

Unapproved, unofficial Minutes of the June 28, 2021 Lackawanna Trail School Board Meeting

The LTSD Board of Education had a ZOOM meeting on June 28, 2021 @ 7:38pm 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. Petula, Mr. Ross, Mr. Stark, Mr. Thorne. Administrators present: Mr. Rakauskas, Dr. Murphy, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Glynn, Ms. Talarico, Ms. Kuchak, Mr. Schofield, Mr. Gaidula.

There were up to 30 participants and one reporter in the ZOOM session.

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

- + Motion by Ross, Stark to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Approved 8-0, Minick abstaining.
- + Motion by Mould, Ross that all bills found to be true and accurate be approved.
- + Motion by Mould, Petula to approve the business manager to pay any necessary bills for the month of July 2021 should the scheduled July 26, 2021 meeting be cancelled.
- + Motion by Mulhern, Thorne to approve the Lackawanna Trail School District's 2021-2022 final budget in the amount of \$21,481,712. Passed 8-1, Petula voting 'NO'.
- + Motion by Mould, Stark to approve the following tax rates for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

	Lackawanna County	Wyoming County
Earned Income .	.5% earnings .	.5 % earnings
Real Estate Transfer	.5% sale price .	.5% sale price
Real Estate Tax	174.76 mills of assessed value	91.69 mills of assessed value

Passed 8-1, Petula voting 'NO'.
- + Motion by Bianchi, Thorne to approve the Lackawanna Trail 2021-2022 Health and Safety Plan for the opening of school. Passed 8-1, Petula voting 'NO'.
- + Motion by Mulhern, Bianchi to approve the 2021 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution.
- + Motion by Minick, Mulhern to accept the Assessment Appeal Stipulation for the following property: PIN number 02-074.0-001-00-00-00 to the assessed valuation of \$48,425 effective for 2021 real estate tax. Passed 8-1, Ross voting 'NO'.
- + Motion by Bianchi, Petula to approve the bus contractors' contracts for the 2021-22 school year.
- + Motion by Bianchi, Petula to approve the recommended car and van driver's rate at \$1.53/mile as per state formula for the 2021-2022 school year.
- + Motion by Mould, Naylor to approve the Athletic Event Stipend Matrix effective 7/1/2021.

+ Motion by Ross, Thorne to approve the following policies:

113 Special Education	613 Cooperative Purchasing
113.1 Discipline of Students With Disabilities	614 Payroll Authorization
113.4 Confidentiality of Special Education	615 Payroll Deductions
Student Information	616 Payment of Bills
117 Homebound Instruction	617 Petty Cash
137 Home Education Programs	618 Special Purposes Funds
137.1 Extracurricular Participation by Home	619 District Audit-Public
Education Students	620 Fund Balance
601 Objectives	621 Local Taxpayer Bill of Rights
602 Budget Planning	622 GASB Statement 34
603 Budget Preparation	624 Taxable Fringe Benefits
604 Budget Hearing	626.1 Travel Reimbursements
605 Tax Levy	626.2 Conflict of Interest
606 Tax Collection	701 Facilities Planning
607 Tuition Income	702 Gifts, Grants, Donations
608 Bank Accounts	810.1 School Bus Drivers and School
609 Investments	Commercial Vehicle Drivers
610 Purchases Subject to Bid Quotation	810.2 Transportation Video Audio Recording
611 Purchases Budgeted	810.3 School Vehicle Drivers
612 Purchases Not Budgeted	

- + Motion by Naylor, Thorne to approve Victoria Brown as a Special Education Teacher at a salary of \$58,235.08, Masters level, step 1, according to the LTEA contract, effective at the beginning the 2021-2022 school year. All clearances are on file. Passed 8-0-1, Ross abstaining.
- + Motion by Mulhern, Minick to approve the appointment of Kathy Ewing as the mentor to the Elementary Teacher, Morgan Doerner, at a stipend of \$450 for the 2021-2022 School Year, as per the LTEA agreement.
- + Motion by Naylor, Mulhern to approve the appointment of Betty Jo Bergey as the mentor to the Elementary Teacher, Courtney Gwizdz, at a stipend of \$450 for the 2021-2022 School Year, as per the LTEA agreement. Passed 5-2-2, Minick & Mould abstaining, Petula & Ross voting 'NO'.
- + Motion by Petula, Minick to approve the following list of teachers at an hourly rate of \$25.50, as Trail American Rescue Act Summer Teachers:

Keith Youtz	LeeAnn Lombardi	Kelly Hopkins
Connie Harris	Tim Ronchi	Judy Ambrose
Jessica Witinski	Brittany Butler	
- + Motion by Mulhern, Ross to approve Nicole Weisenfluh as the Extended School Year Teacher from July 7 to August 10, 2021, at a pay rate of \$25.50/hour. All clearances are on file.
- + Motion by Ross, Minick to approve Amanda McGraw as the Extended School Year Teacher from July 7 to August 10, 2021, at a pay rate of \$25.50/hour. All clearances are on file.
- + Motion by Naylor, Petula to acknowledge the retirement of Sharon Wademan from her position as the cafeteria manager effective June 30, 2021.
- + Motion by Mould, Thorne to table the motion to approve Keith Glynn as a volunteer Boys' Varsity Basketball coach for the 2021-2022 school year. All clearances on file.
- + Motion by Thorne, Stark to approve John Yanniello as a volunteer Boys' Varsity Basketball coach for the 2021-2022 school year. All clearances on file.

- + Motion by Mulhern, Bianchi to amend the agenda by adding the following motion.
- + Motion by Mulhern, Stark to approve a change order to the flooring project not to exceed \$55,000 to cover abatement of asbestos of the floor adhesive found in several rooms.

Meeting adjourned at 9:47pm.

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There was an Executive Session before the meeting from 6:30 to 7:30 pm to discuss Personnel matters and legal matters.

There will be an Executive Session before the next meeting related to position interviews

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Public ZOOM CHAT Comments during meeting

From Brian kearney to Everyone: 07:38 PM Good evening all!

From robba to Everyone: 07:46 PM

House Bill 854 puts the decision in the hands of school districts. Schools will get their normal funding. If schools want a piece of this relief money it comes with conditions which include masking into 21-22, modifying facilities, cleaning and maintenance, contact tracing, diagnostic and screening testing. Does Lackawanna Trail expect to continue these lockdown measures?

From robba to Everyone: 08:04 PM

We know PCR testing was inappropriate. We know RNA virus transmits poorly through contact, more so through the air. We know lockdowns were ineffective. We know by CDC's own findings masks made a 0.5% difference. So Lackawanna trail is going to continue following the guidelines to get the money. You've answered my question.

The school will continue to endorse a non-FDA approved vaccine that is in review currently because of cases of swelling around the heart tissue? The message I'm hearing from Lackawanna Trail is the vaccine will help us. I am not hearing the reverse that children under 18 have a near zero fatality. There have been deaths associated with this vaccine. Will the school put this information out to parents as well?

From Dave M to Everyone: 08:18 PM

Additional safety concern- When will the District require board members to submit the same clearances all others submit?

From Sarah DeBree to Everyone: 08:42 PM Welcome Victoria Brown!

From Victoria Brown to Everyone: 08:43 PM Thank you so much! I couldn't be more excited!

From Victoria Brown to Everyone: 08:56 PM Thank you again!

From Dave M to Everyone: 09:10 PM So, there are not already written standards for the curriculum?