

Lackawanna Trail School District
School Board Meeting Minutes
June 28, 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 28, 2021 at 7:38 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 7:30 pm. All nine board directors were present for this meeting. The following items were discussed: staffing report, vacancies, personnel and a safe schools update.

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: Attorney John Audi.

There was one discussion for CORRESPONDENCE: Acknowledgement of receipt of PlanCon Part K submission.

The meeting began with a 2021-2022 Health and Safety Plan Overview presentation by Superintendent Mathew Rakauskas. during public participation the superintendent reviewed the proposed Health and Safety plan and solicited public input. Also, the superintendent reviewed progress toward the current and developing Comprehensive Plan during his public report.

There was also an opportunity for public participation.

Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stark to approve the June 7, 2021 Special School Board meeting minutes. The motion was approved with a vote of 8-0-1. Mr. Bianchi abstained his vote.

Bill Listing

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

July Bills

Dr. Mould made a motion, seconded by Mr. Petula that the board approve the business manager to pay any necessary bills for the month of July 2021 should the scheduled July 26, 2021 meeting be cancelled. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote of 9-0.

2021-2022 Budget

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thorne that the board approve the Lackawanna Trail School District's 2021-2022 final budget in the amount of \$21,481,712. The motion was approved with a vote of 8-1. Mr. Petula voted no.

Tax Rates 2021-2022

Dr. Mould made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stark that the board approve the following tax rates for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

	Lackawanna County	Wyoming County
Earned Income	.5% earnings	.5 % earnings
Real Estate Transfer	.5% sale price	.5% sale price
Real Estate Tax assessed value	174.76 mills of assessed value	91.69 mills of

The motion was approved with a vote of 8-1. Mr. Petula voted no.

Lackawanna Trail 2021-2022 Health and Safety Plan

Mr. Bianchi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thorne that the board approve the Lackawanna Trail 2021-2022 Health and Safety Plan for the opening of school. The motion was approved with a vote of 8-1. Mr. Petula voted no.

Homestead Farmstead Exclusion Resolution

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi that the board approve the 2021 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Assessment Appeal Stipulation

Mr. Minick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mulhern that the board accepts the Assessment Appeal Stipulation for the following property: PIN number 02-074.0-001-00-00-00 to the assessed valuation of \$48,425 effective for 2021 real estate tax. The motion was approved with a vote of 8-1. Mr. Ross voted no.

Bus Contract Rate

Mr. Bianchi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Petula that the board approve the bus contractors' contracts for the 2021-22 school year. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Car and Van Driver Rate

Mr. Bianchi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Petula that the board approve the recommended car and van driver's rate at \$1.53/mile as per state formula for the 2021-2022 school year. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Athletic Event Stipend Matrix

Dr. Mould made a motion, seconded by Ms. Naylor that the board approve the Athletic Event Stipend Matrix effective 7/1/2021. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Adoption of Policies

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thorne that the board approve the adoption 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 with a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Special Education Teacher

Ms. Naylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thorne that the board approve Victoria Brown as a Special Education Teacher at a salary of \$58,235.08, Masters 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 with a vote of 8-0-1. Mr. Ross voted abstained.

Mentor

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minick that the board approve the appointment of Kathy Ewing as the mentor to the Elementary Teacher, Morgan Doerner, at a stipend of \$450 for the 2021-2022 School Year, as per the LTEA agreement. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Mentor

Ms. Naylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mulhern that the board approve the appointment of Betty Jo Bergey as the mentor to the Elementary Teacher, Courtney Gwizdz, at a stipend of \$450 for the 2021-2022 School Year, as per the LTEA agreement. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-2-2. Mr. Petula and Mr. Ross voted no. Mr. Minick and Dr. Mould abstained.

Trail American Rescue Act Summer Teachers

Mr. Petula made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minick that the board approve the following list of teachers at an hourly rate of \$25.50, as Trail American Rescue Act Summer Teachers:

- Keith Youtz
- Connie Harris
- Jessica Witinski
- LeeAnn Lombardi
- Tim Ronchi
- Brittany Butler
- Kelly Hopkins
- Judy Ambrose

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

Extended School Year Teacher

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ross that the board approve Nicole Weisenfluh 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 with a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Extended School Year Teacher

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minick that the board approve Amanda McGraw 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 with a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Retirement

Ms. Naylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Petula that the board acknowledge the retirement of Sharon Wademan from her position as the cafeteria manager effective June 30, 2021. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Extra Curricular Volunteer Boys Basketball Coach

Dr. Mould made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thorne that the board approve Keith Glynn as a volunteer Boys' Varsity Basketball coach for the 2021-2022 school year. All clearances on file. The motion was tabled.

Extra Curricular Volunteer Boys Basketball Coach

Mr. Thorne made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stark that the board approve John Yanniello as a volunteer Boys' Varsity Basketball coach for the 2021-2022 school year. All clearances on file. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Amend Agenda

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi that the board approve amend the agenda. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Amend Flooring Contract

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stark that the board approve the change order to the flooring project not to exceed \$55,000 to handle abatement of asbestos floor adhesive found in Elementary and Junior Senior High School. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Mr. Mulhern announced that the July 26, 2021 school board meeting will be canceled and that there will be an executive session prior to the next meeting and the school board meeting was adjourned at 9:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Thorne,
Secretary Board of Education