

Lackawanna Trail School District
School Board Meeting Minutes
April 12, 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, April 12, 2021 at 7:34 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 6:32 pm to 7:25 pm. All nine board directors were present for this meeting. The following items were discussed: personnel and a legal issue.

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

Present: Mr. Bianchi, Mr. Minick, Dr. Mould, Mr. Mulhern, Ms. Naylor, Mr. Ross, Mr. Stark and Mr. Thorne.

Absent: Mr. Petula

Administrators present: Mr. Glynn, Mr. Kearney, Mrs. Kuchak, Dr. Murphy, Mr. Rakauskas, Mr. Schofield and Miss Talarico.

Absent: John Audi.

The meeting began with an opportunity for public participation.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minick to approve the meeting minutes from the March 8, 2021 regular school board meeting and the April 6, 2021 Work Session meeting. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0-1. Mr. Thorne abstained.

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 8-0.

Treasurer's Report: February

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mould to approve the Treasurer's Report from February 2021 as submitted. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

Treasurer's Report: March

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mould to approve that the board approve the Treasurer's Report from March 2021 as submitted. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

Tax Collector Compensation

Mr. Minick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thorne to maintain the current Tax Collector Compensation Rates at \$3.00 per bill mailed, \$7.00 per full bill and first installment collected, \$2.50 per 2nd and 3rd installment collected. Rate will remain in

effect for 2020-2021 through 2023-24 School Years. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

Transportation Contract

Mr. Bianchi made a motion, seconded by Ms. Naylor to approve the transportation contract with the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf for the 2021-2022 school year. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

Tower North Contract Renewal

Mr. Bianchi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ross to approve the Tower North contract renewal from April 30, 2021 to April 30, 2022. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

Pivot Contracts

Mr. Thorne made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minick to approve the contract with Pivot for Athletic Training (\$24,600 with additional hours billed at \$24 per hour), Physical Therapy (\$105 per hour), and Occupational Therapy (\$105) for the 2021-2022 school year. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

Resolution for Charter School Funding Reform

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mulhern to approve the Resolution for Charter School Funding Reform. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

PlanCon Part K Approval

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mould to approve the PlanCon Part K forms for submission to the Pennsylvania Department of Education. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

Flooring Replacement Bids

Mr. Bianchi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minick to approve the solicitation of bids for flooring replacement in the Elementary Center and Junior-Senior High School. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

Advertising Rates 2021-2022

Mr. Stark made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi to approve the following advertising rates in the high school and elementary gyms for 2021-2022, on the recommendation of the superintendent:

- a. 3' X 4' \$250
- b. 4'X 6' \$300
- c. Annual renewal \$75

The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

COVID Travel Policy Update: Eliminate Out-Of-State Travel Restrictions

Mr. Minick made a motion, seconded by Ms. Naylor to eliminate the out-of-state travel restrictions, as per previously adopted policy on September 8, 2020, then revised on December 7, 2020. The Pennsylvania Department of Health has declared that the travel ban is no longer in effect. Travelers should still practice appropriate public health measures to slow the spread of COVID-19 such as masking, physical distance and hand hygiene. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

Final Reading and Adoption of Policies

Mr. Thorne made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ross to approve the final reading and adoption of the following policies:

- 100 Comprehensive Planning
- 101 Mission Statement/Vision Statement/Shared Values
- 102 Academic Standards
- 103 Discrimination/ Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Students
- 105 Curriculum
- 106 Guides for Planned Instruction
- 107 Adoption of Planned Instruction
- 113.2 Behavior Support
- 114 Gifted Education
- 116 Tutoring
- 218.3 Discipline of a Student Convicted/Adjudicated for Sexual Assault
- 252 Dating Violence

The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

Confidential Administrative Assistant and Transportation Assistant

Mr. Bianchi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mulhern to approve the contract with Tara Crum as a full time Confidential Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent /Transportation Assistant effective from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024, at a pay rate of \$21.50/ hour for the first year. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

School Resource Officer

Mr. Mulern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minick to approve the agreement between the Lackawanna Trail School District and Dalton Borough Police Department for (\$42.00 per hour) for the 2021-2022 school year for School Resource Officer (SRO) services. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

Athletic Director

Dr. Mould made a motion, seconded by Ms. Naylor to approve the appointment of Ed Gaidula to a three-year Athletic Director contract at a stipend of \$13,250 for the first year to begin July 1, 2021 and end June 30, 2024. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

Retirement

Mr. Minick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mulhern to acknowledge the retirement of Nancy Brown, High School English Teacher, effective upon the completion of the 2020-2021 school year. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

Retirement

Mr. Minick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi to acknowledge the retirement of Kimberli Brown, Elementary School Teacher, effective upon the completion of the 2020-2021 school year. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

Retirement

Ms. Naylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mulhern to acknowledge the retirement of Jodi Rinehimer, Elementary School Music Teacher, effective upon the completion of the 2020-2021 school year. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

Retirement

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mould to acknowledge the retirement of Claire Signorello, High School Math Teacher, effective upon the completion of the 2020-2021 school year. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

Retirement

Mr. Thorne made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi to acknowledge the retirement of John Richter, High School Science Teacher, effective upon the completion of the 2020-2021 school year. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

Retirement

Ms. Naylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stark to acknowledge the retirement of Celeste Cali, Elementary Center Librarian, effective upon the completion of the 2020-2021 school year. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

Resignation Maintenance II

Mr. Bianchi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mulhern to acknowledge the resignation of Maddie Lengel from her Maintenance II position, retroactively effective on March 26, 2021. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

Science Department Chair Resignation

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ross to acknowledge the resignation of John Richter as the Science Department Chair position at the end of the 2020-2021 school year. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

Extra Curricular Percussion Director Resignation

Ms. Naylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stark to acknowledge the resignation of Jodi Rinehimer as the Marching Band Percussion Director at the end of the 2020-2021 school year. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

Extra Curricular Head Softball Coach Resignation

Mr. Minick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi to acknowledge the resignation of John Richter as the Head Softball Coach at the end of the 2020-2021 school year. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

Extra Curricular Football Cheerleading Coach Resignation

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thorne to acknowledge the resignation of Lauren Keyes as the Football Cheerleading Coach at the end of 2020-2021 school year. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

Extra Curricular Volunteer Coach Track and Field

Mr. Bianchi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mulhern to approve Mary Smarkusky as a volunteer Track and Field Coach for the 2020-2021 season. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

Extra Curricular Volunteer Coach Baseball

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minick to approve Luke Ryon as a volunteer Baseball Coach for the 2020-2021 season. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

Mr. Mulhern announced there will be an executive session prior to the next meeting and the school board meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Thorne, Secretary
Board of Education