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On Tuesday, October 12, 2021 from 7:30 – 9:13 PM The Lackawanna Trail School District Board of Directors met in person in the Board Room of the Administrative Office Wing, with an in person and virtual option for the public, for the regularly scheduled Board Meeting. Public notice thereof having been given in accordance with applicable law. An Executive Session was held in the Board Room from 6:32 – 7:29 PM to discuss the Solicitor's Report, the legal obligations of the masking order, legal guidelines for correspondence, and personnel related to staffing. Mr. Bianchi was absent, and all other board members were present.

Secretary Thorne called the meeting to order at 7:30 and directed the vice-president to call the roll. All board members were present with the exception of Mr. Bianchi. Administrators present were Mr. Rakauskas and Mr. Glynn, and joining virtually were Mr. Kearney, Mrs. Kuchak, Dr. Murphy, Mr. Gaidula, Mr. Schofield, and Ms. Talarico. Solicitor John Audi was present in person.

The minutes from the September 13 School Board Meeting and the October 4 Work Session were approved 8-0 (motion by Stark, seconded by Minick)

Prior to Public Participation Solicitor Audi stated the district's position and rationale for following the Mask Order. In addition, Audi announced that if a member of the public wished to address the board he/she would need to do so through public participation, because correspondence to the board will not be read publicly. After Public Participation, the following motions were voted on:

1. The Bill Listing was approved 8-0 (motion by Mould, seconded by Petula)
2. The Treasurer's Report was approved 8-0 (motion by Mould, seconded by Stark)
3. The Financial Statement Auditor Contract between the District and Murphy Dougherty & Co for 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 Financial Statement Audits was approved 8-0. (motion by Minick, seconded by Ross)
4. The sale of a Wooden Desk to the lowest bidder at \$26 was awarded to Kelly Hopkins by an approval of 8-0. (motion by Ross, seconded by Naylor)
5. The following policies were approved for second reading by a vote of 8-0:
 - a. 006 Meetings
 - b. 707.1 Athletic Facilities Advertising
 - c. 707.2 Naming Rights
 - d. 903 Public Participation in Board Meetings (motion by Ross, seconded by Naylor)
6. A student disciplinary action for student number 26065 was approved 8-0. (motion by Naylor, seconded by Thorne)
7. Victoria Brown's resignation as a Learning Support Teacher was acknowledged 8-0. (motion by Naylor, seconded by Minick)

8. The appointment of Tara Conway as a Learning Support Teacher at a Master's Level Step I at a prorated starting salary of \$58,235.08 was approved by a vote of 8-0. (motion by Minick, seconded by Ross)
9. The appointment of Kathleen Loughney to the Hybrid Elementary Faculty Position was approved 7-1 at her current step and column. Mr. Thorne voted no. (motion by Mulhern, seconded by Stark)
10. The appointment of Heather Stage as the Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Transportation Director from November 1st 2021 – June 30th 2024 at a salary of \$20 per hour for the first year was approved 8-0. (motion by Petula, seconded by Mulhern)
11. A motion to remove from the appointment of a paraprofessional from the table was approved 8-0. (motion by Thorne, seconded by Minick)
12. Jacqueline Thomas was approved as a bus driver for the 2021-2022 school year by a vote of 8-0. (motion by Mulhern, seconded by Mould)
13. A motion to approved Kelsey Hopkins as a marching band volunteer for the 2021-2022 school year was approved 8-0. (motion by Petula, seconded by Minick)

During New Business, as part of a joint report between the Special Education Director and Superintendent, an update was presented on progress made by the Comprehensive Planning Committee with a focus on results from the recent needs assessment survey conducted in August. Ms. Talarico and Mr. Rakauskas presented the information through a slide show. Also, Mrs. Kuchak and Mr. Petula gave an update on the Wellness Committee meeting which was held on October 8th.

It was announced prior to adjournment that the board would meet in executive session on November 1st prior to the Work Session.

Respectfully submitted by David Thorne, Board Secretary