

Unapproved, unofficial Minutes of the September 12, 2022 Lackawanna Trail School Board Meeting. The LTSD Board of Education had a meeting on September 12, 2022 @ 7:37pm in the Board room with a watch/voice only ZOOM session, 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, Dr. Mould, Mr. Mulhern, Mr. Petula, Mr. Ross, Mr. Schmidt, Mrs. Wescott. Administrators present: Dr. Murphy, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Schofield.

There was one member of the public in person and one reporter present at the meeting. Others attended via ZOOM.

Presentation by Colin Furneaux about the Northern Tier Industry & Education Consortium and their benefit to the District.

Public Comment by Joe Strauch corrected the minutes of the last meeting. He also requested that the report of Executive Session matters be more detailed to comply with the law on transparency.

The following items were approved by unanimous voice vote unless stated to the contrary.

+ Motion by Ross, Carpenter to approve the minutes of the previous two meetings.

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

+ Motion by Minick, Wescott to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted.

+ Motion by Mulhern, Schmidt to approve the Van Strien Consulting Proposal of Services for the E-Rate program in the 2023-2024 Funding Year at a rate of \$3,000 for Category One requests and \$1,000 per funding request for Category Two requests be approved.

+ Motion by Schmidt, Wescott to approve contract with Conrad Siegel for Affordable Care Act reporting for 2022 for a cost of \$5,200.

+ Motion by Wescott, Minick to approve the contract with Applied ABC for Board Certified Behavior Analyst services at a maximum cost of \$5000. [for Elementary in-school services].

+ Motion by Mulhern, Bianchi to retroactively approve the wage revision agreement with The Nutrition Group. [to be competitive in the labor market]

+ Motion by Minick, Petula to appoint David Conn from Sweet Stevens Katz and Williams firm as solicitor from October 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. [There was neither a presentation of, nor vote to approve a contract for these services. The Contracted hourly rates for chargeable time vary, depending upon the complexity of the matter involved. For routine matters, the standard hourly rate for chargeable time is \$170/hour for attorneys and \$130/hour for legal assistants. The fees for non-routine matters are \$200/hour for attorneys and \$130/hour for legal assistants.]

+ Motion by Mulhern, Carpenter to approve expenditures to Rices Food and Equipment for the following pieces of equipment to be spent from unassigned cafeteria fund balance: [equipment was beyond its lifespan]

Hot Serving Line \$6,403.89

Cold Serving Line \$11,065.57

Utility Serving Line \$4,467.99

+ Motion by Ross, Bianchi to approve the purchase of heating, ventilation and air conditioning units for the High School gymnasium from assigned fund balance in the amount of \$140,173 from McClure Company via CoSTARS contract #008-376. Passed 5-4, Minick, Petula, Schmidt and Wescott voting 'NO'.

+ Motion by Mulhern, Wescott to approve the second reading of the following policies:

●005 Organization

●240 Awards

●249 Bullying/Cyberbullying

●255 Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care

- + Motion by Mulhern, Ross to change the status of the following policies from 'active' to 'retired' [in violation of Procedure #003 since there was no previous first or second reading]:
 - 008 Organization Chart
 - 120 Human Development Program
 - 315 Disqualification by Reason of Health
 - 316 Non-Tenured Employees
 - 327 Management Team
 - 348 Unlawful Harassment
 - 808.1 Student Meal Charging
- + Motion by Ross, Minick to approve the updated 2022-2023 Elementary Student Handbook.
- + Motion by Minick, Bianchi to approve the updated 2022-2023 Jr/Sr High School Student Handbook.
- + Motion by Bianchi, Petula to approve the Field Trip request for the Gifted Program on October 26, 2022 to Harrisburg at a cost to the District of fuel and one substitute.
- + Motion by Schmidt, Bianchi to approve Amy Smith as a contracted private vehicle driver for the 2022-2023 school year. All clearances are currently on file.
- + Motion by Wescott, Petula to approve Kelly Hopkins as temporary Interact Advisor for the first and second marking periods of the 2022-2023 school year at a prorated stipend of \$2500 per the LTEA contract.
- + Motion by Schmidt, Minick to acknowledge the resignation of Dana Steffy from paraprofessional position effective September 23, 2022.
- + Motion by Minick, Ross to acknowledge the resignation of Danielle Dwyer as Varsity Basketball Cheerleading Advisor effective immediately.
- + Motion by Carpenter, Minick to approve Danielle Dwyer as a Varsity Basketball Cheerleading Volunteer for the 2022-2023 school year. All clearances on file.
- + Motion by Schmidt, Carpenter to approve David Borys as a Marching Band Volunteer for the 2022-2023 school year. All clearance on file.
- + Motion by Mulhern, Wescott to approve Elena Nicholoff as a Junior High Field Hockey Volunteer for the 2022-2023 school year. All clearances on file.
- + Motion by Ross, Carpenter to approve Lauren Keyes as the Varsity Basketball Cheerleading Advisor to begin the 2022-2023 school year at a stipend of \$2550, according to the LTEA contract. Approved 8-0-1. Mulhern abstained.
- + Motion by Minick, Carpenter to approve up to \$25,000 from unassigned fund balance for materials to complete a softball field renovation.

 An Executive Session was conducted from 6:30pm to 7:11pm before the public meeting to discuss
 + Personnel matters
 + Solicitor applications
 + Legal matters

It was announced that there would be an Executive Session before the next meeting

Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm

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