

Lackawanna Trail School District
School Board Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2023

The Lackawanna Trail School District met in person and via Zoom for a scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 7:30 pm, public notice thereof having been given in accordance with applicable law.

An Executive Session was held prior to the meeting from 6:30 pm to 6:41 pm. The following items were discussed: Personnel and Special Education Director long-term substitute. Dr. Michael Mould was absent. All other board members were present for the executive session.

President Joseph Ross called the meeting to order and directed the secretary to call the roll. Board Members present: Adrian Bianchi, Mark Carpenter, Heather Clark, Brendan Dwyer, Jaclyn Litwin, Robert Minick, Joseph Ross and Tracy Wescott. Dr. Michael Mould was absent.

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

Cathy Staffaroni gave the Elementary PTO report with updates on the fall fundraiser, book fair, trunk or treat and an upcoming paint night fundraiser. The next PTO meeting will be October 17 at 7 pm.

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

Joseph Strauch: Comments on board policies 216.1, 002, 202.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Wescott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Carpenter, that the minutes from the September 11, 2023 School Board Meeting and October 2, 2023 Work Session be approved as submitted. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

Bill Listing

Mrs. Wescott made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Litwin, that all bills found to be true and accurate be approved. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Carpenter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minick, that the board approve the September Treasurer's Report as submitted. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

PSBA Evaluation Contract

Mr. Dwyer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Carpenter that the board approve the PSBA contract for Superintendent Evaluation services for the 2023-2024 school year for a \$500 fee upon completion of the evaluation. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

Policy for First Reading

Mr. Minick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi, that the board approve the first reading of the following policy 202 Eligibility of Nonresident Students. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

Policies for Second Reading

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

- 251 Students Experiencing Homelessness, Foster Care and Other Educational Instability
- 216.1 Supplemental Discipline Records
- 006 Meetings

The motion passed by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

Paraprofessional

Mr. Dwyer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minick, that the board approve Jessica Chaya as a part-time Paraprofessional at 4¾ hours per day, as scheduled, at the rate of \$13.75 per hour, per the LTESPA collective bargaining agreement, to begin October 18, 2023. All clearances are on file. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

Retirement MOU

Mr. Minick made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Litwin, that the board approve the Retirement MOU for Gail Franko at the conclusion of the 2023-2024 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

Retirement

Mr. Carpenter made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Clark, that the board acknowledge the retirement request of Donna Biglin, special education teacher, at the conclusion of the 2023-2024 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Carpenter, to include motions 9-11 and 13-19 in a consent agenda. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

The following motions were included in the consent agenda:

Field Trip

Move that the board approve the Ski Club field trip to Smugglers Notch Resort in Jeffersonville, Vermont from February 28, 2024 to March 1, 2024 at the cost to the district of two substitutes.

Field Trip

Move that the board approve the Fourth Grade field trip to Harrisburg on April 11, 2024 at no cost to the district.

Bus Driver

Move that the board retroactively approve Jonathan Harvey as a bus driver with Nichols Bus, Inc. for the 2023-2024 school year effective September 15, 2023. All clearances are on file.

Elementary Dishwasher Bids

Move that the board approve the business office to solicit bids for the replacement of the Elementary Center dishwasher from the food service fund unassigned fund balance.

Extracurricular Resignation

Move that the board acknowledge the resignation of Danielle Dwyer from her position of football cheerleading advisor at the conclusion of the 2023-2024 football season.

Extracurricular Boys' Basketball Volunteer

Move that the board approve Dimitri Gnall as a volunteer assistant boys' basketball coach for the 2023-2024 school year. All clearances are on file.

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Move that the board approve Frank Lisk as a volunteer assistant boys' basketball coach for the 2023-2024 school year. All clearances are on file.

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Move that the board approve Timothy McNamara as a volunteer assistant boys' basketball coach for the 2023-2024 school year. All clearances are on file.

Extracurricular Boys' Basketball Volunteer

Move that the board approve Rich Pencek as a volunteer assistant boys' basketball coach for the 2023-2024 school year. All clearances are on file.

Extracurricular Boys' Basketball Volunteer

Move that the board approve John Yanniello as a volunteer assistant boys' basketball coach for the 2023-2024 school year. All clearances are on file.

Skid Steer Purchase

Mr. Minick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi, that the board approve the purchase of a skid steer from Factoryville Borough from unassigned fund balance at a cost of \$25,000. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of 8-0.

Mr. Ross announced that there would be an executive session prior to the next meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Adrian Bianchi, Secretary Board of Education