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Lackawanna Trail elementary principal on sick leave for rest of the school year

FACTORYVILLE - Lackawanna Trail School Board voted during a special meeting Monday to approve a separation agreement between the district and its elementary school principal.

District Superintendent Matthew Rakauskas declined to comment after the meeting, on why Jeff Gregory was no longer serving as principal of Lackawanna Trail Elementary Center.

Under the agreement, Mr. Gregory will remain on sick leave until June. Mr. Rakauskas declined to furnish The Times-Tribune with a copy of the agreement.

Efforts to reach Mr. Gregory, who is paid \$85,490 a year, were unsuccessful Monday night. He has been on sick leave for about two weeks, Mr. Rakauskas confirmed.

Mr. Gregory was first hired by the district in August 2006 as a high school vice principal with a salary of \$69,000, according to The Times-Tribune archives.

A decision has not been made as to when the district will seek applicants for Mr. Gregory's replacement. In the meantime, Mr. Gregory's duties will be covered by high school administrators, Director of Curriculum Janice Joyce and Mr. Rakauskas himself filling in as needed.

Also on Monday night, school board member Michael Mould was approved by the board to fill Lackawanna Trail's seat on the Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit 19 Board. That seat was left empty after former school board president Dan Naylor resigned earlier this month.

Mr. Naylor resigned from the board Oct. 11 after 18 years, citing recent changes in his personal and business life.

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