

Lackawanna Trail School District  
School Board Meeting Minutes  
January 16, 2023

The Lackawanna Trail School District met in person and via Zoom for a scheduled meeting on Monday, January 16, 2023 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 6:30 pm to 6:59 pm. The following items were discussed: Safety issue in woodshop, Personnel and Solicitor's Report. Mark Carpenter and Kevin Mulhern were absent. All other board members were present for the Executive Session.

President Ross called the meeting to order and directed the secretary to call the roll. Board Members present: Adrian Bianchi, Jaclyn Litwin, Robert Minick, Dr. Michael Mould, Joseph Ross, Nolan Schmidt, and Tracy Wescott. Absent: Mark Carpenter and Kevin Mulhern.

Administrators present: Mr. Rakauskas, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Kearney, Mrs. Kuchak, Dr. Murphy, Mr. Schofield and Ms. Talarico. Solicitor David Conn was present.

The meeting began with the following presentations:

Senior Class Officers - Senior Class Trip Proposal

Recognition of School Board Appreciation Month

Health & Safety Plan Review

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

Joseph Strauch asked for more information about the shared transportation contract on the agenda, and the cost of the Wellness Center.

Heath Gumble asked questions about the Wellness Center.

Michael Bass asked questions about the Wellness Center.

Robyn Nichols shared that February is Love the Bus Month and February 22 is National School Bus Driver Appreciation Day. She also requested that first aid instruction for bus drivers be provided.

#### Approval of Minutes

Mr. Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mould, that the minutes from the December 5, 2022 Reorganization Meeting and January 9, 2023 Work Session be approved as submitted. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

#### Bill Listing

Mr. Schmidt 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 7-0.

Treasurer's Report

Dr. Mould made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minick, that the board approve the November and December Treasurer's Reports as submitted. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Act I Resolution

Mr. Minick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schmidt, that the board approve a resolution pursuant to Act 1 of 2001 indicating that the Lackawanna Trail School District will not raise the rate of tax support of its public schools for the 2023-2024 fiscal year by more than the index established by the Department of Education for the district of 5.3%. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Shared Transportation Contract

Mrs. Wescott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minick, that the board approve the contract with Elk Lake School District and Wyoming County Human Services to share transportation services to Children's Service Center Milford E. Barnes School for the 2022-2023 school year. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Policies for Second Reading

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wescott, that the board approve the second reading of the following policies:

- 217 Graduation
- 240 Athletic Awards

The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Elementary Long-Term Substitute

Mrs. Wescott 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 third and fourth marking periods of the 2022-2023 school year. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Bus Driver

Mr. Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minick, that the board approve Brandon Loch as a bus driver with Smarkusky Bus Co for the 2022-2023 school year. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

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Mr. Minick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schmidt, that the board approve Gary Jurista as a bus driver with Smarkusky Bus Co for the 2022-2023 school year. All clearances are on file. All clearances are on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Boys Head Varsity Volleyball Coach

Mr. Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mould, that the board approve the appointment of Scott Wert as Boys Head Varsity Volleyball Coach effective immediately at a rate of \$3850 according to the LTEA agreement. All clearances on file. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Architecture and Engineering Services - Wellness and Recreation Center

Mr. Minick made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mould, that the board approve the contract with HC Architects for Architectural and Engineering services related to the Wellness and Recreation Center to a 50% Design threshold at a cost of \$16,745 from assigned fund balance. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Senior Class Trip

Mr. Minick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schmidt, that the board approve the senior class trip to Kalahari Resort in Pocono Manor, PA and Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson Twp, New Jersey, date to be decided, either May 4-5, 2023 or May 18-19, 2023, at a cost to the district of substitutes. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Motion to Amend Agenda

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minick, to amend the meeting agenda. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

SawStop Purchase

Mr. Bianchi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minick, that the board approve the purchase of a Sawstop table saw from Rockler Woodworking and Hardware from unassigned fund balance in the amount of \$7555.99.

Mr. Rakauskas made an announcement that Mrs. Litwin will be serving on the Curriculum Committee and Wellness Committee.

Mr. Ross announced that there would be an executive session prior to the next meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Adrian Bianchi, Secretary Board of Education

# Lackawanna Trail Health & Safety Plan Review

January 2023





## Overview

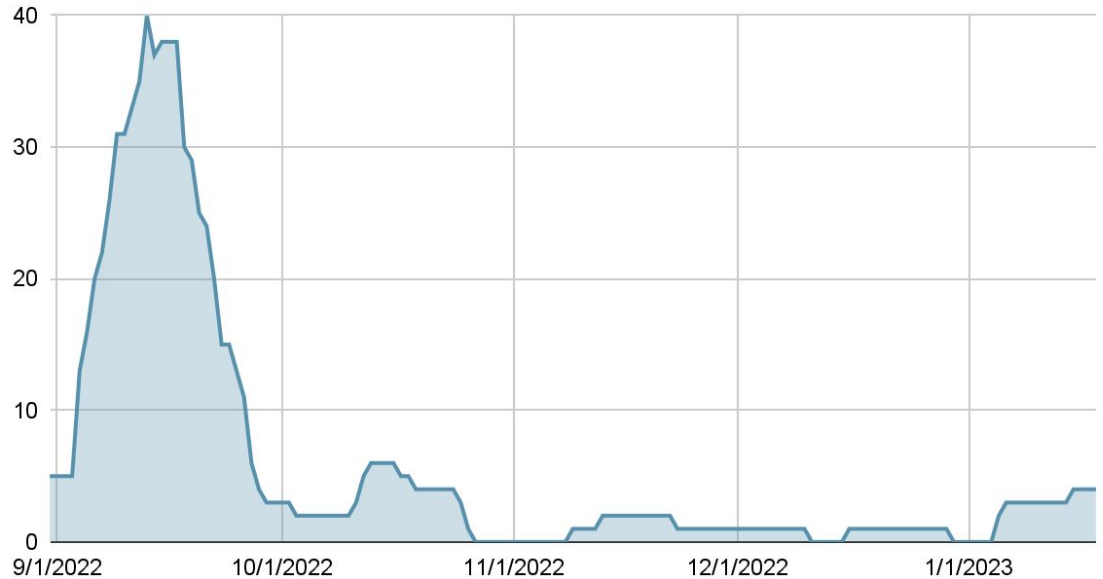
The Lackawanna Trail Health & Safety Plan was presented and reviewed at a public meeting, adopted by the Board of Directors on August 8th, 2022, and posted on our district website. Since classes began on August 31st, it has been carried out as planned. As required by the American Rescue Plan, it must be reviewed at least every six months, or if the Centers for Disease Control recommend significant changes. Any and all proposed changes must be reviewed by the community and board approved.



# Communication & Transparency

A COVID-19 Information Center was set up on our main web page to serve as a quick guide to relevant information, links to government and health agencies, and included a COVID-19 spreadsheet to inform the public of daily positive cases as well as a 14 day rolling average.

Rolling Two Week Totals



# Conclusion

I do not recommend adopting any revisions to the current Health & Safety Plan. It was well developed, carried out as planned, the CDC has not recommended any significant changes, and our rolling totals peaked in the fall and have remained consistently low.

Health & Safety Plan 2022-2023