

Lackawanna Trail School District
School Board Meeting Minutes
August 9, 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, August 9, 2021 at 7:30 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 6:30 pm to 7:28 pm. All nine board directors were present for this meeting. The following items were discussed: personnel as listed on the agenda, Naming Rights and the Superintendent's response to his performance evaluation.

President Mulhern called the meeting to order and directed the secretary to call 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, Mrs. Kuchak, Dr. Murphy, Mr. Rakauskas, Mr. Schofield and Miss Talarico.

Absent: Mr. Kearney and Attorney John Audi.

Public Participation

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ross that the minutes from the June 28, 2021 School Board Meeting and the August 2, 2021 Work Session Meeting be approved as submitted. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Bill Listing

Dr. Mould made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stark 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.

Settlement Agreement

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thorne that the board approve the Settlement Agreement with student # 22162. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Lackawanna Trail 2021-2022 Health and Safety Plan Revisions

Mr. Bianchi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stark that the board approve the revisions to The Lackawanna Trail 2021-2022 Health and Safety Plan for the Opening of School. The motion was approved with a vote of 7-2. Dr. Mould and Mr. Petula voted no.

Architecture/Engineering Services

Dr. Mould made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mulhern that the board approve Hemmler + Camayd Architects as the architecture/engineering firm for the Recreational Educational Facility project at a cost of \$105,320. The motion was approved 8-1. Mr. Petula voted no.

Transportation Contract

Mr. Bianchi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ross that the board approve the services to be provided by the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf for the 2021-2022 school year. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Flooring Project

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Petula that the board approve change orders to the flooring project from assigned fund balance to handle moisture mitigation base at high school and elementary playground entrance tile change in the amounts of \$74,942.73 and \$4,152.85, respectively. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

PATH Contract

Mr. Thorne made a motion, seconded by Ms. Naylor that the board approve the PATH contract for the 2021-2022 school year, effective July 1, 2021. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Network Support Agreement

Ms. Naylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thorne that the board approve an agreement with ISS for network support services in the amount of \$7,000. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Cafeteria Tables

Mr. Bianchi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minick that the board approve the purchase of 12 elementary cafeteria tables from assigned fund balance for \$23,754.74. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Caregivers Nursing Services

Ms. Naylor made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mould that the board approve CareGivers America Medical Staffing, LLC Service Agreement to provide contracted substitute nursing services for the 2021-2022 school year. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Interim Healthcare Nursing Services

Mr. Stark made a motion, seconded by Mr. Petula that the board approve Interim Healthcare Service Agreement to provide contracted substitute nursing services for the 2021-2022 school year. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Title III MOU

Mr. Bianchi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stark that the board approve The Title III MOU with the NEIU 19 Consortium for the 2021-2022 school year. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Bus and Private Drivers

Mr. Thorne made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mould that the board approve the following list of bus contractors/contracted drivers for the 2021-2022 school year. All clearances are currently on file.

Bus Contractors Bus Drivers

Gloria Aten, Tina Barrasse, Wayne Beers, Anthony Dodge Jr., Sandy Fulkersin, Bonnie Gregory, James Gregory, Brian Kane, L. Robyn Nichols, Nichols Bus Company, Padula Ritter Bus Company, Joann Padula, James Schirg, Pam Sebjan, Mary Smarkusky, Tina Smith, Allen Tator, David Vangorder, James B. Vasky and James M. Vasky.

Substitute Bus Drivers

William Archer, Paul Fetter, Brandon Loch, James R. Nichols, Ray Oswald, Brian Ritter, Jason Schirg, Vladimir Schalasta, William Smarkusky and Sandra Snyder.

Private Vehicle Contractors and Substitutes

Adele Bianchi, Brenda Bouch, Derek Buffington, Margaret Burns, D. Wayne Burns, Gayle Demming, David Duchnik, Kathy Geerts, Catherine Gerrity, Kenneth Hansen, Lizbeth Hansen, Debbie Hazlak, Constance James, Vince Kalinoski, Ann Marie Kalinoski, Linda Kettell, Amy Kishbaugh, Michael Kishbaugh, Theresa Loney, Darlene Matthews, Connie Otto, Gretchen Sheposh, Judith Smith, Karl Smith, Arlene Sorak, Cheryl Sutton and Gennifer Sutton.

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

Substitute Nurses

Mr. Minick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ross that the board approve the following School Nurse Substitutes for the 2021-2022 school year. All clearances are on file.

Maureen Mahoney, RN
Jennifer Wert, RN
Brenda Grunza, RN

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

Items for Sale: Gym Lockers

Mr. Minick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Petula that the board approve the sale of the gym lockers to Emily Woodward at a bid of \$15 for the set of lockers that were posted for bid from 6/23/2021 to 7/24/2021. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Secondary Health and Physical Education

Mr. Stark made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mulhern that the board approve the appointment of Mallory Griggs to the Secondary Health and Physical Education position beginning the 2021-2022 school year at Bachelor's Step 1 at a starting salary of \$51,064.37, as stipulated in the collective bargaining agreement. All clearances on file. The motion was approved 8-0-1. Mr. Ross abstained his vote.

Mentor

Ms. Naylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thorne that the board approve the appointment of Donna Biglin as the mentor to the Special Education teacher, Victoria Brown, at a stipend of \$450 for the 2021-2022 School Year, as per the LTEA agreement. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Paraprofessional Retirement

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mould that the board acknowledge Debbie Josephite's request to retire effective 8/9/2021. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Personal Care Assistant

Ms. Naylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stark that the board approve Matt Zumbach as a full-time Level I Personal Care Assistant at 6 ½ hours per day, as scheduled at the rate of \$20.50 per hour plus \$2.50 per hour whenever in the Level I Elementary Emotional Support classroom, per the LTESPA collective bargaining agreement, to begin the 2021-2022 school year. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Personal Care Assistant

Mr. Minick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi that the board approve Ann Miner as a full-time one on one Paraprofessional at 6 ½ hours per day, as scheduled at the rate of \$20.50 per hour, per the LTESPA collective bargaining agreement, to begin the 2021-2022 school year. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Personal Care Assistant

Mr. Stark made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mould that the board approve Dawn Zawicki as a part-time Level I Personal Care Assistant at 4 ¾ hours per day, as scheduled at the rate of \$20.50 per hour plus \$2.50 per hour whenever in one on one service with a Level I student, per the LTESPA collective bargaining agreement, to begin the 2021-2022 school year. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Personal Care Assistant

Ms. Naylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stark that the board approve Lora Wright as a part-time Level I Personal Care Assistant at 4 ¾ hours per day, as scheduled at the rate of \$13.25 per hour plus \$2.50 per hour whenever in one on one service with a Level I student, per the LTESPA collective bargaining agreement, to begin the 2021-2022 school year. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Paraprofessional

Dr. Mould made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi that the board approve Kara Waters as a part-time Paraprofessional at 4 ¾ hours per day, as scheduled at the rate of \$13.25 per hour, per the LTESPA collective bargaining agreement, to begin the 2021-2022 school year. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Paraprofessional

Dr. Mould made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mulhern that the board approve Linde Maurer as a part-time Paraprofessional at 4 ¾ hours per day, as scheduled at the rate of \$13.25 per hour, per the LTESPA collective bargaining agreement, to begin the 2021-2022 school year. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Paraprofessional

Ms. Naylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stark that the board approve Lauren Keyes as a part-time Paraprofessional at 4 ¾ hours per day, as scheduled at the rate of \$13.25 per hour, per the LTESPA collective bargaining agreement, to begin the 2021-2022 school year. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Junior and Senior High Student Handbooks

Mr. Bianchi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Petula that the board approve Jr. and the Sr. High 2021-2022 Student Handbooks. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Elementary Student Handbooks

Mr. Bianchi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Petula that the board approve Elementary 2021-2022 Student Handbooks. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Remove from the Table: Extra Curricular Volunteer Boys' Basketball Coach

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mould that the board remove from the table the motion from June 28, 2021 to approve Keith Glynn as a volunteer Boys' Varsity Basketball coach for the 2021-2022 school year. All clearances on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Interact Advisor

Ms. Naylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Petula that the board approve Katie Beichler as the Interact Advisor starting the 2021-2022 school year at a stipend of \$2,500, according to the LTEA contract. The motion was approved by a vote of 8-0-1. Mr. Ross abstained his vote.

Extra Curricular Volunteer Boys' Basketball Coach

Mr. Minick made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mould that the board approve Keith Glynn as a volunteer Boys' Basketball 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 Boys' Basketball Coach

Mr. Stark made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thorne that the board approve Dimitri Gnall as a volunteer Boys' Basketball 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 Varsity Field Hockey Coach

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi that the board approve Marisa Ryon as a volunteer Varsity Field Hockey 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 Varsity Field Hockey Coach

Mr. Minick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi that the board approve Kelly Martin as a volunteer Varsity Field Hockey 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 Varsity Field Hockey Coach

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Ms. Naylor that the board approve Erin Burns as a volunteer Varsity Field Hockey 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 Jr. High Field Hockey Coach

Mr. Minick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thorne that the board approve Michelle Fahey as a volunteer Jr. High Field Hockey coach for the 2021-2022 school year. All clearances on file.

Mr. Mulhern announced there will be an executive session prior to the next meeting and the school board meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Thorne,
Secretary Board of Education