

Lackawanna Trail School District
School Board Meeting Minutes
November 8, 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, November 8, 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 6:37 pm to 7:21 pm. All nine board directors were present for this meeting and attorney John John Freund. The following items were discussed: Personnel and staffing and Legal update from solicitor.

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, Mr. Kearney, Mrs. Kuchak, Dr. Murphy, Mr. Rakauskas, Mr. Gaidula, Mr. Schofield and Ms. Talarico.

Public Participation

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianci that the minutes from the October 12, 2021 School Board Meeting and the November 1, 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. Minick 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. Ross that the board approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Assignment of Fund Balance

Dr. Mould made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thorne that the board assign \$2,000,000 of fund balance at November 8, 2021 for the following purpose:

- \$2,000,000 for future capital projects, reassignment to listed categories at the discretion of the Business Manager.

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

Flooring Replacement Project Funding

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi that the board approve the funding of the change orders to the district 2021 flooring project from the assigned fund balance in the amounts of \$45,882.32 for asbestos abatement and \$63,648.26 for moisture mitigation. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Policies for Adoption

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Ms. Naylor that the board approve the adoption of the following policies:

- 006 Meetings
- 707.1 Athletic Facilities Advertising
- 707.2 Naming Rights
- 903 Public Participation in Board Meetings

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

Elementary Special Education Teacher

Ms. Naylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ross that the board approve the appointment of Marena Horan to the Elementary Special Education Teacher position at bachelors level, step 1 at a prorated salary of \$51,064.37 beginning upon release from current employment. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Mentor

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi that the board approve the appointment of Erin Merkel as the mentor to the Elementary Special Education Teacher, Marena Horan, at a stipend of \$450 prorated for the 2021-2022 School Year, as per the LTEA agreement. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

High School Special Education Teacher

Ms. Naylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minick that the board approve the appointment of Megyn Stevens to the High School Special Education Teacher position at bachelors level, step 1 at a prorated salary of \$51,064.37 beginning November 9. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Mentor

Mr. Stark made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi that the board approve the appointment of Dina Berrios as the mentor to the Elementary Special Education Teacher, Megyn Stevens, at a stipend of \$450 prorated for the 2021-2022 School Year, as per the LTEA agreement. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Choreographer

Ms. Naylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mulhern that the board approve the appointment of Elissa Loubet as choreographer for the 2021-2022 Spring Musical at a stipend of \$1000. All clearances on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Musical Director

Ms. Naylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thorne that the board approve Jillian Rojek as Musical Director for the 2021-2022 spring musical at a stipend of \$1,000. All clearances on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Volunteer Wrestling Coach

Ms. Naylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi that the board approve Chaz Ross as a volunteer wrestling coach with the junior high and varsity wrestling teams for the 2021-2022 season. All clearances on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Retirement

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Ms. Naylor that the board approve the retirement of Katie Gaggiano from her paraprofessional position effective December 23rd. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Retirement

Mr. Stark made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mould that the board approve the retirement of Dawn Zawicki from her paraprofessional position effective December 6th. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Unpaid Leave

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi that the board approve unpaid leave of absence request for Megan Naylor for November 24, 2021. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

To Amend Agenda

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

Temporary Contract

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Ms. Naylor that the board approve a temporary contract with independent contractor, Colleen Ronchi. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Mr. Mulhern announced there will be an executive session prior to the next meeting and the school board meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Thorne,
Secretary Board of Education