Unapproved, unofficial Minutes of the August 12, 2019 Lackawanna Trail School Board Meeting

The LTSD Board of Education had a meeting on August 12, 2019 @ 7:30pm in the Board room, 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. Minick, Dr. Mould, Mr. Mulhern, Ms. Naylor, Mr. Ross, Mr. Stark, Mr. Strauch, Mr. Thorne. Absent: Dr. Mould, Mr. Minick. Administrators present: Mr. Rakauskas, Dr. Murphy, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Glynn, Ms. Talarico, Mr. Kordish, Ms. Crum

There was one public members and two reporters present at the meeting.

All motions approved by unanimous vote unless indicated to the contrary.

+ Motion by Mr. Ross, Ms. Naylor to approve the minutes of the previous two meetings.

+ Motion by Mr. Thorne, Mr. Stark that all bills found to be true and accurate be approved.

+ Motion by Mr. Strauch, Mr. Ross to approve the Treasurer’s Report as submitted.

+ Motion by Mr. Ross, Mr. Bianchi to approve the repository property sale of parcel located on Colvin Road, Benton Township (parcel ID #04003010016) at a bid of $3,365.30.

+ Motion by Mr. Stark, Mr. Thorne to approve the agreement with ISS Solutions for Information Technology for the 2019-2020 school year. Passed 6-1, Mr. Strauch voting 'NO' because he found fault with the contract.

+ Motion by Mr. Bianchi, Ms. Naylor to approve the recommended bus contractor’s rate at state formula for the 2019-2020 school year.

+ Motion by Mr. Bianchi, Mr. Thorne to approve the recommended car and van driver’s rate at $ 1.51 per mile as per state formula for the 2019-2020 school year.

+ Motion by Mr. Thorne, Mr. Bianchi to retroactively approve Troy Thurston as a private vehicle contractor for the 2018-2019 school year. All clearance on file.

+ Motion by Mr. Ross, Mr. Bianchi to approve the following list of bus contractors/contracted drivers for the 2019-2020 school year. All clearances are currently on file.

Bus Contractors Bus Drivers

Gloria Aten, Wayne Beers, Anthony Dodge Jr., Paul Fetter, Sandy Fulkersin, Bonnie Gregory, James Gregory, Brian Kane, Robyn Nichols, Nichols Bus Company, Padula Ritter Bus Company, Joann Ritter, James Schirg, Mary Smarkusky, Tina Smith, Allen Tator, David Vangorder, James Vasky and Kevin Weisenfluh.

Substitute Bus Drivers

William Archer, Jesse Borosh, Leslie R. Nichols, James R. Nichols, Ray Oswald, Carol Otto, Brian Ritter, Valadamir Schalasta, Jason Schirg, Dale Shupp, William Smarkusky and Sandra Snyder.

Private Vehicle Contractors and Substitutes

Derek Buffington, Margaret Burns, D. Wayne Burns, Gayle Demming, Brenda Ditonto, Kathy Geerts, Catherine Gerrity, Tammy Gillespie, Dave Gower, Debbie Hazlak, Constance James, Vince Kalinoski, Ann Marie Kalinowski, Linda Kettel, Roger Landsiedel, Theresa Loney, Darlene Matthews, Peggy McGowan, Connie Otto, Troy Thurston, Mary Schirg, Gretchen Sheposh, Judith Smith, Karl Smith, Arlene Sorak, Cheryl Sutton and Gennifer Sutton.

+ Motion by Mr. Bianchi, Mr. Stark to purchase of a 2019 Chevrolet Express Cargo Van from Bob Fisher Chevy, at a price of **$38,254** under COSTAR’s contract 26-023 from assigned fund balance.

+ Motion by Mr. Bianchi, Mr. Stark to approve the emergency purchase of a handicap accessible van, at cost, up to **$60,000** from assigned fund balance, for the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year. Passed 6-1, Mr. Strauch voting 'NO' because while he agreed with the need, he felt the amount was excessive.

+ Motion by Ms. Naylor, Mr. Strauch to approve Nicole Pizzola as the Secondary Science Teacher at a salary of

$ 50,786, Bachelors, step 3, according to the LTEA contract, effective at the beginning the 2019-2020 school year. All clearances are on file.

+ Motion by Ms. Naylor, Mr. Thorne to approve Jillian Rojek as the Secondary Music Teacher at a salary of $56,588.00, Masters level, Step 1, according to the LTEA contract, effective at the beginning the 2019-2020 school year. All clearances are on file.

+ Motion by Ms. Naylor, Mr. Mulhern to approve Marissa Ryon as the Elementary Teacher at a salary of $58,998, Masters + 12, step 1, according to the LTEA contract, effective at the beginning the 2019-2020 school year. All clearances are on file.

+ Motion by Mr. Thorne, Mr. Stark to approve the appointment of Jodi Rinehimer as the mentor to the Secondary Music Teacher, Jillian Rojek, at a stipend of $450 for the 2019-2020 School Year, as per the LTEA agreement.

+ Motion by Mr. Thorne, Mr. Bianchi to approve the daily nurse substitute rate to $125/hour for RN and $110/LPN beginning the 2019-2020 school year.

+ Motion by Mr. Strauch, Mr. Stark to amend the 2019-2020 School Year Calendar to include April 9, 2020 as an additional school day.

+ Motion by Mr. Stark, Mr. Bianchi to approve the PSBA action to add a NOTE at the bottom of policies that state if a reference to the policy is awaiting approval of the Board.

+ Motion by Mr. Thorne, Mr. Mulhern to TABLE the third reading of Policy #204: Attendance.

+ Motion by Mr. Stark, Mr. Bianchi to approve the adoption of Policy #217: Graduation.

+ Motion by Mr. Strauch, Mr. Stark to approve the second reading of Policy #249: Bullying/Cyberbullying.

+ Motion by Mr. Bianchi, Mr. Thorne to approve the second reading of Policy #810: Transportation.

+ Motion by Mr. Bianchi, Mr. Thorne to approve the second reading of Policy #810.1: School Bus Drivers and School Commercial Motor Vehicle Drivers.

+ Motion by Mr. Bianchi, Mr. Ross to approve the second reading of Policy #810.3: School Vehicle Drivers.

+ Motion by Mr. Thorne, Mr. Bianchi to approve the first reading of Policy #828: Fraud.

+ Motion by Ms. Naylor, Mr. Mulhern to approve Steve Jervis Sr. as a volunteer Assistant Football Coach for the 2019-2020 school year. All clearances on file.

+ Motion by Mr. Ross, Mr. Mulhern to approve Ben Simmons. as a volunteer Assistant Football Coach for the 2019-2020 school year. All clearances on file.

+ Motion by Mr. Strauch, Mr. Mulhern to approve Brett Stage as a volunteer Assistant Football Coach for the 2019-2020 school year. All clearances on file.

+ Motion by Mr. Ross, Mr. Mulhern to approve Jeff Stage as a volunteer Assistant Football Coach for the 2019-2020 school year. All clearances on file.

+ Motion by Ms. Naylor, Mr. Strauch to approve Colin Golden as a volunteer Assistant Football Coach for the 2019-2020 school year. All clearances on file.

+ Motion by Mr. Mulhern, Mr. Bianchi to approve Tyler Hinkley as a volunteer Assistant Football Coach for the 2019-2020 school year. All clearances on file.

+ Motion by Mr. Stark, Mr. Strauch to approve Michael Dalton as a volunteer band assistant to drive a district vehicle to pull the marching band trailer for the 2019-2020 school year. All clearances on file.

+ Motion by Mr. Thorne, Mr. Stark to approve Diane Dalton as a volunteer band assistant to drive a district vehicle to pull the marching band trailer for the 2019-2020 school year. All clearances on file.

+ Motion by Ms. Naylor, Mr. Mulhern to approve Michelle Fahey as a volunteer Jr. High Field Hockey coach for the 2019-2020 school year. All clearances on file.

+ Motion by Ms. Naylor, Mr. Mulhern to approve Marisa Ryon as a volunteer Jr. High Field Hockey coach for the 2019-2020 school year. All clearances on file.

+ Motion by Mr. Ross, Mr. Bianchi to approve Addison Hoffman as a volunteer for the Boys’ Varsity Basketball coach for the 2019-2020 school year. All clearances on file.

+ Motion by Mr. Thorne, Mr. Mulhern to table the motion to approve Candace Haft as a volunteer band assistant to drive a district vehicle to pull the marching band trailer for the 2019-2020 school year. All clearances on file. (Pending check with Pennsylvania DOT)

Meeting adjourned 8:30pm.

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There was an Executive Session from 5:00 - 7:12pm

+ to interview candidates for Elementary teaching position

+ to discuss the Superintendent Goals/Evaluation for 2019-2020

+ to discuss student transportation

An Executive Session is anticipated before the next meeting.