

Unapproved, unofficial Minutes of the January 6, 2020 Lackawanna Trail School Board Meeting

The LTSD Board of Education had a meeting on January 6, 2020 @ 7:30pm in the Board room, public notice having been given in accordance with Pa.C.S.A. § 709 (Sunshine Act) & LTSD Procedure #006. The President called the meeting to order. Present: Mr. Bianchi, Dr. Mould, Mr. Mulhern, Ms. Naylor, Mr. Ross, Mr. Petula, Mr. Stark, Mr. Thorne. Absent: Mr. Minick. Administrators present: Mr. Rakauskas, Dr. Murphy, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Glynn, Ms. Talarico, Ms. Kuchak and a solicitor.

There was ONE member of the public and ONE reporter present at the meeting.

The following motions were read and proposed for approval at the January 13, 2020 regular meeting.

+ Move that all bills found to be true and accurate be approved.

+ Move that the board approve the Treasurer's Report (December and January) as submitted.

+ Move that the board approve a resolution pursuant to Act I of 2001 indicating that the Lackawanna Trail School District will not raise the rate of tax support of its' public schools for the 2020-2021 fiscal year by more than the index established by the Department of Education for the district of 3.3%. Business Manager Mr. Keith explained that, pending more data from Lackawanna County, the following millage and changes could apply:

	<u>Lackawanna County</u>	<u>Wyoming County</u>
Millage rate	175.86	94.68
Increase in tax	5%	.7%

+ Move that the board approve the appointment of Jim Kotz as the mentor to the Elementary Physical Education Teacher, Jennifer Boccadori, at a stipend of \$450 prorated for the 2019-2020 School Year, as per the LTEA agreement.

+ Move that the board retroactively approve Robert Houser's intermittent Family Medical Leave request, for up to 12 weeks of leave, to be effective from December 9, 2019 to December 8, 2020.

+ Move that the contract proposal between the Lackawanna Trail School District and the Lackawanna Trail Education Support Professionals Association be approved, effective January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025.

+ Move that the board approve Kristin Pietrzak as a part-time non-leveled Paraprofessional at 4 % hours per day, as scheduled at a rate of \$13 per hour, per the LTESPA collective bargaining agreement to begin as soon as she is released from her current employer. All clearances on file.

+ Move that the board approve Tina Gavin as a part-time Level I Paraprofessional at 4 % hours per day, as scheduled at a rate of \$13 per hour plus \$2.50 per hour for each hour with a leveled student, per the LTESPA collective bargaining agreement, to begin January 14, 2020. All clearances on file.

+ Move that the board approve Amber Mosier as a temporary Level III Paraprofessional at 4 % hours per day, as scheduled at a rate of \$13 per hour, plus \$4.50 per hour with a leveled student, per the LTESPA collective bargaining agreement to begin on January 14, 2020 for a 30 school day employment period. All clearances on file.

+ Move that the board approve Lawrence Rudock as a bus driver for the Nichols Bus Company 2019-2020 school year. All clearances are currently on file.

The Superintendent Mr. Rakauskas announced that a new form has been developed to be submitted by guardians having difficulty with the current bussing pattern where there is only one pickup and one dropoff per student. Any requests for consideration must use the form and be submitted to the appropriate school principal to be processed. [A new form was announced to request special pickup/dropoff accommodations \[click here\]](#)

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

There was an Executive Session after the December 2019 meeting from 9:16 to 10:13 pm to:

+ discuss negotiations with the Lackawanna Trail Education Association

There was an Executive Session before the January 6, 2020 Meeting from 6:30 to 7:23pm to:

+ continue discussions about the negotiations about the LTEA contract

+ receive an update from the Solicitor

+ **discuss personnel matters** ***

*** NOTE: According to READING EAGLE CO. v. COUNCIL 156 Pa.Commw. 412 (1993) 627 A.2d 305, the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania ruled that "To simply say "personnel matters" or "litigation" tells nothing. The reason stated must be of sufficient specificity to inform those present that there is, in reality, a specific, discrete matter or area which the board had determined should be discussed in executive session. . . .To permit generalized fluff would frustrate the very purpose of the Act."

A more detailed reason may need to be provided to the public of this School District.

An Executive Session is expected before the January 13, 2020 general meeting.