Unapproved, unofficial Minutes of the September 13, 2021 Lackawanna Trail School Board Meeting

The LTSD Board of Education had a ZOOM meeting on September 13, 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. Absent: Mr. Thorne. Administrators present: Mr. Rakauskas, Dr. Murphy, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Glynn, Ms. Talarico, Ms. Kuchak, Mr. Schofield, Mr. Gaidula. Solicitor Mark Walz.

There were up to 74 participants and one reporter in the ZOOM session and an uncounted number physically present in the auditorium.

There were significant audio problems for ZOOM attendees who had great difficulty trying to hear what was being discussed in the auditorium. However, whenever someone spoke through their remote connection, the voice was excellent. Virtually all public comments made in person were lost.

The following items were approved by unanimous vote unless noted to the contrary.

+ Motion by Ross, Mulern 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 Ross, Petula to approve the Treasurer’s Report as submitted.

+ Motion by Ross, Stark to approve the resolution with the Municipal Revenue Service for the Agreement of Sale and Purchase of tax claims for 2022, 2023 and 2024 with Public Asset Management.

+ Motion by Bianchi, Petula to approve the contract with Lakeland School District to share transportation services to Western School for the Deaf for the 2021-2022 school year.

+ Motion by Mulhern, Ross to approve the first reading of the following policies:

[● 006 Meetings](http://ltsd.info/D/boardpolicy.htm)

[● 707.1 Athletic Facilities Advertising](http://ltsd.info/D/boardpolicy.htm)

[● 707.2 Naming Rights](http://ltsd.info/D/boardpolicy.htm)

[● 903 Public Participation in Board Meetings](http://ltsd.info/D/boardpolicy.htm)

+ Motion by Ross, Bianchi to approve the appointment of Lynn Gower as the full-time Jr/Sr High School Cafeteria Manager at a rate of $20.96 per hour, to begin the 2021-2022 school year, as per the LTESPA agreement.

+ Motion by Ross, Mulhern to approve the appointment of Dawn Aten as the full-time Jr/Sr High School Cafeteria Assistant Manager at a rate of $20.50 per hour, to begin the 2021-2022 school year, as per the LTESPA agreement.

+ Motion by Mulhern, Minick to approve the appointment of Scot Wasilchak as the mentor to the Secondary Health and PE Teacher, Mallory Griggs, at a stipend of $450 for the 2021-2022 School Year, as per the LTEA agreement. Passed 7-1, Ross voting 'NO'

+ Motion by Mulhern, Stark to acknowledge the resignation request from Tara Crum, effective October 7, 2021.

+ Motion by Stark, Minick to acknowledge the resignation request from Joanne Wright, effective immediately.

+ Motion by Ross, Mulhern to approve Jennifer Wert 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 September 14, 2021. All Clearances are on file.

+ Motion by Mulhern, Ross to table the pending motion to approve Tiffany Gettinger 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 September 14, 2021. All Clearances are on file.

+ Motion by Mulhern to retroactively approve an unpaid time off request from John McNulty for September 2 through September 4, 2021.

+ Motion by Ross, Minick that the board acknowledge the resignation request from Alexandra Tompkins, from her Varsity Basketball Cheer Advisor position effective 9/7/2021.

+ Motion by Mulhern, Ross to appoint Danielle Dwyer, as the Varsity Basketball Cheer Advisor to start the 2021-2022 Basketball season at a stipend of $2,550, per the LTEA collective bargaining agreement. All clearances are on file.

+ Motion by Mulhern, Bianchi to approve David Hopkins as a marching band volunteer for the 2021-2022 school year. All Clearances on file.

+ Meeting adjourned at 9:40pm

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There was an Executive Session before the meeting from 6:30pm to 7:06pm to discuss   
legal issues with the Solicitor,   
the Mask Mandate (apparent violation of 65Pa.C.S.§§708)  
Personnel matters

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.