

Lackawanna Trail School District
School Board Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2022

The Lackawanna Trail School District met in person and via Zoom for a scheduled meeting, on Monday, November 14, 2022 at 7:30 pm, public notice thereof having been given in accordance with applicable law.

An Executive Session was held prior to this School Board meeting from 5:58 pm to 7:22 pm. The following items were discussed: Solicitors Report, Bus Contract and PSBA Self Evaluation. Absent from Executive Session was Mr. Petula. All other board members were present for the Executive Session.

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

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:

Paul Fahey: Complimented Coach Laura Evans; commended the team for competing in the best division and winning team despite the size of our District; and expressed his appreciation that Coach Evans is pushing for state recognition for our student athletes.

Joseph Strauch: Dress code: Inquired if students were adding to or altering the dress code.

Lisa Lee: Policy 240 Athletic Awards. Requested the Board table the motion to allow additional discussion of sports awards with students, athletes and coaches.

Christy Clarke: Sports awards night promotes inclusion and celebrates accomplishments. Request to table vote regarding Policy 240.

Kelly Rejrat: Supports tabling Policy 240.

Mike Bass: Shared concerns regarding student headbands and dress code compliance.

Opportunity for public comment was also awarded later in the meeting. The following persons shared public comment:

Joseph Strauch: Questioned if a motion is required to accept a resignation.

Mike Bass: Commended Mr. Petula for his professionalism and service.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi, that the minutes from the October 10, 2022 School Board Meeting and November 7, 2022 Work Session be approved as submitted. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

Old and Unfinished Business:

There was no Old or Unfinished Business.

Bill Listing

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

Assignment of Fund Balance

Dr. Mould made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minick, that the board assign \$2,223,765 from unassigned to assigned fund balance for future capital improvements, effective June 30, 2022, reassignment to listed categories at the discretion of the Business Manager. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

Grievance 2022-2

Mr. Minick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schmidt, that the board deny grievance 2022-2. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

Policy for Adoption

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Carpenter, to table this motion:

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

- 240 Athletic Awards

The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi, that the following motions (#6-18 on the agenda) be included in a consent agenda. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

Extracurricular Unified Track & Field Resignation

Move that the board acknowledge the resignation of Jessica Bentley as Unified Track and Field Coach effective immediately.

Extracurricular Unified Track & Field

Move that the board approve Megyn Stevens as a Unified Sports Track and Field Coach at a stipend of \$375 for the 2022-2023 season. All clearances are on file.

Extracurricular Unified Track & Field

Move that the board approve Ashlenn Simpson as a Unified Sports Track and Field Coach at a stipend of \$375 for the 2022-2023 season. All clearances are on file.

Extracurricular Spring Musical Sound and Lighting Assistant

Move that the board approve Dan Maurer as the Sound and Lighting Director for the Spring Musical at a stipend of \$300 from the Extracurricular budget. All clearances are on file.

Extracurricular Boys' Basketball Assistant Coach

Move that the board approve Ryan Vassil as the Boys' Basketball Assistant Coach at a stipend of \$4300 beginning the 2022-2023 season. All clearances are on file.

Extracurricular Wrestling Volunteer

Move that the board approve Jeff Marx as a volunteer assistant wrestling coach for the 2022-2023 school year. All clearances are on file.

Extracurricular Wrestling Volunteer

Move that the board approve Chaz Ross as a volunteer assistant wrestling coach for the 2022-2023 school year. All clearances are on file.

Extracurricular Wrestling Volunteer

Move that the board approve William Evans as a volunteer assistant wrestling coach for the 2022-2023 school year. All clearances are on file.

Extracurricular Boys' Basketball and Baseball Volunteer

Move that the board approve John Yanniello as a volunteer assistant boys' basketball coach and volunteer assistant baseball coach for the 2022-2023 school year. All clearances are on file.

Extracurricular Boys' Basketball Volunteer

Move that the board approve Dimitri Gnall as a volunteer assistant boys' basketball coach for the 2022-2023 school year. All clearances are on file.

Extracurricular Boys' Basketball Volunteer

Move that the board approve Frank Lisk as a volunteer assistant boys' basketball coach for the 2022-2023 school year. All clearances are on file.

Extracurricular Boys' Basketball Volunteer

Move that the board approve Timothy McNamara as a volunteer assistant boys' basketball coach for the 2022-2023 school year. All clearances are on file.

Extracurricular Girls' Basketball Volunteer

Move that the board approve Laurel Ann Penn as a volunteer assistant girls' basketball coach for the 2022-2023 school year. All clearances are on file.

Reinstatement of Boys' Varsity Volleyball

Mr. Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Carpenter, that the board approve the reinstatement of Boys' Varsity Volleyball. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-3. Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Minick and Dr. Mould voted no.

Assignment of Unassigned General Fund Balance

Mr. Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mulhern, that the board approve the expenditure of up to \$16,000 from unassigned fund balance to fund Boys Varsity Volleyball related expenditures. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

Amend Extracurricular Transportation Rate

Mr. Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi, that the board amend the extracurricular mileage rate per the 2022-23 Bus Contract from \$3.15/mile to \$3.40/mile. Mileage rate will revert back to \$3.15/mile if pre-tax diesel price decreases to \$3.00/gallon or lower. Any increase above \$3.00/gallon pre-tax once that point is reached would require additional board action to amend the contract rate above \$3.15/mile. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

Motion to Amend Agenda

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ross, to amend the meeting agenda. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

Resignation

Mr. Mulhern made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minick, to acknowledge the resignation of Brian Petula from his position of Secretary of the Board of Education, as well his position as School Board Director from the Lackawanna Trail School District Board of Education effective November 22, 2022. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

Future Business:

Mrs. Wescott asked that the Concession Stand be discussed by the Buildings and Grounds and Budget and Finance Committees.

Mr. Mulhern announced that there would be an executive session prior to the next meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Wescott, Board of Education Director