

Unapproved, unofficial Minutes of the June 6, 2022 Lackawanna Trail School Board Meeting

The LTSD Board of Education had a meeting on June 6, 2022 @ 7:32pm in the Board room with a watch-only ZOOM monitor, 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. Carpenter, Mr. Minick, Dr. Mould, Mr. Petula, Mr. Ross, Mrs. Wescott. Absent: Mr. Mulhern, Mr Schmidt. Administrators present: Mr. Rakauskas, Dr. Murphy, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Glynn, Mrs. Kuchak, Mr. Schofield.

There were six members of the public and ONE reporter present at the meeting, four in person, two via ZOOM.

A Public Statement of Tenure effective on July 1, 2022 was announced for:

Brittany Butler, Christopher Hooker, Matthew Landsiedel, Jillian Rojek, Nicole Pizzola

A presentation about Academic Data Dives was NOT given by the Administration despite being on the agenda.

Public Comment by several attendees.

The following agenda was proposed for the next School Board Meeting on June 27, 2022.

1. Bill Listing

Motion that all bills found to be true and accurate be approved.

2. Treasurer's Report

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted.

3. July Bills

Motion to approve the business manager to pay any necessary bills for the month of July 2022 should the scheduled July 18, 2022 meeting be canceled.

4. 2022-2023 Budget

Motion to approve the Lackawanna Trail School District's 2022-2023 final budget in the amount of \$22,628,346.65.

5. Tax Rates 2022-2023

Motion to approve the following tax rates for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

	Lackawanna County	Wyoming County
Earned Income	0.5% earnings	0.5% earnings
Real Estate Transfer	0.5% sale price	0.5% sale price
Real Estate Tax	182.68 mills	91.70 mills of assessed value

6. Homestead Farmstead Exclusion Resolution

Motion to approve the 2022 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution.

7. Bus Contract Rate

Motion to approve the bus contractors' contracts for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years.

8. Car and Van Driver Rate

Motion to approve the recommended car and van driver's rate at \$1.64/mile as per state formula for the 2022-2023 school year.

9. Athletic Event Stipend Matrix

Motion to approve the Athletic Event Stipend Matrix effective July 1, 2022.

Mr. Ross has traditionally been included in this Matrix and has always, generously declined to accept the stipend.

10. Solicitor Contract Extension

Motion to approve the solicitor contract extension for Sweet Stevens Katz & Williams as solicitor from July 1 through September 30, 2022 in accordance with their fee agreement for such legal services as may be determined by the Superintendent or designee.

11. Pivot Athletic Trainer Contract

Motion to approve the contract with Pivot for Athletic Training (\$30,405 with additional hours billed at \$35 per hour) for the 2022-2023 school year.

12. School Resource Officer

Motion to approve the agreement between Lackawanna Trail School District and Dalton Borough Police Department for \$42 per hour for the 2022-2023 school year for School Resource Officer (SRO) services.

13. Advertising Rates 2022-2023

Motion to approve the following advertising rates in the high school and elementary gyms for 2022-2023, on the recommendation of the superintendent:

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

14. Title III MOU

Motion to approve the Title III MOU with the NEIU 19 Consortium for the 2022-2023 school year.

15. Intergovernmental Agreement for Special Education Services

Motion to approve the 2022-2023 Intergovernmental Agreement for Special Education Services with the NEIU 19.

16. 2022-2023 Standardized Tests

Motion to approve the attached list of standardized tests for the 2022-2023 school year.

17. Emergency Instructional Time

Motion to approve the Emergency Instructions Time template for the 2022-2023 school year.

18. Policy for Second Reading

Motion to approve the second reading of the following policy:

- 239 Foreign Exchange Students

Mr. Strauch commented during the Public opportunity that the changes proposed would probably bring this revised policy into non-compliance with various other policies, laws, etc. He suggested, and this was confirmed by Ms. Wescott, that the revision should be changed to just enhancing the criteria by adding input from the Principal, not eliminating Policies and Administrative Regulations.

19. Policies for Adoption

Motion to approve the adoption of the following policies:

- 140.1 Extracurricular Participation by Charter/Cyber Charter Students
- 801 Public Records

20. Summer Remediation Teachers

Motion to approve the following list of teachers at an hourly rate of \$25.50, as Summer Remediation Teachers:

Dina Berrios  
Leanne Lombardi  
Boyd Semken  
Alexandra Tompkins  
Keith Youtz

21. Extended School Year Teacher

Motion to approve Quinn Kelley as an Extended School Year Teacher from July 11 to August 11, 2022 at a pay rate of \$25.50/hour. All clearances are on file.

22. Extended School Year Teacher

Motion to approve Christian Scotti as an Extended School Year Teacher from July 11 to August 11, 2022 at a pay rate of \$25.50/hour. All clearances are on file.

23. Extended School Year Teacher

Motion to approve Natalie Cocchini as an Extended School Year Teacher from July 11 to August 11, 2022 at a pay rate of \$25.50/hour. All clearances are on file.

24. Unpaid Time Off Request

Motion to retroactively approve the unpaid time off request for employee #590 for ½ half day on May 25, 2022.

25. Unpaid Time Off Request

Motion to retroactively approve the unpaid time off request for employee #769 for May 13 & 18, 2022.

26. Unpaid Time Off Request

Motion to retroactively approve the unpaid time off request for employee #785 for May 9, 2022.

27. Unpaid Time Off Request

Motion to retroactively approve the unpaid time off request for employee #793 for May 11, 12, 13 & 16, 2022.

28. Extracurricular Spring Musical Bass Accompanist

Motion to retroactively approve Christopher Hooker as the bass accompanist for the Spring Musical at a stipend of \$300 from the Extracurricular budget. All clearances are on file.

29. Extracurricular Marching Band Volunteer

Motion to approve Kelsey Hopkins as a volunteer with the marching band for the 2022-2023 school year. All clearances are on file.

30. Extracurricular Marching Band Volunteer

Motion to approve Dave Hopkins as a volunteer with the marching band for the 2022-2023 school year. All clearances are on file.

31. Extracurricular Golf Volunteer

Motion to approve Mike Bluhm as a volunteer assistant with the golf team for the 2022-2023 school year. All clearances are on file.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm

=====  
There was an Executive Session before the meeting from 6:00pm to 7:27pm to discuss

- \* Interim Superintendent scenarios
- \* Personnel / staffing
- \* Bus Contractors
- \* Potential memorandum of understanding
- \* School Safety

Absent: Mr. Mulhern, Mr. Schmidt.

There was an Executive Session announced to be held before the next public meeting