Unapproved, unofficial Minutes of the January 4, 2021 Lackawanna Trail School Board Meeting

The LTSD Board of Education had a ZOOM meeting on January 4, 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. Ross, Mr. Petula, Mr. Stark, Mr. Thorne. Administrators present: Mr. Rakauskas, Dr. Murphy, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Glynn, Ms. Talarico, Ms. Kuchak, Mr. Schofield.

There were up to 22 participants in the ZOOM session.

These motions are approved as the preliminary list for inclusion at next week's meeting.

Motion by --- to approve the minutes from the November meetings as submitted.

Motion by --- that all bills found to be true and accurate be approved.

Motion by ------ to approve the Treasurer's Report (December 2020, and January 2021) as submitted.

Motion by ------ to accept the Assessment Appeal Stipulation for the following property: PIN number 0480301000600 to the assessed valuation of $14,500 as of January 1, 2021.

Motion by ------ to approve a resolution pursuant to Act I of 2001 indicating that the Lackawanna Trail School District will not raise the rate of tax support of its public schools for the 2021-2022 fiscal year by more than the index established by the Department of Education for the district of 3.8%.

Motion by ------ to approve the contract with DeHEY McAndrew for the 2020 tax year for preparation of 1094-C and 1095-C forms.

Motion by ------ to approve the appointment of Sweet Stevens Law Firm for the district's solicitor services, with Attorney John Audi as the main contact for the 2021-2022 fiscal/academic year. This contract does not include an increase in fees.

Motion by ------ to approve the sale of gym lockers to Factoryville Fire Company at a bid of $25.00.

Motion by ------ to acknowledge the retirement request of Cris Wiswell from her teaching position effective April 7, 2021.

Motion by ------ to approve Courtney Gwizdz to extend her long term elementary substitute position in first grade through the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion by ------ to approve the retroactive and intermittent Family Leave request for Gail Franko, beginning December 1, 2020, through January 15, 2021.

Motion by ------ to approve Adrienne Mellott as the Jr. High School Field ockey Coach starting the 2021-2022 season, at a stipend of $3750, according to the LTEA contract, will not be paid if the season is cancelled. All clearances are on file.

Meeting adjourned 7:40pm.

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There was an Executive Session from 6:36 to 7:08 pm to

+ review personnel issues

+ discuss potential retirements

+ discuss staffing needs

+discuss negotiation considerations for the LTEA teachers' contract

+ review COVID-19 implications with transportation (apparent violation of 65Pa.C.S.§§708)

+ discuss a retirement M.O.U.

Another Executive Session is anticipated before the next meeting.