

Lackawanna Trail School District
School Board Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2023

The Lackawanna Trail School District met in person and via Zoom for a scheduled meeting on Monday, November 13, 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 7:22 pm. The following items were discussed: Act 93 contract and personnel. Mark Carpenter and Dr. Michael Mould were absent for the executive session, all other board members were present.

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

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

Public Presentation: College Board student recognition.

There was an opportunity for public participation provided. The following persons shared public comment: Joseph Strauch commented on the policies on the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Wescott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minick, that the minutes from the October 10, 2023 School Board Meeting and November 6, 2023 Work Session be approved as submitted. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

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 7-0.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Clark made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minick, that the board approve the October Treasurer's Report as submitted. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Act 93 Contract

Mr. Minick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dwyer, that the board approve the Act 93 Administrative contract for July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027. The motion failed by a vote of 4-3. Mrs. Clark, Mr. Ross and Mrs. Wescott voted no.

Dishwasher Machine

Mr. Dwyer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi, that the board approve the purchase of a dishwasher system for the elementary school from Rice's Food Service at a cost of \$24,998.00 from Cafeteria Fund Balance. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Policy for Second Reading

Mr. Minick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dwyer, that the board approve the second reading of the following policy: 202 Eligibility of Nonresident Students. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Policies for Adoption

Mrs. Litwin made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Wescott, that the board approve the adoption 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 7-0.

Transportation Plans

Mrs. Wescott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bianchi, that the board approve the transportation plans to ensure educational stability of youth in foster care with Lackawanna County Department of Human Services Office of Youth & Family Services. The motion was amended to remove Wyoming County Human Services. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Substitute Director of Special Education

Mr. Minick made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Litwin, that the board approve the appointment of Fran Loughney as a substitute Director of Special Education at a daily rate of \$300. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Ross made a motion, seconded by Mr. Minick, to consolidate motions #9-17 into a consent agenda. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

Private Driver

Move that the board approve Steve Stearns as a private vehicle contracted driver with Burns Transportation effective October 19, 2023. All clearances are on file.

Unified Bocce Coach

Move that the board approve Kelley Buck as substitute Unified Bocce coach for the 2023-2024 school year at a stipend of \$500. All clearances are on file.

Extracurricular Resignation

Move that the board acknowledge the resignation of Jake Bedford as Junior High Boys' Basketball coach effective immediately.

Junior High Boys' Basketball Head Coach

Move that the board approve Richard Pencek as Junior High Boys' Basketball Head Coach beginning the 2023-2024 school year at a rate of \$3750, according to the LTEA agreement. All clearances are on file.

Junior High Boys' Basketball Assistant Coach

Move that the board approve Tyton Vokes as Junior High Boys' Basketball Assistant Coach beginning the 2023-2024 school year at a rate of \$3100, according to the LTEA agreement. All clearances are on file.

Junior High Girls' Basketball Assistant Coach

Move that the board approve Emily Baileys as Junior High Girls' Basketball Assistant Coach beginning the 2023-2024 school year at a rate of \$3100, according to the LTEA agreement. All clearances are on file.

Boys' Basketball Volunteer

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

Basketball Cheerleading Volunteer

Move that the board approve Camber Castellano as a volunteer assistant for Basketball Cheerleading for the 2023-2024 school year. All clearances are on file.

Wrestling Volunteer

Move that the board approve Ryan Tierney as a volunteer assistant wrestling coach for the 2023-2024 school year. All clearances are on file.

Mr. Ross announced that there would be an executive session prior to the next meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Adrian Bianchi, Secretary Board of Education