketball Coach for the 2020-2021 school year. All clearances on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote 9-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Minick and seconded by Ms. Naylor to approve John Yanniello as a volunteer Baseball Coach for the 2020-2021 school year. All clearances on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote 9-0.

Added to the agenda:

A motion was made by Mr. Stark and seconded by Mr. Bianchi to approve that all bills are found to be true and accurate. The motion was approved by a roll call vote 7-0 with 2 abstentions.

A motion was made by Mr. Stark and seconded by Dr. Mould to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. The motion was approved by a roll call vote 8-0 with 1 abstention.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Mulhern, Secretary  
Board of Education