

Unapproved, unofficial Minutes of the April 6, 2021 Lackawanna Trail School Board Meeting

The LTSD Board of Education had a ZOOM meeting on April 6, 2021 @ 7:33pm in the Board room and ZOOM, 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. Minick, Dr. Mould, Mr. Mulhern, Ms. Naylor, Mr. Petula, Mr. Ross, Mr. Stark, Administrators present: Mr. Rakauskas, Dr. Murphy, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Glynn, Ms. Talarico, Ms. Kuchak, Mr. Schofield, Mr. Gaidula. Absent: Messrs. Bianchi and Thorne

There were up to 17 participants in the ZOOM session.

The following agenda was proposed for the meeting on April 12, 2021.

- \* Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ to approve the minutes of the previous two meetings
  - \* Move that all bills found to be true and accurate be approved.
  - \* Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ to approve the Treasurer's Report from February 2021 as submitted.
  - \* Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ to approve the Treasurer's Report from March 2021 as submitted.
  - \* Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ to maintain the current Tax Collector Compensation Rates at \$3.00 per bill mailed, \$7.00 per full bill and first installment collected, \$2.50 per 2nd and 3rd installment collected. Rate will remain in effect for 2020-2021 through 2023-24 School Years.
  - \* Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ to approve the transportation contract with the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf for the 2021-2022 school year.
  - \* Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ to approve the contract with Pivot for Athletic Training (\$22.50 per hour), Physical Therapy (\$100 per hour), Occupational Therapy (\$100), and Speech Pathology Services for extended school year only (\$90 per hour) for the 2021-2022 school year.
  - \* Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ to approve the Resolution for Charter School Funding Reform.
  - \* Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ to approve the PlanCon Part K forms for submission to the Pennsylvania Department of Education. (This is a funding instrument from the state that could benefit LTSD about \$3,000/year)
  - \* Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ to approve the solicitation of bids for flooring replacement in the Elementary Center and Junior-Senior High School. (The advertising could cost about \$1000 and the full project could run up to a quarter of a million.)
  - \* Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ to approve the following advertising rates in the high school and elementary gyms for 2021-2022, on the recommendation of the superintendent:
    - a. 3' X 4' \$250
    - b. 4' X 6' \$300
    - c. Annual renewal \$75
  - \* Eliminate Out-Of-State Travel Restrictions Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ to eliminate the out-of-state travel restrictions, as per previously adopted policy on September 8, 2020, then revised on December 7, 2020. The Pennsylvania Department of Health has declared that the travel ban is no longer in effect. Travelers should still practice appropriate public health measures to slow the spread of COVID-19 such as masking, physical distance and hand hygiene.
- +Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ to approve the following policies: [click here to see them]
- 100 Comprehensive Planning
  - 101 Mission Statement/Vision Statement/Shared Values
  - 102 Academic Standards
  - 103 Discrimination/ Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Students
  - 105 Curriculum
  - 106 Guides for Planned Instruction
  - 107 Adoption of Planned Instruction
  - 113.2 Behavior Support
  - 114 Gifted Education
  - 116 Tutoring
  - 218.3 Discipline of a Student Convicted/Adjudicated for Sexual Assault
  - 252 Dating Violence

- \* Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ to approve the agreement between the Lackawanna Trail School District and Dalton Borough Police Department for (\$42.00 per hour) for the 2021-2022 school year for School Resource Officer (SRO) services. (This would be an increase expected to be about \$5000/year)
- \* Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ to approve the appointment of Ed Gaidula to a three-year Athletic Director contract at a stipend of \$13,250 for the first year to begin July 1, 2021 and end June 30, 2024.
- \* Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ to acknowledge the retirement of Nancy Brown, High School English Teacher, effective upon the completion of the 2020-2021 school year.
- \* Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ to acknowledge the retirement of Jodi Rinehimer, Elementary School Music Teacher, effective upon the completion of the 2020-2021 school year.
- \* Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ to acknowledge the retirement of Claire Signorello, High School Math Teacher, effective upon the completion of the 2020-2021 school year.
- \* Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ to acknowledge the retirement of Celeste Cali, Elementary Center Librarian, effective upon the completion of the 2020-2021 school year.
- \* Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ to acknowledge the resignation of Maddie Lengel from her Maintenance II position, retroactively effective on March 26, 2021.
- \* Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ to acknowledge the resignation of Jodi Rinehimer from her Marching Band Percussion Director position at the end of the 2020-2021 school year.
- \* Resignation Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ to acknowledge the resignation of Lauren Keyes as the Football Cheerleading Coach at the end of 2020-2021 school year.
- \* Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ to approve Mary Smarkusky as a volunteer Track and Field Coach for the 2020-2021 season. All clearances are on file.
- \* Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ to approve Luke Ryon as a volunteer Baseball Coach for the 2020-2021 season. All clearances are on file.

Public Participation was only invited at the conclusion of the meeting. Mr. Strauch respectfully reminded that the contracts being proposed for the next meeting are required to be made public in time for the public to reasonably evaluate them and discuss them at the meeting as per Sunshine Act 710.1a. **Mr. Mulhern disagreed stating the Board's intention that the entire contract for transportation must be kept from the public to protect student(s) information and it would not be published.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:59pm.

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There was an Executive Session before the meeting from about 5:30-7:29pm to have a discussion with the bus contractors, staffing/personnel, an update to the LTEA contract negotiations, retirements and projected replacements and attritions. Mr. Thorne was absent. All of the other board members were present. **Some of the topics of those discussions appear to be in violation of the Sunshine Act 708.**

There will be an Executive Session before the next meeting.