

Lackawanna Trail looks to collect cafeteria debts

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The Lackawanna Trail School Board had a brief work session Monday night with mostly routine business but also a preview to what might be expected at its Nov. 12 meeting.

The board is expected to approve the Credit Tech division of Berkheimer as a collection agency for past cafeteria debts, assuming, business manager Keith Glynn said, the board actually adopts a school policy allowing for the management of lunchroom debt.

Although not discussed Monday, it has been reported from previous Trail school board meetings that the district has \$1,200 in lunch money delinquencies.

The board also put on next week's agenda the possible assignment of a \$3.2 million fund balance as of this past June 30 to go to the following purposes: \$2 million for a future capital project; \$500,000 for future pension increases; \$400,000 for future charter school tuition costs; and \$268,287 for future technology costs.

Some of the capital project expense items suggested during the work session were a new heating, ventilation and air conditioning system in the high school, and some work on three parking lots.

The board also discussed briefly a tax refund settlement with Norfolk Southern Railway when it acquired the former Canadian Pacific line.

According to Glynn, Norfolk Southern claimed that there should not have been a real estate transfer tax, a fact the school district partly disputed.

Rather than incur litigation costs the two parties agreed that the school district would return \$121,000 of \$165,000 collected or 75 percent of the face amount.

In other proposed action, the Trail School Board is expected next Monday

*to approve Christel Pond as a long-term Special Education substitute to begin on or before January 2;

*to approve an as yet unnamed candidate for a long-term secondary science teacher substitute;

*to approve Jason Henke as the Junior High Boys Basketball Head Coach at a stipend of \$3,750;

*to approve as yet unnamed candidates for Spring Musical Director and Choreographer at stipends of \$1,000 each;

*to approve Jill Kaminski as a volunteer assistant wrestling coach for the 2018-19 season; and as a volunteer assistant cross country coach for the 2019-20 season.