

Lackawanna Trail School District
School Board Meeting Minutes
August 8, 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, August 8, 2022 at 7:32 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 6:32 pm to 7:26 pm. The following items were discussed: Personnel, Coach Certification, Mental Health and School Safety, Solicitor RFPs, Legal Settlement. All board members were present for the Executive Session.

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, Mr. Rushefski and Mr. Schofield.

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

Mike Bass: Asked for revision of board policy. Policy section 918 question. Public wants parental control over masking.

Candace Haft: Question about nature of legal settlement. What is PATH contract? Asked for definition of mask.

Joe Strauch: Eliminate personal pronouns from policy language. Why are deaf students sent to Pittsburgh rather than Clarks Summit for services?

Andrea Mecca: Concerned daughter has not been allowed to take asthma medicine in class.

Cathy Strauch: Supported school Covid mitigation efforts.

Ronda Norman: Cruel and abusive to mask students.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Carpenter, that the minutes from the July 18, 2022 School Board Meeting and August 1, 2022 Work Session 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. Carpenter, 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.

Settlement Agreement

Mr. Bianchi made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wescott, that the board approve the Settlement Agreement with student #22070. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Consulting Service Agreement

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi, that the board approve the agreement with Wansacz Consulting Services from August 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023. The motion was approved by a vote of 8-1. Mr. Petula voted no.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Mulhern made a motion to include motions #5-11 in a consent agenda. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0. The following motions were included in the consent agenda:

Network Support Agreement

Move that the board approve the agreement with ISS Solutions, Inc. for network support services in the amount of \$8000.

Transportation Contract

Move that the board approve the transportation services to be provided by the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf for the 2022-2023 school year.

Shared Transportation Contract

Move that the board approve the contract with Lakeland School District to share transportation services to Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf for the 2022-2023 school year.

Shared Transportation Contract

Move that the board approve the contract with Forest City School District to share transportation services to Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf for the 2022-2023 school year.

Caregivers Nursing Services

Move that the board approve the CareGivers America Medical Staffing, LLC Service Agreement to provide contracted substitute nursing services for the 2022-2023 school year.

Interim Healthcare Nursing Services

Move that the board approve the Interim Healthcare Service Agreement to provide contracted substitute nursing services for the 2022-2023 school year.

PATH Contract

Move that the board approve the PATH contract for the 2022-2023 school year, effective July 2, 2022.

Bus and Private Drivers

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi, that the board approve the following list of bus contractors/contracted drivers for the 2022-2023 school year. All clearances are currently on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Bus Contractors Bus Drivers and Substitutes:

William Archer, Gloria Aten, Tina Barrassé, Wayne Beers, Anthony Dodge Jr., Paul Fetter, Sandy Fulkersin, Brian Kane, Nichols Bus Company, James R. Nichols, L. Robyn Nichols, Seamus Nichols, Ray Oswald, Padula Ritter Bus Company, Joann Padula, James Schirg, Jason Schirg, Vladimir Schlasta, Micah Schneider, Mary Smarkusky, William Smarkusky, Tina Smith, Allen Tator, James B. Vasky and James M. Vasky.

Private Vehicle Contractors and Substitutes:

Brenda Bouch, Derek Buffington, Margaret Burns, D. Wayne Burns, Gayle Demming, Kathy Geerts, Catherine Gerrity, David Gower, Kenneth Hansen, Lizbeth Hansen, Debbie Hazlak, Constance James, Ann Marie Kalinoski, Vince Kalinoski, Linda Kettell, Necvan Kurtulus, Theresa Loney, Constance Otto, Gretchen Sheposh, Judith Smith, Karl Smith, Cheryl Sutton, Gennifer Sutton and James Tasker.

Substitute Nurses

Mr. Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wescott, that the board approve the following School Nurse Substitutes for the 2022-2023 school year. All clearances are on file. Maureen Mahoney, RN and Brenda Grunza, RN. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Policy for Fourth Reading and Adoption

Mrs. Wescott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schmidt, that the board approve the adoption of policy 239 Foreign Exchange Students. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Policies for First Reading

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mould, that the board approve the first reading of the following policies. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

- 005 Organization
- 240 Awards
- 249 Bullying/Cyberbullying

Comprehensive Plan

Dr. Mould made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi, that the board approve the 2022-2025 Lackawanna Trail School District Comprehensive Plan. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Health and Safety Plan

Mr. Bianchi made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mould, that the board approve the 2022-2023 Lackawanna Trail School District Health and Safety Plan. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-2. Mr. Petula and Mr. Schmidt voted no.

World of Language

Dr. Mould made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ross, that the board approve the contract with World of Language for French language instruction with three live synchronous days through November 30, 2022. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Personal Care Assistant

Mr. Bianchi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Petula, that the board approve Nancy Brown as a full-time Level I Personal Care Assistant at 6½ hours per day, as scheduled at the rate of \$13.50 plus \$2.50 per hour whenever supporting a Level I student, per the LTESPA collective bargaining agreement, to begin the 2022-2023 school year. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Personal Care Assistant

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wescott, that the board approve Sarah McCullon as a part-time Level I Personal Care Assistant at 4¾ hours per day, as scheduled at the rate of \$13.50 plus \$2.50 per hour whenever supporting a Level I Classroom, per the LTESPA collective bargaining agreement, to begin the 2022-2023 school year. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Paraprofessional

Mr. Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi, that the board approve Rachel Hibson as a part-time Paraprofessional at 4¾ hours per day, as scheduled at the rate of \$13.50 per hour, per the LTESPA collective bargaining agreement, to begin the 2022-2023 school year. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Paraprofessional

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi, that the board approve Dana Steffy as a part-time Paraprofessional at 4¾ hours per day, as scheduled at the rate of \$13.50 per hour, per the LTESPA collective bargaining agreement, to begin the 2022-2023 school year. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Paraprofessional

Mr. Petula made a motion, seconded by Mr. Carpenter, that the board approve Danielle VonOhlen as a part-time Paraprofessional at 4¾ hours per day, as scheduled at the rate of \$13.50 per hour, per the LTESPA collective bargaining agreement, to begin the 2022-2023 school year. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Temporary Director of Curriculum and Federal Programs/Assistant Director of Special Education

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Petula, that the board approve Shannon Kuchak as the Temporary Director of Curriculum and Federal Programs / Assistant Director of Special Education from October 3, 2022 through June 30, 2023 with an additional stipend of \$1500. 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 Eric Laytos 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:

Mrs. Wescott: Request for an update on playground funding and repair.

Mr. Ross: Donated supplies for softball field, approve and schedule work.

Mr. Petula: Request for a description of the Reserve Fund.

Mr. Petula: Request for another Comprehensive Plan presentation.

Mr. Petula: Request for a Data dive on LTSD academic data, classroom specific.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Petula, Secretary Board of Education