

Lackawanna Trail School District  
School Board Meeting Minutes  
April 11, 2022

The Lackawanna Trail School District met in person in the boardroom and via Zoom for a scheduled meeting, on Monday, April 11, 2022 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 6:00 pm to 7:35 pm. Dr. Mould was absent for this meeting. Solicitor John Audi was in attendance. The following items were discussed: Bid for Health & Wellness Committee and Solicitor Report regarding expulsion.

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

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

The meeting began with the presentation of the Senior Class Trip Proposal by the Senior Class Officers, speaking on their behalf was Mason Zajac.

Time was allowed and the following persons shared Public Comment:

1. Candace Haft - Concern about sexual consent program.
2. Andrea Mecca - Concern about sexual consent letter sent to parents.
3. Heath Gumble - Concern about how sexual consent letter was shared with parents.
4. Ronda Norman - Concern about lack of abstinence content in sexual consent. Concern about Gender Sexuality Club.
5. Brian Petula - Concern about process, policy 107-109.
6. Camber Castellano - Felt school overstepped boundaries with consent program.
7. Mike Bass - Questioned content of consent program.
8. Ethan Norman - Seconded concerns about lack of abstinence content in consent program. Concern about Gender Sexuality Club.

#### Approval of Minutes

Brian Petula made a motion, seconded by Mark Carpenter, that the minutes from the March 14, 2022 School Board Meeting and the April 4, 2022 Work Session Meeting be approved as submitted. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

#### Bill Listing

Mr. Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi, that all bills found to be true and accurate be approved. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

#### Treasurer's Report

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schmidt, that the board approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

### Consent Agenda

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Petula, that the board approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

- a. Tower North Contract Renewal
- b. Focus School Software
- c. Policies for First Reading
  - 140.1 Extracurricular Participation by Charter/Cyber Charter Students
  - 801 Public Records
- d. 2022-2023 Academic Calendar
- e. Senior Class Trip
- f. Cheerleading Camp

### School Safety Equipment

Mr. Bianchi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minick, that the board approve the expenditure of \$28,400.00 on school safety equipment from unassigned fund balance. The motion failed with a vote of 4 approved, 4 objections. Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Petula, Mr. Ross and Mrs. Wescott voted no.

### MOU regarding Vocal Music Director stipend

Mrs. Wescott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schmidt, that the board approve the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Vocal Music Director stipend. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

### Tuition Waiver for Students of Staff and Faculty

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Petula, that the board approve eligible tuition waiver students for the 2022-2023 school year, per Policy #202- Eligibility of Non-Resident Students. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-1. Mr. Carpenter voted no.

### Extended School Year Teacher

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ross, that the board approve Jessica Tighe as an Extended School Year Teacher from July 11 to August 11, 2022 at a pay rate of \$25.50/hour. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

### Unpaid Time Off Request

Mr. Minick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi, that the board retroactively approve the unpaid time off request for Employee #793 for March 11, 2022. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

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Mr. Carpenter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minick, that the board retroactively approve the unpaid time off request for Employee #776 on March 30, 2022. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

### Retirement

Mrs. Wescott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Carpenter, that the board acknowledge the retirement of Lisa Vallone as the Jr./Sr. High School Family Consumer Science Teacher effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

### Extracurricular Head Varsity Girls Basketball Coach

Mr. Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Carpenter, that the board approve Joel Nietz as the Head Varsity Girls Basketball Coach beginning the 2022-2023 season at a rate of \$6300, according to the LTEA agreement. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0-1. Mrs. Wescott abstained.

### Extracurricular Spring Musical Sound and Lighting Assistant

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Petula, that the board retroactively approve Dan Maurer as a sound and lighting assistant for the Spring Musical at a stipend of \$300 from the Extracurricular budget. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

### Extracurricular Resignation

Mr. Carpenter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Petula, that the board acknowledge the resignation of Jody Kwiatkowski from her position as Girls Varsity Basketball Assistant Coach. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

### Amend The Agenda

Mr. Petula made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ross, that the board amend the agenda. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

### Suspend Consent Program

Mr. Petula made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mulhern, that the board suspend the consent program until the board has the opportunity to discuss and approve the content. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-1. Mrs. Wescott voted no.

The following Future Business was discussed:

- A. Progress report on comprehensive plan by Superintendent - written 90-day report on progress.
- B. Schedule PSBA Superintendent Evaluation.

Mr. Mulhern announced that there would be an executive session prior to the next meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Petula,

Secretary Board of Education