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Lackawanna Trail sells naming rights for auditorium to First National Bank

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FACTORYVILLE — Members of the Lackawanna Trail Board of Education approved a one-year agreement with First National Bank, giving the bank naming rights of the high school auditorium for \$5,000, during a regular meeting Aug. 14.

“The district passed a naming rights policy a couple years back and we’re looking at all potential options,” Lackawanna Trail Business Manager Keith Glynn said. “We’re excited about this one and we’re not ruling out any other opportunities; we just haven’t pursued any other areas at this time.”

Members of the board approved a 60-month lease agreement with Topp Business Solutions, Inc. for the district’s copy machines, retroactive to July 1. According to Glynn, the district is expected to save approximately \$1,383 each month because of the agreement.

Members of the board approved an increase in the cost of adult admission to regular home athletic events for basketball, football, volleyball and wrestling, from \$3 to \$4, starting at the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year. High school principal Mark Murphy estimates the increase will bring in more than \$3,000 for the athletic program this year.

“There are two notable increases for our athletic programs this year,” Murphy said. “All Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) referees will be compensated at a higher level in 2017-18. Each referee, per sport, per event will receive a \$1 raise. There is also a required coaching certification to remain or become a coach within the PIAA ranks. All coaches, including paid and unpaid volunteers, will have to take a course, as of June 2018, at a cost of \$90 per coach.”

According to Lackawanna Trail Superintendent Matthew Rakauskas, representatives from The Nutrition Group will make a presentation at the beginning of the district’s work session meeting Tuesday, Sept. 5 to discuss plans for the cafeteria in the upcoming school year.

Lackawanna Trail Elementary Center Principal Brian Kearney announced an Open House is planned from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 29 at the school in place of Curriculum Nights.

“We will have the same information,” Kearney said. “I think it’s just time for a change. Parents can take their children through the building and, maybe, lessen the anxiety that young students have as they prepare for the school year. They can meet their teachers and it will have more of a laid-back feel.”

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