

Lackawanna Trail School District
School Board Meeting Minutes
August 20, 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 a special scheduled meeting, via a Zoom Meeting, on Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 7:31 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 August 12, 2020 from 7:00 pm to 9:15 pm. The following items were discussed: personnel and staffing changes.

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 started with a period of time set aside for public participation.

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Ms. Naylor to approve the meeting minutes from the August 10, 2020 school board meeting. One correction was made, stating the Interim contract was approved 8-1 with Mr. Bianchi voting no. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Mr. Minick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi to acknowledge Rick Kordish's retirement request as Transportation Director/Maintenance Supervisor effective December 8, 2020. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Mr. Bianchi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mulhern to approve Thomas Schofield for the Transportation/ Maintenance Supervisor, to begin on August 21, 2020 at a salary of \$ 62,500, prorated from start date, as stipulated in the Act 93 contract. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved with a vote of 8-0-1. Mr. Petula abstained.

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi to approve Tara Crum as a full time Confidential Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent /Transportation Assistant to begin on August 21, 2020. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Ms. Naylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minick to ratify the consulting contract with Transfinder for \$2,400. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Mr. Thorne made a motion, seconded by Mr. Petula to approve the Business Office to engage Transfinder for professional services for implementation and training on Routefinder Plus for up to \$9,250. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Ms. Naylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ross to approve the appointment of Ashlinn Simpson to the Secondary Special Education Teaching position beginning September 8, 2020, at the Bachelor's Level Step 1, \$49,836, as stipulated in the collective bargaining agreement. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi to approve Corey Packer for the Maintenance II position, to begin on September 4, 2020 at \$14.00 per hour, as stipulated in the LTESPA contract. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Ms. Naylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thorne to approve the appointment of Jessica Bentley as the mentor to the Secondary Special Education Teacher, Ashlinn Simpson, at a stipend of \$450 for the 2020-2021 School Year, as per the LTEA agreement. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote of 9-0.

There was no motion made to remove from the table the motion to amend the 2020-2021 Lackawanna Trail School District Athletic Opening Plan. The motion stays on the table.

Ms. Naylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mulhern to approve the tuition waiver requests for Ameila Yanniello and Mia Rose Becchetti for the 2020-2021 school year, per Policy #202-Eligibility of Non-Resident Students. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Mr. Bianchi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stark to approve the Brenda Grunza, RN as a School Nurse Substitute for the 2020-2021 school year. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Mr. Minick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi to approve Private Vehicle Contractors and Substitutes: Theresa Loney, Gretchen Sheposh, Linda Kettell for the 2020-2021 school year. All clearances are currently on file. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote of 9-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.
Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Mulhern, Secretary
Board of Education