

Lackawanna Trail School District
Special School Board Meeting Minutes
June 7, 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, June 7, 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 6:05 pm to 7:29 pm. All nine board directors were present for this meeting. The following items were discussed: negotiations with bus contractors, private transportation contractor's contracts, personnel/staffing and a solicitor's report.

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. Representing Sweet Stevens Attorney David Conn.

The meeting began with an Elementary Emotional Support Proposal by Amie Talarico. There was also an opportunity for public participation.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Thorne made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ross to approve the minutes from the May 10, 2021 School Board Meeting. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Bill Listing

Mr. Ross 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.

Treasurer's Report

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

Emergency Instruction Time

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi that the board approve the Lackawanna Trail Emergency Instruction Time Resolution for the 2021-2022 school year. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Title III MOU with the NEIU 19 Consortium

Mr. Stark made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minick that the board approve the Title III MOU with the NEIU19 Consortium for the 2021-2022 school year. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Updated Pivot Athletic Training Services Contract

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Ms. Naylor that the board approve the updated Pivot Athletic Training Services contract for 1200 hours of service for the 2021-2022 school year at a rate of \$29,520 with additional hours billed at \$35 per hour. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Request for Qualifications - Engineering and Architecture Services

Mr. Thorne made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mould that the Board approve the Business Office to seek qualifications and pricing for engineering and architecture services related to the construction of a Recreational Athletic Facility from Hemmler Camayd, BDA Architects and Quad 3. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Second Reading of Policies

Mr. Thorne made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mould that the board approve the second reading of the following policies:

- a. 113 Special Education
- b. 113.1 Discipline of Students with Disabilities
- c. 113.4 Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information
- d. 117 Homebound Instruction
- e. 137 Home Education Programs
- f. 137.1 Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students
- g. 601 Objectives
- h. 602 Budget Planning
- i. 603 Budget Preparation
- j. 604 Budget Hearing
- k. 605 Tax Levy
- l. 606 Tax Collection
- m. 607 Tuition Income
- n. 608 Bank Accounts
- o. 609 Investments
- p. 610 Purchases Subject to Bid Quotation
- q. 611 Purchases Budgeted
- r. 612 Purchases Not Budgeted
- s. 613 Cooperative Purchasing
- t. 614 Payroll Authorization
- u. 615 Payroll Deductions
- v. 616 Payment of Bills
- w. 617 Petty Cash
- x. 618 Special Purposes Funds
- y. 619 District Audit-Public
- z. 620 Fund Balance

- aa. 621 Local Taxpayer Bill of Rights
- bb. 622 GASB Statement 34
- cc. 624 Taxable Fringe Benefits
- dd. 626.1 Travel Reimbursements
- ee. 626.2 Conflict of Interest
- ff. 701 Facilities Planning
- gg. 702 Gifts, Grants, Donations
- hh. 810.1 School Bus Drivers and School Commercial Vehicle Drivers
- ii. 810.2 Transportation Video Audio Recording
- jj. 810.3 School Vehicle Drivers

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

Secondary Science Teacher

Ms. Naylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi that the board approve Emily Baileys as the Secondary Science Teacher at a salary of \$59,572.35, Master's Level, Step 3, according to the LTEA contract, effective at the beginning the 2021-2022 school year. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a vote of 8-0-1. Mr. Ross abstained his vote.

Secondary Math Teacher

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Ms. Naylor that the board approve Katie Beichler as the Secondary Math Teacher at a salary of \$73,027.02, Master's + 36 Level, Step 8, according to the LTEA contract, effective at the beginning the 2021-2022 school year. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a vote of 8-0-1. Mr. Ross abstained his vote.

Secondary English Teacher

Ms. Naylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi that the board approve Laura Hardiman as the Secondary English Teacher at a salary of \$63,679.47, Master's + 12 level, step 5, according to the LTEA contract, effective at the beginning the 2021-2022 school year. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a vote of 8-0-1. Mr. Ross abstained his vote.

Elementary Teacher

Mr. Minick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thorne that the board approve Danielle Dwyer as the Elementary Teacher at a salary of \$64,415.66, Master's level, step 7, according to the LTEA contract, effective at the beginning the 2021-2022 school year. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a vote of 8-0-1. Mr. Ross abstained his vote.

Elementary Teacher

Ms. Naylor made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mould that the board approve Morgan Doerner as the Elementary Teacher at a salary of \$53,140.78, Bachelor's + 12 Level, Step 1, according to the LTEA contract, effective at the beginning the 2021-2022 school year. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a vote of 8-0-1. Mr. Ross abstained his vote.

Elementary Teacher

Mr. Minick made a motion, seconded by Ms. Naylor that the board approve Courtney Gwizdz as the Elementary Teacher at a salary of \$51,674.37, Bachelor's Level, Step 2 according to the LTEA contract, effective at the beginning the 2021-2022 school year. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a vote of 8-0-1. Mr. Ross abstained his vote.

Elementary Music Teacher

Mr. Thorne made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi that the board approve Becky Burdett as the Elementary Music Teacher at a salary of \$67,248.44, Master's + 36 level, step 3, according to the LTEA contract, effective at the beginning the 2021-2022 school year. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a vote of 8-0-1. Mr. Ross abstained his vote.

Maintenance II

Mr. Bianchi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stark that the board approve the appointment of John McNulty to the full-time Maintenance II position with a start date of June 14, 2021 at a rate of \$14.00 per hour. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Paraprofessional Retirement

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Ms. Naylor that the board acknowledge the retirement of Marie Pawelzik effective June 30, 2021. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Compensatory Services Teacher

Ms. Naylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minick that the board approve Jessica Tighe as the Compensatory Services Teacher from June 14 to July 1, 2021, at a pay rate of \$25.50/hour. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Compensatory Services Teacher

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mulhern that the board approve Rachel Hain as the Compensatory Services Teacher from June 14 to July 1, 2021, at a pay rate of \$25.50/hour. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Compensatory Services Teacher

Ms. Naylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stark that the board approve Marena Horan as the Compensatory Services Teacher from June 14 to July 1, 2021, at a pay rate of \$25.50/hour. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Extended School Year Teacher

Ms. Naylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thorne that the board approve Jessica Tighe as the Extended School Year Teacher from July 7 to August 10, 2021, at a pay rate of \$25.50/hour. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Extended School Year Teacher

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi that the board approve Rachel Hain as the Extended School Year Teacher from July 7 to August 10, 2021, at a pay rate of \$25.50/hour. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Extended School Year Teacher

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mulhern that the board approve Marena Horan as the Extended School Year Teacher from July 7 to August 10, 2021, at a pay rate of \$25.50/hour. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Extended School Year Teacher

Mr. Stark made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thorne that the board approve Megyn Stevens as the Extended School Year Teacher from July 7 to August 10, 2021, at a pay rate of \$25.50/hour. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Science Department Chairperson

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi that the board approve Kelly Berry as the Science Department Chairperson starting the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year at a stipend of \$2,470 as per the LTEA contract. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Unpaid Time Off

Mr. Stark made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thorne that the board retroactively approve an unpaid half-day request from Wendy Semken that took place on Friday, May 28, 2021. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Extra Curricular Fall Cheerleading Advisor

Ms. Naylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minick that the board approve Danielle Dwyer as a Fall Cheerleading Advisor to begin the 2021-2022 season, at a rate of \$2,400, according to the LTEA agreement. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Extra Curricular Marching Band Color Guard

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Petula that the board approve Kelly Hopkins as the Marching Band Color Guard Advisor to begin the 2021-2022 season, at a rate of \$2,175, according to the LTEA agreement. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Extra Curricular Head Softball Coach

Mr. Thorne made a motion, seconded by Ms. Naylor that the board approve Kristen Kurpis as the Head Softball Coach to begin the 2021-2022 season, at a rate of \$5,100, according to the LTEA agreement. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a vote of 8-0-1. Dr. Mould abstained his vote.

Extra Curricular Volunteer Football Coach

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ross that the board approve Steve Jarvis Sr. as a volunteer Assistant Football Coach for the 2021-2022 school year. All clearances on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Extra Curricular Volunteer Football Coach

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thorne that the board approve Ben Simmons as a volunteer Assistant Football Coach for the 2021-2022 school year. All clearances on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Extra Curricular Volunteer Football Coach

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mulhern that the board approve Vince Kalinoski Jr. as a volunteer Assistant Football Coach for the 2021-2022 school year. All clearances on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Extra Curricular Volunteer Football Coach

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thorne that the board approve Jeff Stage as a volunteer Assistant Football Coach for the 2021-2022 school year. All clearances on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Extra Curricular Volunteer Football Coach

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ross that the board approve Jeff Edwards as a volunteer Assistant Football Coach for the 2021-2022 school year. All clearances on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Extra Curricular Volunteer Football Coach

Mr. Minick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thorne that the board approve Colin Golden as a volunteer Assistant Football Coach for the 2021-2022 school year. All clearances on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Extra Curricular Volunteer Assistant Football Cheerleading Coach

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ross that the board approve Lauren Keyes as a volunteer Assistant Football Cheerleading Coach for the 2021-2022 school year. All clearances on file. The motion was approved by a 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 9:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
David Thorne,
Secretary Board of Education