

Lackawanna Trail School District
School Board Meeting Minutes
July 18, 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, July 18, 2022 at 7:33 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 7:27 pm. The following items were discussed: Personnel, Legal Update, Solicitor Applicant Qualifications, Curriculum Director/Special Ed Director, Substitute Dean of Students Update, Long-Term Substitute High School, Foreign Exchange Students Policy.

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

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

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

Joe Strauch – Policy 239 - Add rather than replace board with with principal. Question about wearing of hoodies and definition of “modest length” When did board cancel July 11th meeting?

Candace Haft – Dress code application off campus.

Andrea Mecca – Commented on dress code communication and confusion. Start time of school. Questioned when virtual learning would take place.

Mike Bass – Asked application of dress code for students who identify as an animal.

Rhonda Norman - Questions about Comprehensive Plan and behavior initiatives, what data will be collected and shared?

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minick, that the minutes from the June 27, 2022 School Board Meeting be approved as submitted. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

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 8-0.

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 8-0.

Policy for Third Reading

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minick, to approve the third reading of Policy 239, Foreign Exchange Students. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

Textbook Adoption

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wescott, that the board approve the adoption of the following textbooks and related instructional materials beginning in the 2022-2023 school year. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

- 12th Grade British Literature -
 - StudySync British Literature (2022)
- AP US History -
 - AP United States History Workbook, Kaplan (2022)
- 8th Grade Integrated Science
 - Earth & Space Science, McGraw Hill Education (2017)
- French
 - D'accord! by Vista Higher Learning (2019), volume 1 and 2
- Spanish
 - Senderos by Vista Higher Learning (2018), volume 1 and 2

Elementary Student Handbook

Mr. Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mould, that the board approve the 2022-2023 Elementary Student Handbook. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

Jr/Sr High School Student Handbook

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mould, that the board approve the 2022-2023 Jr/Sr High School Student Handbook. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-2. Mr. Schmidt and Mrs. Wescott voted no. Mr. Carpenter had to leave the meeting and did not vote.

Social Work Services

Mr. Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minick, that the board approve the appointment of Melissa Flynn as an outsourced independent contractor for Social Work Services for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years at a salary of \$42,000. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0. Mr. Carpenter had to leave the meeting and did not vote.

Elementary Long-Term Substitute

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ross, that the board approve Alivia Armezzani as an Elementary long-term substitute at a salary of, \$52,106.10, Bachelors level, step 1, prorated, according to the LTEA contract, 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 7-0. Mr. Carpenter had to leave the meeting and did not vote.

Contracted Driver

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schmidt, that the board approve Necvan Kurtulus as a private vehicle contracted driver for the 2022-2023 school year. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0. Mr. Carpenter had to leave the meeting and did not vote.

Paraprofessional Resignation

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wescott, that the board acknowledge the resignation of Kristin Pietrzak from her paraprofessional position effective immediately. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0. Mr. Carpenter had to leave the meeting and did not vote.

Paraprofessional Resignation

Mr. Minick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ross, that the board acknowledge the resignation of Lora Wright from her paraprofessional position effective July 19, 2022. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0. Mr. Carpenter had to leave the meeting and did not vote.

Extracurricular Resignation

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minick, that the board acknowledge the resignation of Alec Rodway from his Assistant Boys Basketball Coach position effective immediately. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0. Mr. Carpenter had to leave the meeting and did not vote.

Extracurricular Jr. High Field Hockey Head Coach

Mr. Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minick, that the board approve Mallory Griggs as the Jr. High Field Hockey Head Coach beginning the 2022-2023 season at a rate of \$3750 according to the LTEA agreement. All clearances on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0. Mr. Carpenter had to leave the meeting and did not vote.

Extracurricular Jr. High and Varsity Field Hockey Volunteer

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wescott, that the board approve Shawna Darling as a volunteer assistant with Jr. High and Varsity Field Hockey for the 2022-2023 school year. All clearances on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0. Mr. Carpenter had to leave the meeting and did not vote.

Extracurricular Football Volunteer

Mr. Minick made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mould, that the board approve Caleb Darling as a volunteer assistant football coach for the 2022-2023 school year. All clearances on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0. Mr. Carpenter had to leave the meeting and did not vote.

Extracurricular Marching Band Volunteer

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minick, that the board approve Haley Valvano as a marching band volunteer for the 2022-2023 school year. All clearances on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0. Mr. Carpenter had to leave the meeting and did not vote.

The following Future Business was discussed:

Traci Wescott - Ask principal to revise dress code.

Joe Strauch - Address dress code conflicts and inconsistency.

Mr. Mulhern announced that there would be an executive session prior to the next meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Petula, Secretary Board of Education