

Unapproved, unofficial Minutes of the April 12, 2021 Lackawanna Trail School Board Meeting

The LTSD Board of Education had a ZOOM meeting on April 12, 2021 @ 7:33pm in the Board room and ZOOM, 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. Thorne. Absent: Mr. Stark. Administrators present: Mr. Rakauskas, Dr. Murphy, Mr. Kearney, Ms. Talarico, Mr. Glynn, Ms. Kuchak, Mr. Schofield, Mr. Gaidula. Absent: Mr. Petula

The president announced that the Board had met in Executive session before the meeting to discuss personnel and legal matters.

At the Public Participation opportunity: Due to the refusal of the Board to release contracts to the public before the meeting, Mr. Strauch said "*As per The Sunshine Act 710.1(c), I raise an objection to the Board violating this Act by its refusal to reasonably provide information to the public and to allow the public to comment on items being voted upon.*"

The following motions were all approved by unanimous vote unless indicated otherwise.

* Motion by Mr. Ross, Mr. Mulhern to approve the minutes of the previous two meetings as published. Passed 7-0-1, Mr. Thorne abstaining.

* Motion by Mr. Ross, Mr. Bianchi that all bills found to be true and accurate be approved.

* Motion by Mr. Mulhern, Dr. Mould to approve the Treasurer's Report from February 2021 as submitted.

* Motion by Mr. Minick, Mr. Thorne to maintain the current Tax Collector Compensation Rates at \$3.00 per bill mailed, \$7.00 per full bill and first installment collected, \$2.50 per 2nd and 3rd installment collected. Rate will remain in effect for 2020-2021 through 2023-24 School Years.

* Motion by Mr. Bianchi, Ms. Naylor to approve the transportation contract with the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf for the 2021-2022 school year. This is to transport student(s) as necessary. Mr. Strauch asked what the cost of this contract was and if it would be based on the number of students or the number of trips, but the President declared that there would be no discussion of this contract except that the current pro-rated cost would be about \$2,700.

* Motion by Mr. Bianchi, Mr. Ross to approve the Tower North contract renewal from April 30, 2021 to April 30, 2022.

* Motion by Mr. Minick, Mr. Bianchi to approve the contract with Pivot for Athletic Training (\$24,600 with additional hours billed at \$24 per hour), Physical Therapy (\$105 per hour), and Occupational Therapy (\$105) for the 2021-2022 school year.

* Motion by Mr. Ross, Mr. Mulhern to approve the Resolution for Charter School Funding Reform.

* Motion by Mr. Ross, Dr. Mould to approve the PlanCon Part K forms for submission to the Pennsylvania Department of Education [Project Refinancing link here].

* Motion by Mr. Bianchi, Mr. Minick to approve the solicitation of bids for flooring replacement in the Elementary Center and Junior-Senior High School.

* Motion by Mr. Stark, Mr. Bianchi to approve the following advertising rates in the high school and elementary gyms for 2021-2022, on the recommendation of the superintendent:

a. 3' X 4' \$250 b. 4'X 6' \$300 c. Annual renewal \$75

* Motion by Mr. Minck, Ms. Naylor to eliminate the out-of-state travel restrictions, as per previously adopted policy on September 8, 2020, then revised on December 7, 2020. The Pennsylvania Department of Health has declared that the travel ban is no longer in effect. Travelers should still practice appropriate public health measures to slow the spread of COVID-19 such as masking, physical distance and hand hygiene.

+Motion by Mr. Thorne, Mr. Ross to approve the adoption of the following policies: [click here to see them]

100 Comprehensive Planning

101 Mission Statement/Vision Statement/Shared Values

102 Academic Standards

103 Discrimination/ Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Students

105 Curriculum

106 Guides for Planned Instruction

107 Adoption of Planned Instruction

113.2 Behavior Support

114 Gifted Education

116 Tutoring

218.3 Discipline of a Student Convicted/Adjudicated for Sexual Assault

252 Dating Violence

* Motion by Mr. Bianchi, Mr. Mulhern to approve the contract with Tara Crum as a full time Confidential Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent /Transportation Assistant effective from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024, at a pay rate of \$21.50/ hour for the first year.

* Motion by Mr. Mulhern, Mr. Minick to approve the agreement between the Lackawanna Trail School District and Dalton Borough Police Department for (\$42.00 per hour) for the 2021-2022 school year for School Resource Officer (SRO) services.

* Motion by Dr. Mould, Ms. Naylor to approve the appointment of Ed Gaidula to a three-year Athletic Director contract at a stipend of \$13,250 for the first year to begin July 1, 2021 and end June 30, 2024. Mr. Strauch asked about the cost of the subsequent years and was told \$13,750 and \$14,250 for years two and three.

* Motion by Mr. Minick, Mr. Mulhern to acknowledge the retirement of Nancy Brown, High School English Teacher, effective upon the completion of the 2020-2021 school year.

* Motion by Mr. Minick, Mr. Bianchi to acknowledge the retirement of Kimberli Brown, Elementary School Teacher, effective upon the completion of the 2020-2021 school year.

* Motion by Ms. Naylor, Mr. Mulhern to acknowledge the retirement of Jodi Rinehimer, Elementary School Music Teacher, effective upon the completion of the 2020-2021 school year.

* Motion by Mr. Ross, Dr. Mould to acknowledge the retirement of Claire Signorello, High School Math Teacher, effective upon the completion of the 2020-2021 school year.

* Motion by Mr. Thorne, Mr. Bianchi to acknowledge the retirement of John Richter, High School Science Teacher, effective upon the completion of the 2020-2021 school year.

* Motion by Ms. Naylor, Mr. Stark to acknowledge the retirement of Celeste Cali, Elementary Center Librarian, effective upon the completion of the 2020-2021 school year.

* Motion by Mr. Bianchi, Mr. Mulhern to acknowledge the resignation of Maddie Lengel from her Maintenance II position, retroactively effective on March 26, 2021.

* Motion by Mr. Mulhern, Mr. Ross to acknowledge the resignation of John Richter as the Science Department Chair position at the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

* Motion by Ms. Naylor, Mr. Stark to acknowledge the resignation of Jodi Rinehimer as the Marching Band Percussion Director at the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

* Motion by Mr. Minick, Mr. Bianchi to acknowledge the resignation of John Richter as the Head Softball Coach at the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

* Motion by Mr. Ross, Mr. Thorne to acknowledge the resignation of Lauren Keyes as the Football Cheerleading Coach at the end of 2020-2021 school year.

* Motion by Mr. Bianchi, Mr. Mulhern to approve Mary Smarkusky as a volunteer Track and Field Coach for the 2020-2021 season. All clearances are on file.

** Motion by Mr. Mulhern, Mr. Minick to approve Luke Ryon as a volunteer Baseball Coach for the 2020-2021 season. All clearances are on file.

Adjourned at 8:51pm

There were up to 26 participants in the ZOOM session.

Another Executive Session is anticipated before the next meeting.