Unapproved, unofficial Minutes of the August 20, 2020 Lackawanna Trail School Board Meeting

The LTSD Board of Education had a meeting on August 20, 2020 @ 7:31pm in a Zoom session, 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. Petula, Mr. Ross, Mr. Stark, Mr. Thorne. Administrators present: Dr. Murphy, Mr. Glynn, Ms. Talarico, Mr. Kearney, Ms. Kuchak, Ms. Crum.

At times there were up to 113 members of the public in attendance at the Zoom meeting.

All motions were approved by unanimous roll-call vote unless indicated to the contrary.

\* Motion by Mr. Ross, Ms. Naylor to approve the minutes as corrected.

\* Motion by Mr. Minick, Mr. Bianchi to acknowledge Rick Kordish’s retirement request as Transportation Director/Maintenance Supervisor effective December 8, 2020.

\* Motion by Mr. Bianchi, Dr. Mould to approve Thomas Schofield for the Transportation/ Maintenance Supervisor, to begin on August 21, 2020 at a salary of $ 62,500, prorated from start date, as stipulated in the Act 93 contract. All clearances are on file. Passed 8-0-1, Mr. Petula abstained.

\* Motion by Mr. Ross, Mr. Bianchi to approve Tara Crum as a full time Confidential Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent /Transportation Assistant to begin on August 21, 2020. All clearances are on file.

\* Motion by Ms. Naylor, Mr. Minick to ratify the consulting contract with Transfinder for $2,400.

\* Motion by Mr. Thorne, Mr. Petula to approve the Business Office to engage Transfinder for professional services for implementation and training on Routefinder Plus for up to $9,250.

\* Motion by Ms. Naylor, Mr. Ross to approve the appointment of Ashlinn Simpson to the Secondary Special Education Teaching position beginning September 8, 2020, at the Bachelor’s Level Step 1, $49,836, as stipulated in the collective bargaining agreement. All clearances are on file.

\* Motion by Mr. Ross, Mr. Bianchi to approve Corey Packer for the Maintenance II position, to begin on September 4, 2020 at $14.00 per hour, as stipulated in the LTESPA contract. All clearances are on file.

\* Motion by Ms. Naylor, Mr. Thorne to approve the appointment of Jessica Bentley as the mentor to the Secondary Special Education Teacher, Ashlinn Simpson, at a stipend of $450 for the 2020-2021 School Year, as per the LTEA agreement.

\* Motion on the table to amend the 2020-2021 Lackawanna Trail School District Athletic Opening Plan failed to get support, leaving it a dead issue.

\* Motion by Ms. Naylor, Mr. Mulhern to approve the tuition waiver requests for Ameila Yanniello and Mia Rose Becchetti for the 2020-2021 school year, per Policy #202- Eligibility of Non-Resident Students.

\* Motion by Mr. Bianchi, Mr. Stark to approve the Brenda Grunza, RN as a School Nurse Substitute for the 2020-2021 school year. All clearances are on file.

\* Motion by Mr. Minick, Mr. Bianchi to approve the following list of bus contractors/contracted drivers for the 2020-2021 school year. All clearances are currently on file.

Substitute Bus Drivers: Theresa Loney

Private Vehicle Contractors and Substitutes: Gretchen Sheposh, Linda Kettl, Theresa Loney

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There was an Executive Session of the Board on August 12 from 7:00-9:15pm to discuss staffing requirements and   
implications resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic (apparent violation of 65Pa.C.S.§§708).

There is an expected Executive Session before the next public meeting.