

Unapproved, unofficial Minutes of the June 10, 2019 Lackawanna Trail School Board Meeting

The LTSD Board of Education had a meeting on June 10, 2019 @ 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. Bianchi, Mr. Minick, Dr. Mould, Mr. Mulhern, Ms. Naylor, Mr. Ross, Mr. Stark, Mr. Strauch, Mr. Thorne. Administrators present: Dr. Murphy, Mr. Glynn, Ms. Talarico, Mr. Kordish, Ms. King
There were 3 public members and 1 reporter present at the meeting.

All motions were approved by unanimous roll-call vote unless indicated to the contrary.

- + Motion by Mr. Ross, Ms. Naylor to approve the minutes of the previous two meetings. Passed 8-1, Mr. Strauch voting 'NO' because they failed to provide legally required information.
 - + Motion by Dr. Mould, Mr. Bianchi to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted.
 - + Motion by Mr. Strauch, Mr. Thorne to approve the agreement with Creditech Collection Services.
 - + Motion by Mr. Stark, Mr. Bianchi to approve the Title III MOU with the NEIU 19 Consortium for the 2019-2020 school year.
 - + Motion by Ms. Naylor, Mr. Minick to approve the Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 Special Education Contract for the 2019-2020 school year.
 - + Motion by Mr. Ross, Mr. Minick to approve the Conrad Siegel GASB 75 Valuation and Related Services Agreement for a total of \$5,100, for years ended June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2021.
 - + Motion by Mr. Minick, Mr. Ross to approve the second reading of Policy #251: Homeless Students. Passed 8-1, Mr. Strauch voting 'NO' because of a implied violation of federal requirements.
 - + Motion by Ms. Naylor, Mr. Bianchi to approve the first reading of Policy #204: Attendance.
 - + Motion by Mr. Strauch, Dr. Mould to approve the first reading of Policy #217: Graduation.
 - + Motion by Mr. Ross, Mr. Mulhern to approve Christopher Hooker as the Secondary English Language Arts Teacher at a salary of \$56,588, step 1, Masters, according to the LTEA contract, effective at the beginning the 2019-2020 school year. All clearances are on file.
 - + Motion by Mr. Thorne, Mr. Mulhern to approve Matthew Landsiedel as the Secondary Special Education Life Skills Teacher at a salary of \$51,668, step 1, Bachelor's +12, according to the LTEA contract, effective at the beginning the 2019-2020 school year. All clearances are on file.
 - + Motion by Mr. Bianchi, Mr. Strauch to approve a one year agreement, with the option to renew, with Peoples State Bank for naming rights of the Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium for \$5,000.
 - + Motion by Mr. Stark, Mr. Mulhern to approve James Becchetti and Edward Gaidula as the Co-Athletic Directors for a one year contract for 2019-2020 school year, at a stipend of \$12,000 divided evenly per director. All clearances are on file. Passed 7-2, Dr. Mould and Mr. Strauch voting 'NO' because of doubts about the problems caused by a co-directorship.
 - + Motion by Ms. Naylor, Mr. Bianchi to acknowledge the resignation of Jenna Alderman from her Music teaching position effective July 1, 2019.
 - + Motion by Mr. Minick, Mr. Bianchi to acknowledge the resignation of Jessica Norris from her long term teaching position effective May 9, 2019. Passed 8-1, Mr. Ross voting 'NO'.
 - + Motion by Mr. Thorne, Mr. Bianchi to appoint Dr. Mould as Lackawanna Trail School Board Treasurer for the 2019-2020 school year, at a stipend of \$600. Dr. Mould agreed and directed the stipend to be split evenly between the Arts, Music and Booster groups.
 - + Motion by Mr. Stark, Mr. Strauch to approve Keith Youtz's request to take the Trail Wrestling Team to Kutztown University in Kutztown, PA, from July 21-24, 2019 at no cost to the district.
 - + Motion by Mr. Stark, Mr. Ross to approve Heather Warriner's request for unpaid leave for the 2019-2020 school year. Failed by 1-8 vote.
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There was a public discussion about the proposed agenda for the next meeting Daily rates for Substitute School Nurse.

Move that the board approve the business manager to pay any necessary bills for the month of July 2019 should the scheduled July 8, 2019 meeting be cancelled.

Move that the board approve Lackawanna Trail School District's 2019-2020 proposed final budget in the amount of \$ TBA

Move that the board approve the repeal of Act 679 and Act 511 Per Capita Taxes effective July 1, 2019. Move that the board approve the 2019 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution.

Move that the board approve the following student meal prices for the 2019-2020 school year:

High School Lunch \$ 2.90 (no change)

High School Breakfast Free (no change)

Elementary Lunch \$ 2.70 (+\$.05)

Reduced Lunch (District-wide) \$0.40 (no change)

Elementary Breakfast Free (no change)

Move that the board approve the following tax rates for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

Lackawanna County Wyoming County

Earned Income .5% earnings .5% earnings

Real Estate Transfer .5% sale price .5% sale price

Real Estate Tax Mills of assessed value Mills of assessed value

* the net effect of these rates combined with the elimination of the per-capita taxes are expected decreases.

Move that the board approve the PATH contract for the 2019-2020 school year, effective July 1, 2019.

Move that the board approve the Student Handbook for the 2019-2020 school year for the Elementary School.

Move that the board approve the Student Handbook for the 2019-2020 school year for the Jr./Sr. High School.

Move that the board adopt Policy #251: Homeless Students.

Move that the board approve the second reading of Policy #204: Attendance.

Move that the board approve the second reading of Policy #217: Graduation.

Move that the board approve TBA as a part-time Paraprofessional at 4 ¾ hours per day, as scheduled at the probationary rate of \$14.38 per hour, per the LTESPA collective bargaining agreement, to begin the 2019-2020 school year. All Clearances are on file.

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Move that the board approve the appointment of TBA to teach Extended School Year from July 8, 2019 to August 8, 2019.

Move that the board approve the appointment of TBA as the mentor for Christopher Hooker at a stipend of \$450, as per the LTEA agreement.

Move that the board approve the appointment of TBA as the mentor for Matthew Landsiedel at a stipend of \$450, as per the LTEA agreement.

Move that the board approve TBA as the Jr. High Head Wrestling Coach, starting 2019-2020 school year, at a stipend of \$ 3,750, per the LTEA collective bargaining agreement. All Clearances on file.

Meeting adjourned 8:23pm.

There was an Executive Session from 6:30 - 7:20pm

Discussion about security on school property

Discussion about resignations of several employees

Discussion about Bus Route safety considerations

An Executive Session is anticipated before the next meeting.