

Lackawanna Trail School District  
School Board Meeting Minutes  
February 14, 2022

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, February 14, 2022 at 7:31 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 6:28 pm to 7:28 pm. Mr. Minick was absent for this meeting. The following items were discussed: Personnel, PA State Police Risk and Vulnerability Assessment, Health & Safety Plan.

President Mulhern called the meeting to order and directed the secretary to call the roll. Board Members present: Mr. Bianchi, Dr. Mould, Mr. Mulhern, Mr. Petula, Mr. Ross, Mr. Schmidt, and Mrs. Wescott.

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

The meeting began with a presentation by Mrs. Wescott, on behalf of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, on the Student Recreation and Wellness Center Project. Lisa Lee posed questions related to this topic.

#### Approval of Minutes

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi, that the minutes from the January 17, 2022 School Board Meeting and the February 7, 2022 Work Session Meeting be approved as amended. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

#### Bill Listing

Dr. Mould made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schmidt, that all bills found to be true and accurate be approved. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

#### Treasurer's Report

Dr. Mould made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi, that the board approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

#### Act I Resolution

Mr. Petula made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wescott, that the board amend the Act I Resolution motion from January 17, 2022 to indicate the correct adjusted rate of 4.4%. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Conrad Siegel Contract

Mr. Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mould, that the board approve the contract with Conrad Siegel for the 2021 tax year for preparation of 1094-C and 1095-C forms at a flat rate of \$5200. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

NEIU #19 Proposed Budget

Mr. Bianchi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ross, that the board approve the budget for the Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit #19 for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Lackawanna Trail's contribution is \$13,193.94. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Student Wellness Center Construction Bids

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mould, that the board approve the solicitation of bids for the construction of the Lackawanna Trail Student Wellness Center. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

RACP Cooperation Agreement with Wyoming County

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Petula, that the board table the motion to approve the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program Cooperation Agreement with Wyoming County. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Jr. and Sr. High Curriculum/Course Description Guide

Mrs. Wescott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi, that the board approve the Jr. and Sr. High 2022-2023 Curriculum/Course Description Guide. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 6 in favor, 1 opposed. Mr. Schmidt voted No.

Elementary Curriculum/Course Description Guide

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mould, that the board approve the Elementary 2022-2023 Curriculum/Course Description Guide. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Region I School Board Director

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wescott, that the board appoint Mark Carpenter as School Board Director representing Region I to complete the remainder of David Thorne's unexpired term ending in 2023, effective February 14, 2022. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstaining. Mr. Petula and Mr. Ross abstained.

Remove from the Table: IU19 Board Representative

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schmidt, that the board remove from the table the motion from December 6, 2021 to appoint \_\_\_\_\_ to complete the remainder of Philip Stark's unexpired term on Intermediate Unit 19's Board of Directors through 2023. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

IU19 Board Representative

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi, that the board appoint Dr. Michael Mould to complete the remainder of Philip Stark's unexpired term on Intermediate Unit 19's Board of Directors through 2023. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Grievance

Mr. Bianchi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mulhern, that the board deny LTEA Grievance #2022-1. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Personal Care Assistant

Mrs. Wescott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ross, that the board approve Amanda Carpenter as a part-time Level I Personal Care Assistant at 4¾ hours per day, as scheduled at the rate of \$13.25 plus \$2.50 per hour whenever supporting a Level I student, per the LTESPA collective bargaining agreement, to begin February 17, 2022. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Personal Care Assistant

Mr. Bianchi made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mould, that the board approve Kara Waters as a full-time Level I Personal Care Assistant at 6 ½ hours per day, as scheduled at the rate of \$13.25 plus \$2.50 per hour whenever supporting a Level I student, per the LTESPA collective bargaining agreement, to begin March 7, 2022 through the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Contracted Driver

Dr. Mould made a motion, seconded by Mr. Petula, that the board approve Kaylee Hager as a contracted driver for the 2021-2022 school year. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Extracurricular Stagecraft Director

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schmidt, that the board approve Tom Lengel as Stagecraft Director to begin the 2021-2022 school year at a stipend of \$1675 according to the LTEA agreement. All clearances on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Extracurricular Dramatics Director

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Petula, that the board approve Elissa Loubet as Dramatics Director to begin the 2021-2022 school year, at a prorated share of the stipend of \$2300, according to the LTEA agreement. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Extracurricular Resignation

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mulhern, that the board acknowledge the resignation of Laurel Kinback from her position as Unified Track & Field Coach effective immediately. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Extracurricular Unified Track and Field

Mr. Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wescott, that the board approve Megyn Stevens as the Unified Sports Track and Field Coach at a stipend of \$750 for the 2021-2022 season. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Extracurricular Volunteer Coach Track and Field

Dr. Mould made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schmidt, that the board approve Mark Lloyd as a volunteer Track and Field Coach for the 2021-2022 season. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Extracurricular Volunteer Coach Track and Field

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wescott, that the board approve Tim Ronchi as a volunteer Track and Field Coach for the 2021-2022 season. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Extracurricular Volunteer Coach Track and Field

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi, that the board approve Mary Smarkusky as a volunteer Track and Field Coach for the 2021-2022 season. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Extracurricular Volunteer Coach Track and Field

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schmidt, that the board approve Jenn Boccadori as a volunteer Track and Field Coach for the 2021-2022 season. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Extracurricular Volunteer Coach Track and Field

Mr. Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mould, that the board approve Max Brewer as a volunteer Track and Field Coach for the 2021-2022 season. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Extracurricular Volunteer Coach Baseball

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi, that the board approve John Yanniello as a volunteer Baseball Coach for the 2021-2022 season. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Extracurricular Volunteer Coach Baseball

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi, that the board approve Samuel Luke Ryon as a volunteer Baseball Coach for the 2021-2022 season. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Extracurricular Volunteer Coach Baseball

Mr. Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ross, that the board approve Jeff Edwards as a volunteer Baseball Coach for the 2021-2022 season. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Extracurricular Volunteer Coach Baseball

Mrs. Wescott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi, that the board approve Mark June as a volunteer Baseball Coach for the 2021-2022 season. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Extracurricular Volunteer Coach Baseball

Dr. Mould made a motion, seconded by Mr. Petula, that the board approve Charlie Cobb as a volunteer Baseball Coach for the 2021-2022 season. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

There was an opportunity for public participation provided. Chelsey Gumble, Ethan Norman, and Ronda Norman, spoke on the current status of the Health and Safety Plan. Chelsey Gumble also posed a question about the status of her Right to Know request.

Mr. Mulhern announced that the board would go back into executive session that evening and that there would be an executive session prior to the next meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 pm.

A second Executive Session was held following the regular board meeting, starting at 9:50 pm and ending at 10:26 pm. Topic of discussion was Personnel.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Petula,

Secretary Board of Education