

Unapproved, unofficial Minutes of the June 26, 2017 Board Meeting

The LTSD Board of Education had a meeting on June 26, 2017 @ 7:32pm 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. Beichler, Mr. Bianchi, Mr. Clarke, Dr. Mould, Mr. Mulhern, Mr. Ross, Mr. Stark, Mr. Strauch, Mr. Thorne. Administrators present: Mr Rakauskas, Dr. Murphy, Mr. Kearney, Dr. Ross, Mr. Glynn, Ms. Talarico, Mr. Kordish, and Mrs. Sarah DeBree.

All Motions were passed by unanimous approval unless otherwise noted.

+ Motion by Mr. Thorne, Mr. Ross to accept the minutes of the last two meetings as distributed.

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

+ Motion by Dr. Mould, Mr. Strauch that the board approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted.

+ Motion by Dr. Mould, Mr. Clarke that the board approve the business manager to pay any necessary bills for the month of July 2017 should the scheduled July 10th meeting be cancelled. **The question was raised as to the expectation of a July meeting and it is currently scheduled to take place.**

+ Motion by Mr. Clarke, Dr. Mould that the board approve Lackawanna Trail School District's 2017-2018 final budget in the amount of \$20,945,000. Passed 7-2, Mr. Beichler & Mr. Strauch voting 'NO'

+ Motion by Dr. Mould, Mr. Stark that the board approve the following tax rates for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Passed 7-2, Mr. Beichler voting 'NO', Mr. Strauch voting "NO" **because he did not approve the increase.**

	Lackawanna County	Wyoming County	
Act 679 Per Capita	\$5 per person	\$5 per person	(no change)
Act 511 Per Capita	\$5 per person	\$5 per person	(no change)
Earned Income	.5% earnings	.5 % earnings	(no change)
Real Estate Transfer	.5% sale price	.5% sale price	(no change)
Real Estate Tax	162.43 mills of assessed value (Approx 2.44% increase)	91.61 mills of assessed value (Approx 3.27% increase)	

+ Motion by Mr. Thorne, Mr. Bianchi that the board approve the 2017 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution.

+ Motion by Mr. Strauch, Mr. Bianchi that the board approve the following student meal prices for the 2017-2018 school year:

High School Lunch	\$2.90	(no change)
High School Breakfast	\$1.90	(no change)
Reduced Breakfast (H.S.)	\$.30	(no change)
Elementary Lunch	\$2.55	(no change)
Reduced Lunch (District-wide)	\$.40	(no change)
Elementary Breakfast	Free	(no change)

+ Motion by Mr. Clarke, Mr. Beichler that the board approve the 63 month lease agreement with First Choice Systems and Solutions, Inc. for the postage machine, Pitney Bowes SendPro P1000, effective July 1, 2017.

+ Motion by Mr. Strauch, Mr. Bianchi that the board approve the software license and hosting agreement for Routefinder Pro at a cost of \$8,490.00 for July 2017, \$3,050.00 for each of the following two years.

+ Motion by Mr. Clarke, Mr. Stark that the board approve the GASB 75 Valuation Proposal with Cowden Associates, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019, at a cost of \$13,500 in the 2017-2018 fiscal year and \$2,800 in each of the following fiscal years.

+ Motion by Mr. Thorne, Dr. Mould that the board appoint Kevin Mulhern as Lackawanna Trail School Board Secretary for a four year term effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2021, at a stipend of \$600 per year. Passed 8-0-1, Mr. Mulhern abstaining. Mr. Mulhern generously directed that his stipend be redirected to the general fund with a recommendation that it be split evenly amongst the Music, Athletic and Arts categories.

+ Motion by Mr. Straucch, Mr. Bianchi that the board appoint Dr. Mould as Lackawanna Trail School Board Treasurer for the 2017-2018 school year, at a stipend of \$600. Passed 8-0-1, Dr. Mould abstaining. Dr. Mould generously directed that his stipend be redirected to the general fund with a recommendation that it be split evenly amongst the Music, Athletic and Arts categories.

+ Motion by Mr. Bianchi, Mr. Strauch that the board approve the second reading of Policy #718: Service Animals in Schools.

+ Motion by Mr. Bianchi, Mr. Clarke that the board approve the second reading of Policy #246: Wellness Policy.

+ Motion by Mr. Stark, Mr. Thorne to table a motion that the board approve the contract for TBD as the Bookkeeper/Confidential Secretary, from September 1, 2017 to June 30, 2020, at a starting rate of \$20.44/hour, effective September 1, 2017.

+ Motion by Mr. Clarke, Dr. Mould that the board approve Sarah Richard as the Special Education Elementary Life Skills Teacher, at a salary of \$55,200, step 1, column M, effective at the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year.

+ Motion by Dr. Mould, Mr. Strauch that the board approve Jessica Bentley as the Special Education High School Math Teacher, at a salary of \$55,200, step 1, column M, effective at the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year, pending completion of PA certification.

+ Motion by Mr. Bianchi, Mr. Clarke that the board approve Judy Makala, as a School Nurse, at a probationary rate of \$16.62/hour, according to the LTESPA contract, effective at the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year, pending current clearances.

+ Motion by \_\_\_\_ that the board approve the appointment of Harry Powell as the Athletic Director for the 2017-2018 school year, at a stipend of \$16,000.

+ Motion by Dr. Mould, Mr. Mulhern that the board approve Mason Stiver as the Percussion Instructor at the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year, at a stipend of \$1,975, per the LTEA contract. All clearances on file.

+ Motion by Mr. Stark, Mr. Clarke that the board approve Brink Powell as the Dramatics Director at the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year, at a stipend of \$2,100, per the LTEA contract.

+ Motion by Mr. Clarke, Mr. Bianchi that the board approve the resignation of Gary Wilmet as the Junior High Girls Basketball Coach, effective immediately.

+ Motion by Mr. Stark, Mr. Ross that the board accept the resignation of Tony Dalasio as Interact Advisor, effective immediately.

+ Motion by Mr. Strauch, Mr. Clarke that the board approve an unpaid leave of absence for Debra Joyce from October 24, 2017 to October 27, 2017.

+ Motion by Mr. Ross, Mr. Beichler that the board approve an unpaid leave of absence for Kenneth Yerkes from March 8, 2017 to August 31, 2017.

+ Motion by Dr. Mould, Mr. Ross that the board approve the following tuition waiver students for the 2017-2018 school year, per Policy # 202 - Eligibility of Non-Resident Students:

Elizabeth Ambrose, Willoughby Burnell, Maxwell Bluhm, Michael Bluhm, Hayden Bluhm, Karley Cresswell, Kody Cresswell, John-Patrick Gilroy, Sean Gilroy, Calvin Harris, Cordellia Harris, Tyler Jervis, Steven Jervis, Alaina Jones, Alec Jones, Adam Jones, Aleese Joseph, Leigha Joseph, Nadia Kuchak, Rachel Saxton, Novella Wilhelm, Deanna Wilhelm

Passed 8-1, Mr. Strauch voting 'NO' since he would not ask Trail taxpayers to pay for non-residents.

+ Motion to adjourn at 8:28pm.

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#### EXECUTIVE SESSION JUNE 26, 2017 5:30 PM - 7:27PM

- + Conduct a Nurse Interview with Judy Makala
- + Review Staffing/Personnel details
- + Receive and evaluate the Solicitor Report.

There will be an Executive Session before the next meeting to discuss matters that may arise.