

Lackawanna Trail School District
School Board Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2022

The Lackawanna Trail School District met in person and via Zoom for a scheduled meeting, on Monday, October 10, 2022 at 7:30 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 this School Board meeting from 6:30 pm to 7:12 pm. The following items were discussed: Personnel, Contract Revisions for Business Manager, ESL staffing, PSBA Board Self evaluation. All board members were present for the Executive Session.

Vice President Minick 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. Rakauskas, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Kearney, Mrs. Kuchak, Dr. Murphy, Mr. Schofield and Ms. Talarico. Solicitor David Conn was present.

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

Candace Haft questioned the appropriateness of dress at the Homecoming dance. Joseph Strauch questioned why the audio recordings of the board meetings are not on the webpage and encouraged board members to observe Sunshine Act requirements.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Carpenter, that the minutes from the September 12, 2022 School Board Meeting and October 3, 2022 Work Session be approved as submitted. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Old and Unfinished Business:

- a. Request for a written report on the Comprehensive Plan be sent to each Director per Policy starting with the 9/12 report.
 - i. Written report provided in 9/12/2022 School Board Meeting Minutes.
- b. Request for the board to vote on solicitor's contract.
 - i. Previous Sweet Stevens contract has been extended.
- c. Request for the Board to consider retiring Board Policy using a 3 readings process.
 - i. Retirement of a policy requires a yes or no vote.

Bill Listing

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wescott, 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. Schmidt, that the board approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Board Resolution 2022-01 Pursuant to Act 57

Mr. Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Petula, that the board approve Board Resolution 2022-01 pursuant to Act 57 of 2022, exempting taxpayers from additional charges for real estate taxes when taxpayers failed to receive tax notice. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Controls for Gymnasium HVAC Rooftop Unit Replacements

Mr. Carpenter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Petula, that the board approve expenditures of \$20,980.00 from unassigned fund balance for controls for gymnasium HVAC Rooftop Units from Siemens via CoSTARS contract #008-241. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Business Manager Contract Addendum

Mr. Minick made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mould, that the board approve the addendum to the Business Manager's contract for Keith Glynn. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 7-2. Mr. Petula and Mrs. Wescott voted no.

Early Retirement Incentive MOU

Mr. Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wescott, that the board approve the Early Retirement Incentive Memorandum of Agreement for Dale Gow. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Grievance 2022-3

Mr. Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minick, that the board deny grievance 2022-3. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 8-0-1. Mr. Ross abstained.

PSBA Officer Elections

Mrs. Wescott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Carpenter, that the board authorize Brian Petula as board secretary to vote on behalf of the Lackawanna Trail School District as discussed at the September 12, 2022 board meeting. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Policies for Adoption

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Schmidt, that the board approve the adoption of the following policies:

- 005 Organization
- 249 Bullying/Cyberbullying
- 255 Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care

The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Policy for Third Reading

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schmidt, that the board approve the third reading of the following policy:

- 240 Athletic Awards

The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Field Trip Request

Mr. Carpenter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Petula, that the board approve the Student Council Field Trip request to the Student Council State Conference in Boyertown, PA on November 4-5, 2022 at a cost to the district of fuel and one substitute. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Field Trip Request

Mr. Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Petula, that the board approve the Anatomy Class Field Trip request to the Da Vinci Center in Allentown, PA on April 14, 2023 at a cost to the district of fuel and one substitute. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Mentor

Mrs. Wescott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Carpenter, that the board approve MaryBelle Gilroy as the mentor to the Family and Consumer Science Teacher, Brianna Estus, at a stipend of \$450 for the 2022-2023 school year, as per the LTEA agreement. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Paraprofessional

Mr. Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wescott, that the board approve Frances Cobb 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 October 12, 2022. 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 Mr. Minick, that the board approve Stacey Shafer 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 October 12, 2022. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Personal Care Assistant Resignation

Mr. Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wescott, that the board acknowledge the resignation of Sarah McCullon from her part-time Level 1 Personal Care Assistant position effectively immediately. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Extracurricular Spring Musical Bass Accompanist

Mrs. Wescott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schmidt, that the board approve Christopher Hooker as the bass accompanist for the 2022-2023 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 Junior High Girls Basketball Assistant Coach

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minick, that the board approve Brianna Estus as the Junior High Girls Basketball Assistant Coach at a stipend of \$3100, according to the LTEA contract. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 8-0-1. Dr. Mould abstained due to not enough information.

Extracurricular Spring Musical Volunteer

Mr. Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Carpenter, that the board approve Brianna Estus as a volunteer costume designer for the 2022-2023 Spring Musical. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Extracurricular Varsity Football and Basketball Cheerleading Volunteer

Mr. Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wescott, that the board approve Camber Castellano as a Varsity Football and Basketball Cheerleading Volunteer for the 2022-2023 school year. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

No future business was presented.

Mr. Mulhern announced that there would be an executive session prior to the next meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Petula, Secretary Board of Education