Unapproved, unofficial Minutes of the September 9, 2019 Lackawanna Trail School Board Meeting

The LTSD Board of Education had a meeting on September 9, 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. Administrators present: Mr. Rakauskas, Dr. Murphy, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Glynn, Ms. Talarico, Mr. Kordish, Ms. Crum, solicitor Mr. Audi.

There were six members of the public and one reporter present at the meeting.

All motions approved by unanimous approval unless indicated otherwise.

+ Motion by Mr Stark, Mr. Minick to approve the minutes from the previous meetings. Approved 8-1, Mr. Strauch voting 'NO'.

+ Motion by Mr. Ross, Ms. Naylor that all bills found to be true and accurate be approved. Questions raised by Mr. Strauch about the lack of advertising for bids for new vehicles and the purchase of same. Explanations provided by Mr. Glynn.

+ Motion by Dr. Mould, Ms. Naylor to approve the Treasurer’s Report as submitted.

+ Motion by Mr. Ross, Dr. Mould to authorize the Solicitor to sign assessment appeal stipulations on behalf of the District

+ Motion by Mr. Ross, Mr. Minick to accept the Assessment Appeal Stipulation for properties with PIN numbers 0480401000100 at $65,000 and 0480401000101 at $10,500.

+ Motion by Ms. Naylor, Dr. Mould to approve CareGivers America Medical Staffing, LLC Service Agreement to provide contracted substitute nursing services.

+ Motion by Mr. Strauch, Mr. Rossto approve Bayada Home Health Care, Inc. Service Agreement to provide contracted substitute nursing services.

+ Motion by Mr. Minick, Mr. Bianchi to approve Interim Healthcare Service Agreement to provide contracted substitute nursing services.

+ Motion by Ms. Naylor, Mr. Thorne to approve the following School Nurse Substitutes for the 2019-2020 school year. All clearances are on file.

Genevieve Evans, RN

Brenda Grunza, RN

Maureen Mahoney, RN

Lorie Tweed, RN

+ Motion by Mr. Bianchi, Dr. Mould to approve Justin Carpenter as a substitute bus driver for the 2019-2020 school year. All clearances on file.

+ Motion by Mr. Thorne, Ms. Naylor to remove from the table: Policy #204: Attendance.

+ Motion by Mr. Strauch, Mr. Minick to adopt Policy #204: Attendance.

+ Motion by Ms. Naylor, Mr. Thorne to adopt Policy #249: Bullying/Cyberbullying. Approved 8-1, Mr. Strauch voting 'NO' because the document was only delivered minutes before the meeting and there was no time to review it.

+ Motion by Mr. Bianchi, Dr. Mould to adopt Policy #810: Transportation. Significant discussion by the public about the 1-stop rule invoked this school year. Approved 8-1, Mr. Strauch voting 'NO' because the document was only delivered minutes before the meeting and there was no time to review it.

+ Motion by Mr. Bianchi, Mr. Minick to adopt Policy #810.1: School Bus Drivers and School Commercial Motor Vehicle Drivers. Approved 8-1, Mr. Strauch voting 'NO' because the document was only delivered minutes before the meeting and there was no time to review it.

+ Motion by Mr. Bianchi, Mr. Stark to adopt Policy #810.3: School Vehicle Drivers. Approved 8-1, Mr. Strauch voting 'NO' because the document was only delivered minutes before the meeting and there was no time to review it.

+ Motion by Mr. Minick, Mr. Bianchi to approve the second reading of Policy #828: Fraud. Approved 8-1, Mr. Strauch voting 'NO' because the document was only delivered minutes before the meeting and there was no time to review it.

+ Motion by Ms. Naylor, Dr. Mould to acknowledge Rebekah King's resignation as Principal of Student Management, effective September 6, 2019.

+ Motion by Mr. Strauch, Mr. Thorne to approve Rachel Becchetti’s request for FMLA leave starting on or about Monday, September 23, 2019 with a return date December 16, 2019.

+ Motion by Ms. Naylor, Mr. Minick to approve the appointment of Lauren Hales to the Special Education long term substitute position beginning on or about Monday, September 23, 2019 and ending on December 16, 2019 as stipulated in the collective bargaining agreement. All clearances are on file.

+ Motion by Ms. Naylor, Mr. Thorne to retroactively approve Peggy Smith’s request for FMLA leave starting Tuesday, August 20, 2019 for up to 12 weeks.

+ Motion by Mr. Ross, Mr. Mulhern to approve Christopher Carpenter as the Jr. High Head Wrestling Coach, starting 2019-2020 school year, at a stipend of $ 3,750, per the LTEA collective bargaining agreement. All Clearances on file. Approved 8-1, Mr. Strauch voting 'NO'.

+ Motion by Mr. Ross, Mr. Mulhern to approve Tyler Rzucidlo as a volunteer Boys Basketball coach for the 2019-2020 season. All clearances on file.

+ Motion by Mr. Ross, Mr. Mulhern to remove from the table: "Extra-Curricular Volunteer Candace Haft as driver for the Marching Band for the 2019-2020 school year. All clearances on file."

+ Motion by Mr. Thorne, Mr. Strauch to approve Eric Haft as a volunteer driver for the Marching Band for the 2019-2020 school year. All clearances on file.

Meeting adjourned 8:44pm.

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There was an Executive Session from 6:30 - 7:27pm

+ to accept the Solicitor's report

+ to discuss replacement of K-12 Principal of Student Management.

+ to discuss volunteer athletic positions

An Executive Session is anticipated before the next meeting