

The LTSD Board of Education had a meeting on May 14, 2018 @ 7:30pm 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, Dr. Mould, Mr. Mulhern, Ms. Naylor, Mr. Ross, Mr. Stark, Mr. Strauch, Mr. Thorne. Administrators present: Mr Rakauskas, Dr. Murphy, Mr. Kearney, Miss Talarico, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Kordish and Mrs. Crum.

The meeting was attended by about at least 32 public and 2 reporters. Extensive discussions/topics were presented by at least ten outstanding community members and echoed by others about:

- 1) Taxes increasing to unaffordable heights.
- 2) The budget needed greater work to reduce costs and taxes
- 3) The official website was deficient and presented very little of value
- 4) The elderly of the school district were being very distressed trying to meet increased taxes
- 5) The farmers of the school district were being very distressed trying to meet increased taxes
- 6) Small business owners of the district were being very distressed trying to meet increased taxes
- 7) The music program was being harmed by the failure to replace a lost music teacher
- 8) How does the "Countryside Conservancy" interact with property taxes
- 9) Why are transportation costs so high, how can they be lowered

All of these concerns were respectfully addressed and answered by the Administration to the fullest extent possible.

All motions passed by unanimous approval unless otherwise noted.

+ Motion by Mr. Strauch, Dr. Mould to approve the minutes from April 9 and May 7 2018.

+ Motion by Mr. Stark, Ms. Naylor that all bills found to be true and accurate be approved.

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

+ Motion by Mr. Thorne, Dr. Mould to approve Lackawanna Trail School District's 2018-2019 proposed final budget in the amount of \$21,285,785.00. **Approved 5-4. Voting 'NO' were Mr. Beichler, Mr. Bianchi, Mr. Mulhern and Mr. Strauch**

+ Motion by Dr. Mould, Mr. Stark to approve the contract with DeHEY McAndrew for the 2017-2018 school year for preparation of 1094-C and 1095-C forms at a cost of \$9.75/1094-C and \$750.00 fee for 1095-C preparation. **Passed 8-1, Mr. Beichler voted 'NO.' Mr. Strauch voted 'YES' based on contractual changes.**

+ Motion by Mr. Thorne, Dr. Mould to approve the contract with DeHEY McAndrew for the 2018-2019 school year for preparation of 1094-C and 1095-C forms cost of \$9.75/employee and dependents and \$750.00 for 1095-C preparation. **Passed 8-1, Mr. Beichler voted 'NO.' Mr. Strauch voted 'YES' based on contractual changes.**

+ Motion by Mr. Bianchi, Mr. Ross to deny support staff grievance #18-1. Comment by several board members that the person subject of the grievance should have received greater discipline.

+ Motion by Ms. Naylor, Mr. Bianchi to approve the 2018-2019 Special Education Services Contract.

+ Motion by Mr. Stark, Mr. Thorne to approve seven days maximum of summer employment for each guidance counselor (Lombardi, Ronchi, and Getts) at a total payment of \$8,605.62. **FAILED 6-3. Voting 'NO' were Mr. Beichler, Mr. Bianchi, Dr. Mould, Mr. Mulhern, Mr. Ross and Mr. Strauch.**

+ Motion by Mr. Bianchi, Mr. Mulhern to approve the appointment of Kelly Services for substitute teacher and support staff calling services for the 2018-2019 school year.

+ Motion by Ms. Naylor, Mr. Bianchi to approve Susie Shaw's request for medical leave from April 30, 2018-June 12, 2018.

+ Motion by Dr. Mould, Mr. Bianchi to approve the appointment of Dr. Rajah Mulloth as the school district physician for the 2018-2019 school year at a stipend of \$10,000.00.

+ Motion by Mr. Strauch, Mr. Bianchi to approve the following advertising rates in the high school and elementary gyms for 2018-2019, on the recommendation of the superintendent:

3' X 4' \$200 4'X 6' \$250 Annual renewal \$75

+ Motion by Mr. Ross, Ms. Naylor to approve the following tuition waiver students for the 2018-2019 school year, per Policy #202- Eligibility of Non-Resident Students. **Passed 7-2, Mr. Beichler and Mr. Strauch voted 'NO.'**

- 1) Elizabeth Ambrose,
- 2) Hayden Bluhm,
- 3) Maxwell Bluhm,
- 4) Michael Bluhm,
- 5) Willoughby Burnell,
- 6) Zoey Chang,
- 7) Kody Cresswell,
- 8) John-Patrick Gilroy,
- 9) Sean Gilroy,
- 10) Calvin Harris,
- 11) Cordelia Harris,
- 12) Stephen Jervis,
- 13) Tyler Jervis,
- 14) Adam Jones,
- 15) Alec Jones,
- 16) Aleese Joseph,
- 17) Leigha Joseph,
- 18) Nadia Kuchak,
- 19) Rachel Saxton,
- 20) Deana Wilhelm,
- 21) Novella Wilhelm.

+ Motion by Mr. Bianchi, Mr. Strauch to approve Craig Muller's request to take the K'Nex team to Harrisburg University in Harrisburg, PA on May 18, 2018 for the K'nex competition. There is no cost to the district

+ Motion to adjourn at 10:32pm.

There was an Executive Session from 6:30 - 7:28pm

- + to discuss the 'Support Staff Sick Bank' status
- + to discuss the Staffing / Enrollment

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