

Unapproved, unofficial Minutes of the January 13, 2020 Lackawanna Trail School Board Meeting
The LTSD Board of Education had a meeting on January 13, 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, Mr. Minick, Dr. Mould, Mr. Mulhern, Ms. Naylor, Mr. Ross, Mr. Petula, Mr. Stark, Mr. Thorne. Administrators present: Mr. Rakauskas, Dr. Murphy, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Glynn, Ms. Talarico, Mr. Kordish, Ms. Kuchak, Ms Crum

There were five members of the public and one reporter present at the meeting.

January is Board Recognition Month and a cake was served.



All motions approved by unanimous approval unless indicated otherwise.

- + Motion by Mr. Stark, Mr. Ross to approve the minutes of the previous two meetings as submitted.
- + Motion by Mr Ross, Ms Naylor that all bills found to be true and accurate be approved.
- + Motion by Dr Mould, Mr Ross to approve the Treasurer's Report (December and January) as submitted.
- + Motion by Mr Thorne, Mr Stark to 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 previously explained that, pending more data from Lackawanna County, the following millage and changes could apply:

| | Lackawanna County | Wyoming County |
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| Millage rate | 175.86 | 94.68 |
| Increase in tax | 5% | .7% |

- + Motion by Mr. Ross Mr. Minick to approve the contract with DeHEY McAndrew for the 2019 tax year for preparation of the 1094-C and 1095-C forms.
- + Motion by Mr Bianchi, Dr. Mould to approve the Auditor General's Performance Audit Report for Fiscal Years ending July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2018 and the Corrective Action Plan contained therein.
- + Motion by Ms Naylor, Mr Thorne to 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.
- + Motion by Ms Naylor, Mr. Bianchi to acknowledge the retirement request by Kathleen Morris to take effective March 20, 2020.
- + Motion by Mr Minick, Dr Mould to 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.
- + Motion by Mr Stark, Dr. Mould to approve the contract proposal between the Lackawanna Trail School District and the Lackawanna Trail Education Support Professionals Association, effective January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025. **Approved 8-1, Mr Ross voting 'NO'**
- + Motion by Ms Naylor, Mr. Stark to approve Kristin Pietrzak as a part-time non-leveled Paraprofessional at 4-3/4 hours per day, as scheduled at a rate of \$12.53 per hour, per the LTESPA collective bargaining agreement from January 14, 2020 to February 6, 2020. All clearances on file.
- + Motion by Ms Naylor, Mr. Bianchi to approve Kristin Pietrzak as a part-time non-leveled Paraprofessional at 4-3/4 hours per day, as scheduled at a rate of \$13 per hour, per the LTESPA collective bargaining agreement to begin February 7, 2020. All clearances on file.
- + Motion by Mr Minick, Mr Stark to approve Tina Gavin as a part-time Level I Paraprofessional at 4 % hours per day, as scheduled at a rate of \$13 per hour per the LTESPA collective bargaining agreement, to begin January 14, 2020. All clearances on file.
- + Motion by Ms Naylor, Mr. Bianchi to approve Amber Mosier as a temporary Level III Paraprofessional at 4 % hours per day, as scheduled at a rate of \$13 per hour, per the LTESPA collective bargaining agreement to begin on January 14, 2020 for a 30 school day employment period. All clearances on file.
- + Motion by Mr Ross, Mr Minick to 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 drop-off 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/drop-off accommodations \[click here\]](#)

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

There was an Executive Session before the meeting from 6:30 to 7:13pm to discuss personnel matters, a legal issue and contract renewal ***

*** NOTE: According to READING EAGLE CO. v. COUNCIL 156 Pa.Comm. 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 February 3, 2020 meeting.