Unapproved, unofficial Minutes of the August 9, 2021 Lackawanna Trail School Board Meeting

The LTSD Board of Education had a ZOOM meeting on August 9, 2021 @ 7:30pm in the Board room and ZOOM, 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: Mr. Rakauskas, Dr. Murphy, Mr. Glynn, Ms. Talarico, Mr. Schofield, Mr. Gaidula.

There were up to 56 participants and one reporter in the ZOOM session.

The following items on the agenda were approved by unanimous vote unless indicated otherwise.

Public Participation - NONE

+ Motion by Mulhern, Ross to approve minutes of the previous two meetings.

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

+ Motion by Mould, Mulhern to approve the Treasurer’s Report as submitted.

+ Motion by Mulhern, Thorne to approve the Settlement Agreement with student # 22162. (details are available under freedom of information request)

+ Motion by Bianchi, Stark to approve the revisions to The Lackawanna Trail 2021-2022 Health and Safety Plan for the Opening of School. Pased 8-2-0, Mould & Petula voted 'NO"

+ Motion by Mould, Mulhern to approve Hemmler + Camayd Architects as the architecture/engineering firm for the Recreational Educational Facility project at a cost of $105,320. Passed 8-1, Petula voted "NO"

+ Motion by Ross, Petula to approve the [travel] services to be provided by the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf for the 2021-2022 school year.

+ Motion by Ross, Petula to approve change orders to the flooring project from assigned fund balance to handle moisture mitigation base at high school and elementary playground entrance tile change in the amounts of $74,942.73 and $4,152.85, respectively.

+ Motion by Thorne, Naylor to approve the PATH contract for the 2021-2022 school year, effective July 1, 2021

+ Motion by Naylor, Thorne to approve an agreement with ISS for network support services in the amount of $7,000.

+ Motion by Bianchi, Minick to approve the purchase of 12 elementary cafeteria tables from assigned fund balance for $23,754.74. [to replace worn out tables]

+ Motion by Naylor, Mould to approve CareGivers America Medical Staffing, LLC Service Agreement to provide contracted substitute nursing services for the 2021-2022 school year.

+ Motion by Stark, Petula to approve Interim Healthcare Service Agreement to provide contracted substitute nursing services for the 2021-2022 school year.

+ Motion by Bianchi, Stark to approve The Title III MOU with the NEIU 19 Consortium for the 2021-2022 school year.

+ Motion by Thorne, Mould to approve the following list of bus contractors/contracted drivers for the 2021-2022 school year. All clearances are currently on file.

Bus Contractors Bus Drivers

Gloria Aten, Tina Barrasse, Wayne Beers, Anthony Dodge Jr., Sandy Fulkersin, Bonnie Gregory, James Gregory, Brian Kane, L. Robyn Nichols, Nichols Bus Company, Padula Ritter   
Bus Company, Joann Padula, James Schirg, Pam Sebjan, Mary Smarkusky, Tina Smith, Allen Tator, David Vangorder, James B. Vasky and James M. Vasky.

Substitute Bus Drivers

William Archer, Paul Fetter, Brandon Loch, James R. Nichols, Ray Oswald, Brian Ritter, Jason Schirg, Vladimir Schalasta, William Smarkusky and Sandra Snyder.

Private Vehicle Contractors and Substitutes

Adele Bianchi, Brenda Bouch, Derek Buffington, Margaret Burns, D. Wayne Burns, Gayle Demming, David Duchnik, Kathy Geerts, Catherine Gerrity, Kenneth Hansen, Lizbeth Hansen, Debbie Hazlak, Constance James, Vince Kalinoski, Ann Marie Kalinoski, Linda Kettell, Amy Kishbaugh, Michael Kishbaugh, Theresa Loney, Darlene Matthews, Connie Otto, Gretchen Sheposh, Judith Smith, Karl Smith, Arlene Sorak, Cheryl Sutton and Gennifer Sutton.

+ Motion by Minick, Ross to approve the following School Nurse Substitutes for the 2021-2022 school year. All clearances are on file.

● Maureen Mahoney, RN ● Jennifer Wert, RN ● Brenda Grunza, RN

+ Motion by Minick, Petula to approve the sale of the gym lockers to Emily Woodward at a bid of $15 for the set of lockers that were posted for bid from 6/23/2021 to 7/24/2021.

+ Motion by Stark, Mulhern to approve the appointment of Mallory Griggs to the Secondary Health and Physical Education position beginning the 2021-2022 school year at Bachelor Step One at a starting salary of $51,064.37, as stipulated in the collective bargaining agreement. All clearances on file.   
Approved 8-0-1, Ross abstained.

+ Motion by Naylor, Thorne to approve the appointment of Donna Biglin as the mentor to the Special Education teacher, Victoria Brown, at a stipend of $450 for the 2021-2022 School Year, as per the LTEA agreement.

+ Motion by Mulhern, Mould to acknowledge Debbie Josephite’s request to retire effective 8/9/2021.

+ Motion by Naylor, Stark to approve Matt Zumbach as a full-time Level I Personal Care Assistant at 6 ½ hours per day, as scheduled at the rate of $20.50 per hour plus $2.50 per hour whenever in the Level I Elementary Emotional Support classroom, per the LTESPA collective bargaining agreement, to begin the 2021-2022 school year. All Clearances are on file.

+ Motion by Minick, Bianchi to approve Ann Miner as a full-time one on one Paraprofessional at 6 ½ hours per day, as scheduled at the rate of $20.50 per hour, per the LTESPA collective bargaining agreement, to begin the 2021-2022 school year. All Clearances are on file.

+ Motion by Stark, Mould to approve Dawn Zawicki as a part-time Level I Personal Care Assistant at 4 ¾ hours per day, as scheduled at the rate of $20.50 per hour plus $2.50 per hour whenever in one on one service with a Level I student, per the LTESPA collective bargaining agreement, to begin the 2021-2022 school year. All Clearances are on file.

+ Motion by Naylor, Stark to approve Lora Wright as a part-time Level I Personal Care Assistant at 4 ¾ hours per day, as scheduled at the rate of $13.25 per hour plus $2.50 per hour whenever in one on one service with a Level I student, per the LTESPA collective bargaining agreement, to begin the 2021-2022 school year. All Clearances are on file.

+ Motion by Mould, Bianchi to approve Kara Waters as a part-time Paraprofessional at 4 ¾ hours per day, as scheduled at the rate of $13.25 per hour, per the LTESPA collective bargaining agreement, to begin the 2021-2022 school year. All Clearances are on file. Passed 8-0-1 Thorne abstained.

+ Motion by Mould, Mulhern to approve Linde Maurer as a part-time Paraprofessional at 4 ¾ hours per day, as scheduled at the rate of $13.25 per hour, per the LTESPA collective bargaining agreement, to begin the 2021-2022 school year. All Clearances are on file.

+ Motion by Naylor, Stark to approve Lauren Keyes as a part-time Paraprofessional at 4 ¾ hours per day, as scheduled at the rate of $13.25 per hour, per the LTESPA collective bargaining agreement, to begin the 2021-2022 school year. All Clearances are on file. Passed 8-0-1 Mulhern abstained.

+ Motion by Bianchi, Petula to approve Jr. and the Sr. High 2021-2022 Student Handbooks. [they were not available before the meeting for review, but should be made public shortly]

+ Motion by Bianchi, Petula to approve Elementary 2021-2022 Student Handbooks. [it was not available before the meeting for review, but should be made public shortly]

+ Motion by Mulhern, Mould to remove from the table the motion from June 28, 2021 to approve Keith Glynn as a volunteer Boys’ Varsity Basketball coach for the 2021-2022 school year. All clearances on file.

+ Motion by Naylor, Petula to approve Katie Beichler as the Interact Advisor starting the 2021-2022 school year at a stipend of $2,500, according to the LTEA contract. Passed 8-0-1 Ross abstained.

+ Motion by Naylor, Petula to approve Keith Glynn as a volunteer Boys’ Basketball coach for the 2021-2022 school year. All clearances on file.

+ Motion by Stark, Thorne to approve Dimitri Gnall as a volunteer Boys’ Basketball coach for the 2021-2022 school year. All clearances on file.

+ Motion by Mulhern, Bianchi to approve Marisa Ryon as a volunteer Varsity Field Hockey coach for the 2021-2022 school year. All clearances on file.

+ Motion by Minick, Bianchi to approve Kelly Martin as a volunteer Varsity Field Hockey coach for the 2021-2022 school year. All clearances on file.

+ Motion by Mulhern, Naylor to approve Erin Burns as a volunteer Varsity Field Hockey coach for the 2021-2022 school year. All clearances on file.

+ Motion by Minick, Thorne to approve Michelle Fahey as a volunteer Jr. High Field Hockey coach for the 2021-2022 school year. All clearances on file. [there was a discussion that this should be for the Varsity]

Meeting adjourned at 8:47pm.

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There was an Executive Session before the meeting from 6:31 to 7:28pm to discuss personnel and staffing issues

There will be an Executive Session before the next meeting related to position interviews

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Public ZOOM CHAT Comments during meeting

The decision was made NOT to allow the Public to participate via ZOOM CHAT.