Unapproved, unofficial Minutes of the May 11, 2020 Lackawanna Trail School Board Meeting

The LTSD Board of Education had a virtual meeting on May 11, 2020 @ 7:35pm via the use of ZOOM, public notice not 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, Dr. Mould, Mr. Minick, Mulhern, Ms. Naylor, Mr. Ross, Mr. Petula, Mr. Stark, Mr. Thorne. Administrators present: Mr. Rakauskas, Dr. Murphy, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Glynn, Ms. Talarico, Ms. Kuchak, Mr. Kordish and solicitor John Audi.

There were at times more than seventy (70), yes, seventy logged into ZOOM during the meeting with an average close to fifty. This is normally how many of the public attend over a two-year period.

The meeting began with the Superintendent reviewing the 2020-2021Academic Calendar

All motions passed by a unanimous 9-0 vote.

+ Motion by Mr. Ross, Ms. Naylor to approve the minutes of the April 14 meeting.

+ Motion by Dr. Mould, Mr. Bianchi that all bills found to be true and accurate be approved.

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

+ Motion by Mr. Ross, Mr. Bianchi that RBC Capital Markets be named as investment banker for the 2020 Lackawanna Trail General Obligation Bond/Refinancing Issue

+ Motion by Mr. Thorne, Mr. Minick to approve the contract with Nutrition Group, Inc. for the 2020-2021 school year.

+ Motion by Mr. Stark, Ms. Naylor to approve the contract with Pivot for Athletic Training ($22.50 per hour), Physical Therapy ($100 per hour), Occupational Therapy ($100), and Speech Pathology Services for extended school year only ($90 per hour) for the 2020-2021 school year.

+ Motion by to approve the revised transportation contracts for following list of bus contractors/contracted drivers for the 2019-2020 school year.

Bus Contractors Bus Drivers

Nichols Bus Company, Padula Ritter Bus Company, James Schirg, Mary Smarkusky and James Vasky.

Private Vehicle Contractors

Margaret Burns, D. Wayne Burns, Brenda Ditonto, Kathy Geerts, Dave Gower, Debbie Hazlak, Vince Kalinoski, Linda Kettel, Theresa Loney, Gretchen Sheposh, Judith Smith, Arlene Sorak, Cheryl Sutton, Gennifer Sutton and Troy Thurston.

+ Motion by Mr. Stark, Mr. Petula to approve the 2020-2021 Academic Calendar to begin for faculty on September 8, and **students on September 10**, contingent on Pennsylvania's reopening phase as per criteria set by the Governor's Office. This calendar may be amended in length and substance dependent upon future mandates from The Pennsylvania Department of Education.

+ Motion by Mr. Thorne, Mr. Bianchi to approve The Lackawanna Trail Continuity of Education Plan, Phase II to be implemented for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic mandatory school closure. This plan, as per the guidelines issued by PDE, may be amended between now and the end of the academic year.

+ Motion by Ms. Naylor, Mr. Bianchi to approve Jr. High 2020-2021 Course Description Guide and the Sr. High 2020-2021 Course Description Guide.

+ Motion by Mr. Bianchi, Mr. Minick to approve Elementary 2020-2021 Course Description Guide.

+ Motion by Ms. Naylor, Mr. Ross to approve the following tuition waiver students for the 2020-2021 school year, per Policy #202- Eligibility of Non-Resident Students: Elizabeth Ambrose, Hayden Bluhm, Maxwell Bluhm, Michael Bluhm, John-Patrick Gilroy, Sean Gilroy, Calvin Harris, Cordelia Harris, Stephen Jervis, Tyler Jervis, Adam Jones, Aleese Joseph, Leigha Joseph, Nadia Kuchak, Ella Murphy and Deana Wilhelm.

+ Motion by Mr. Thorne, Mr. Stark to approve the appointment of Kelly Services for substitute teacher and support staff calling services for the 2020-2021 school year.

+ Motion by Mr. Stark, Dr. Mould to approve the following advertising rates in the high school and elementary gyms for 2020-2021, on the recommendation of the superintendent: 3’ X 4’ $250 4’X 6’ $300 Annual renewal $75

+ Motion by Mr. Bianchi, Mr. Minick to approve the contract for Sarah DeBree as the Bookkeeper/Confidential Secretary, from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2025, at a starting rate of $44,358.25, effective July 1, 2020.

+ Motion by Mr. Bianchi, Dr. Mould to approve the contract for Tara Crum as the Confidential Administrative Assistant, from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, at an initial rate of $21.10/hour, effective July 1,

2020.

+ Motion by Mr. Ross, Ms. Naylor to approve the second reading of the following Policies:

006.1 Attendance at Meetings Via Electronic Communication

335 Family and Medical Leave

626 Federal Fiscal Compliance

+ Motion by Mr. Thorne, Mr. Stark to approve the adoption of the following 200 level policies:

201 Admission of Students

202 Eligibility of Nonresident Students

203 Immunizations and Communicable Diseases

203.1 HIV Infection

205 Postgraduate Students

206 Assignment Within District

206.1 **DELETE** Courses Change

208 Withdrawal from School

209 Health Examinations/Screenings

209.1 Food Allergy Management

209.2 Diabetes Management

210 Medications

210.1 Possession/Administration of Asthma Inhalers/Epinephrine Auto-Injectors

211 **DELETE** Student Accident Insurance

212 Report Student Progress

213 **DELETE** Grading Student Progress

216.1 **ON HOLD** Supplemental Discipline Records

218 Student Discipline

218.1 Weapons

218.2 Terroristic Threats

218.3 **DELETE** Fighting/Use of Profanity

219 Student Complaint Process

220 Student Expression/Distribution and Posting of Material

221 Dress and Grooming

222 Tobacco and Vaping

223 Use of Bicycles

224 Care of School Property

225 **DELETE** Relations with Law Enforcement

226 Searches

227 Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia

228 Student Government

229 Student Fundraising

230 Public Performances by Students

231 Social Events and Class Trips

232 Students Involvement in Decision-Making

233 Suspension and Expulsion

234 Pregnant/Parenting/Married Students

235 Student Rights and Responsibilities

235.1 Surveys

236 Student Assistant Program

237 Electronic Devices

238 **DELETE** Parent-Of-Record

239 Foreign Exchange Students

240 Awards

246 School Wellness

247 Hazing

248 **RETIRE** Unlawful Harassment

250 Student Recruitment

252 Dating Violence

+ Motion by Mr. Ross, Dr. Mould to approve Joel Nietz as a volunteer varsity girls basketball coach for the 2020-2021 school year. All Clearances are on file.

+ Motion by Mr. Thorne, Mr. Bianchi to approve Ben Domiano as a volunteer varsity boys basketball coach the for the 2020-2021 school year. All clearances are on file.

Meeting adjourned at 9:59

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There was an Executive Session on April 30 from 2:04pm to 3:31pm, all Board Members present

to discuss negotiations with the teachers' union

to discuss contracts with the Nutrition Group, Bookkeeper, Confidential Administrative Assistant, Athletic Director

to discuss Transportation Act 13needs for the next school year

To discuss Essential Employees and receive the Solicitor's report

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There was an Executive Session on May 11 from 10:00am to 10:37am, Mr. Thorne & Mr. Stark absent

to review the Solicitor's report and availability

to discuss resource availability

to discuss future Athletic Director's contract

to discuss staffing needs

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There is a Wellness meeting scheduled for May 27

An Executive Session is expected before the next general meeting.