

Unofficial Minutes of the April 11, 2022 Lackawanna Trail School Board Meeting

The LTSD Board of Education had a meeting on April 11, 2022 @ 7:37pm 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. Bianchi, Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Minick, Mr. Mulhern, Mr. Petula, Mr. Ross, Mr. Schmidt, Mrs. Wescott. Absent: Dr. Mould. Administrators present: Mr. Rakauskas, Dr. Murphy, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Glynn, Ms. Kuchak, Mr. Schofield. Solicitor John Audi.

There were at least 30 participants including one reporter attending either in the Board Room or via ZOOM.

The meeting began with:

- A. Student Delegations/Staff Presentations Senior Class Officers - Senior Class Trip Proposal
- B. Presentation of non-staff written communications and reports (concerning items listed on the agenda and business (i.e. letters, etc from citizens and community groups)
- C. Notice that a recording is being made of the ZOOM session and will be published on the official District website.
- D. Questions asked about identifying standing committees and their meeting dates and about the approved Text Book list.
- E. Announcement by the Superintendent that the proposed wellness center is temporarily on hold. The three construction bids were double the anticipated cost of \$1.9 million and were rejected.

The following motions were all passed by unanimous vote unless indicated otherwise.

- + Motion by Ross, Minick to approve Minutes of the previous two meetings.
- + Motion by Schmidt, Bianchi that all bills found to be true and accurate be approved.
- + Motion by Mulhern, Schmidt to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted.
- + Motion by Mulhern, Petula to approve the following Consent Agenda
 - a. Tower North Contract Renewal
 - b. Focus School Software
 - c. Policies for First Reading
 - 140.1 Extracurricular Participation by Charter/Cyber Charter Students
 - 801 Public Records
 - d. 2022-2023 Academic Calendar
 - e. Senior Class Trip
 - f. Cheerleading Camp
- + Motion by Bianchi, Minick to approve the expenditure of \$28,400.00 on school safety equipment from unassigned fund balance. Ross, Wescott, Petula & Carpenter voted 'NO'. Failed to pass with 4-4-0 vote.
- + Motion by Wescott, Schmidt to approve the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Vocal Music Director stipend.

+ Motion by Ross, Petula to approve [an undisclosed list] eligible tuition waiver students for the 2022-2023 school year, per Policy #202- Eligibility of Non-Resident Students. Passed 6-2-0, Wescott, Carpenter voted 'NO'.

+ Motion by Mulhern, Ross to approve Jessica Tigue as an Extended School Year Teacher from July 11 to August 11, 2022 at a pay rate of \$25.50/hour. All clearances are on file.

+ Motion by Minick, Bianchi to retroactively approve the unpaid time off request for Employee #793 for March 11, 2022.

+ Motion by Carpenter, Minick to retroactively approve the unpaid time off request for Employee #776 on March 30, 2022.

+ Motion by Wescott, Carpenter to acknowledge the retirement of Lisa Vallone as the Jr./Sr. High School Family Consumer Science Teacher effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year.

+ Motion by Schmidt, Carpenter to approve Joel Nietz as the Head Varsity Girls Basketball Coach beginning the 2022-2023 season at a rate of \$6300, according to the LTEA agreement. All clearances are on file. Passed 7-0-1, Wescott abstained.

+ Motion by Mulhern, Petula to retroactively approve Dan Maurer as a sound and lighting assistant for the Spring Musical at a stipend of \$300 from the Extracurricular budget. All clearances are on file.

+ Motion by Carpenter, Petula to acknowledge the resignation of Jody Kwiatkowski from her position as Girls Varsity Basketball Assistant Coach.

+ Motion by Petula, Ross to amend the agenda.

+ Motion by Petula, Minick to suspend the Sex Consent Program pending Board review. Passed 7-1-0, Wescott voting 'NO'.

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There was an Executive Session before the meeting from 6:00 – 7:34pm to discuss

- + Solicitor's Report
- + School safety
- + Personnel issues at the Elementary Center
- + Scheduling a Superintendent Review
- + Staffing updates
- + Transportation contract

There will be an Executive Session scheduled before the next meeting.
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Meeting adjourned at 9:14pm.