

LTSB approves support personnel contract

The Lackawanna Trail School Board approved a contract with its Education Support Professionals Association, good for 2015-2018.

Board vice president called the contract a very viable and solid document and he wanted to thank the association for its cooperation in hammering out an agreement.

Board president David Thorne said the pay raise amounted to approximately 2.4 percent and that there was additionally a nine percent savings to the school district in terms of health care costs contained.

Business manager David Homish said 58 employees were covered.

Thorne said he was elated that a contract could material just talking face to face.

“We did it without any lawyers in the room,” he said.

Also approved Monday were the appointments of Carlee Laubach as head boys’ volleyball coach, Lyle Sweppenheiser as assistant boys’ volleyball coach, Megan Horwatt to an elementary music long-term substitute position, and Mekaan Johnson to a long-term elementary substitute position.

The board also boosted its substitute rate to \$90 a day and \$95 a day for bonus substitutes.

Two field trips were also approved on the consent calendar including an April 16-18 trip for 14 students arranged by Mr. Dalasio to Washington, D.C., and an April 10 trip by 45 students of Mary Belle Gilroy to the National Gallery of Art and National Portrait Gallery in Washington, D.C.

The board adopted a school policy on English Second Language, and had a first reading on policies dealing with Naming Rights and Acceptable Use of the Internet.

In his superintendent’s presentation, Matt Rakauskas noted that snow days of Jan. 19, April 2 and June 3 will now be had as a result of recent bouts with winter weather, and that the last day of the second marking period is Jan. 22.

High School Principal Mark Murphy gave a round of kudos, and especially noted that the Pennsylvania Music Educators District Orchestra Festival would be hosted by Trail on Feb. 4-6.

LTEC principal Brian Kelly and transportation director Rick Kordish also spoke to a positive behavior policy now in place with bus passengers.



Members of the Lackawanna Trail School District Board of Education were honored at their last board meeting on January 12. Students from the Elementary Center and High School Student Council were on hand to thank the board members. Books were donated to the elementary and high school libraries in honor of the board members. Left to right - Front: Jake Ryan, second row: Gavin Waibel, Jayde Waibel, Emmy Jones and Brayden Clarke; Third row: Brady Ryan and Morgan Faist; fourth row; Marleah Filan, Carol Selwood, Dr. Michael Mould, Ned Clarke, and Marissa Passaniti; back; Amanda Kinback, Philip Stark, Adrian Bianchi, David Thorne, Kevin Mulhern, Joseph Strauch and Jacob Furneaux. Dr. Mark Lombardi absent from photo.