

Lackawanna Trail School District
School Board Meeting Minutes
June 27, 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, June 27, 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 4:40 pm to 7:24 pm. The following items were discussed: Solicitor Interviews, Personnel, School Safety issue, Bus Contractor negotiations, Interim Superintendent.

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

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

The meeting began with presentations on Academic Data Dives by Mr. Kearney and Dr. Murphy and Textbook Adoptions by Dr. Murphy.

There was an opportunity for public participation provided. The following persons shared public comment:

Joe Strauch – Asked for Policy 239 language to be clarified and edited as discussed in prior meeting.

Mike Bass – Asked for discussion and study of why students are leaving District for charter cyber schools.

Andrea Mecca – Asked about differences in cost and impact of charter cyber vs private schools on District

Candace Haft – Asked what programs and materials are being used for social emotional learning in District

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schmidt, that the minutes from the May 9, 2022 School Board Meeting and the June 6, 2022 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. Ross, 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.

July Bills

Mr. Bianchi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Petula, that the board approve the business manager to pay any necessary bills for the month of July 2022 should the scheduled July 18, 2022 meeting be canceled. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

2022-2023 Budget

Mr. Minick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mulhern, that the board approve the Lackawanna Trail School District's 2022-2023 final budget in the amount of \$22,628,346.65. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Mulhern made a motion to include motions #5-21 in a consent agenda. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0. The following motions were included in the consent agenda:

5. Tax Rates 2022-2023

Move that the board approve the following tax rates for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

	Lackawanna County	Wyoming County
Earned Income	0.5% earnings	0.5% earnings
Real Estate Transfer	0.5% sale price	0.5% sale price
Real Estate Tax	182.68 mills of assessed value	91.70 mills of assessed value

6. Homestead Farmstead Exclusion Resolution

Move that the board approve the 2022 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution.

7. Bus Contract Rate

Move that the board approve the bus contractors' contracts for the 2022-2023 school year.

8. Car and Van Driver Rate

Move that the board approve the recommended car and van driver's contract at a rate of \$1.64/mile as per state formula for the 2022-2023 school year.

9. Bus Contractor and Private Vehicle Fuel Stipends

Move that the board approve bus contractor stipend of \$400 per vehicle and private vehicle stipend of \$150 per vehicle for May 2022.

10. Athletic Event Stipend Matrix

Move that the board approve the Athletic Event Stipend Matrix effective July 1, 2022.

11. Solicitor Contract Extension

Move that the board approve the solicitor contract extension for Sweet Stevens Katz & Williams as solicitor from July 1 through September 30, 2022 in accordance with their fee agreement for such legal services as may be determined by the Superintendent or designee.

12. Pivot Athletic Trainer Contract

Move that the board approve the contract with Pivot for Athletic Training (\$30,405 with additional hours billed at \$35 per hour) for the 2022-2023 school year.

13. School Resource Officer

Move that the board approve the agreement between Lackawanna Trail School District and Dalton Borough Police Department for \$42 per hour for the 2022-2023 school year for School Resource Officer (SRO) services.

14. Advertising Rates 2022-2023

Move that the board approve the following advertising rates in the high school and elementary gyms for 2022-2023, on the recommendation of the superintendent:

- a. 3' x 4' \$250
- b. 4' x 6' \$300
- c. Annual renewal \$75

15. Student Meal Prices

Move that the board approve the following student meal prices for the 2022-2023 school year:

High School Lunch	\$3.00
High School Breakfast	Free
Elementary Lunch	\$2.80
Elementary Breakfast	Free
Reduced Price Lunch (District-wide)	\$0.40

16. Title III MOU

Move that the board approve the Title III MOU with the NEIU 19 Consortium for the 2022-2023 school year.

17. Intergovernmental Agreement for Special Education Services

Move that the board approve the 2022-2023 Intergovernmental Agreement for Special Education Services with the NEIU 19.

18. 2022-2023 Standardized Tests

Move that the board approve the attached list of standardized tests for the 2022-2023 school year.

19. Emergency Instructional Time

Move that the board approve the Emergency Instructional Time template for the 2022-2023 school year.

20. Policy for Second Reading

Move that the board approve the second reading of the following policy:

- 239 Foreign Exchange Students

21. Policies for Adoption

Move that the board approve the adoption of the following policies:

- 140.1 Extracurricular Participation by Charter/Cyber Charter Students
- 801 Public Records

Interim Superintendent

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi, that the board approve John Rushefski as Interim Superintendent beginning on July 5th 2022, for eleven weeks, at a rate of \$350 per day. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Substitute Dean of Students

Mr. Carpenter made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wescott, that the board approve a rate of \$150 per day for a Substitute Dean of Students. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Family and Consumer Science Teacher

Mrs. Wescott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Carpenter, that the board approve Brianna Vinton as a Family and Consumer Science Teacher at a salary of 52,106.10, Bachelors level, step 1, according to the LTEA contract, effective at the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Elementary Art Long-Term Substitute

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minick, that the board approve Ciara Heatherman as an Elementary Art long-term substitute at a salary of 52,106.10, Bachelors level, step 1, according to the LTEA contract, prorated for the first and second marking periods of the 2022-2023 school year. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Summer Remediation Teachers

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Petula, that the board approve the following list of teachers at an hourly rate of \$25.50, as Summer Remediation Teachers: Dina Berrios, Boyd Semken, Brittany Butler, Alexandra Tompkins, Leanne Lombardi, Keith Youtz, Tim Ronchi. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Extended School Year Teacher

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wescott, that the board approve Quinn Kelley 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 9-0.

Extended School Year Teacher

Mrs. Wescott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ross, that the board approve Christian Scotti 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 9-0.

Extended School Year Teacher

Mr. Minick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schmidt, that the board approve Natalie Cocchini 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 9-0.

Extended School Year Paraprofessional

Dr. Mould made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minick, that the board approve Robin Hawthorne as an Extended School Year Paraprofessional from July 11 to August 11, 2022 at a pay rate of \$13.25/hour. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Unpaid Time Off Request

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minick, that the board retroactively approve the unpaid time off request for employee #590 for ½ half day on May 25, 2022. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Unpaid Time Off Request

Mr. Minick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Petula, that the board retroactively approve the unpaid time off request for employee #745 for ½ half day on June 7, 2022. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Unpaid Time Off Request

Mr. Carpenter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Petula, that the board retroactively approve the unpaid time off request for employee #769 for May 13 & 18, 2022. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Unpaid Time Off Request

Mr. Minick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Petula, that the board retroactively approve the unpaid time off request for employee #785 for May 9, 2022. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Unpaid Time Off Request

Mr. Bianchi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Petula, that the board retroactively approve the unpaid time off request for employee #793 for May 11, 12, 13 & 16, 2022. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Extracurricular Jr. High Field Hockey Resignation

Dr. Mould made a motion, seconded by Mr. Carpenter, that the board acknowledge the resignation of Adrienne Mellott from the position of Jr. High Field Hockey Head Coach effective immediately. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Extracurricular Spring Musical Bass Accompanist

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi, that the board retroactively approve Christopher Hooker as the bass accompanist 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 9-0.

Extracurricular Marching Band Volunteer

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi, that the board approve Kelsey Hopkins as a volunteer with the marching band for the 2022-2023 school year. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Extracurricular Marching Band Volunteer

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Petula, that the board approve David Hopkins as a volunteer with the marching band for the 2022-2023 school year. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Extracurricular Golf Volunteer

Mrs. Wescott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi, that the board approve Mike Bluhm as a volunteer assistant with the golf team for the 2022-2023 school year. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Extracurricular Golf Volunteer

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi, that the board approve Steve Beckish as a volunteer assistant with the golf team for the 2022-2023 school year. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Extracurricular Football Volunteer

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Carpenter, that the board approve Jeffrey Stage as a volunteer assistant with the football team for the 2022-2023 school year. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Extracurricular Football Volunteer

Mr. Minick made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wescott, that the board approve Colin Golden as a volunteer assistant with the football team for the 2022-2023 school year. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Extracurricular Football Volunteer

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Carpenter, that the board approve Vincent Kalinowski, Jr. as a volunteer assistant with the football team for the 2022-2023 school year. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Extracurricular Football Volunteer

Mr. Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minick, that the board approve Benjamin Simmons as a volunteer assistant with the football team for the 2022-2023 school year. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Extracurricular Football Volunteer

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schmidt, that the board approve Steve Jervis, Sr. as a volunteer assistant with the football team for the 2022-2023 school year. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

The following Future Business was discussed:

Traci Wescott - Review Policy 904 Awards

Mark Carpenter - Review Policy 239

Joe Ross - Review and post course descriptions and desired learning outcomes on District webpage

Brian Petula – Place Future Business on next Meeting Agenda as Old Business so action items can be tracked by board.

Brian Petula – Followup on Old Business: (1) Post committee chairs/members and annual schedule of committee meetings on District website.

Mr. Mulhern announced that there would be an executive session prior to the next meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Petula, Secretary Board of Education