

Unapproved, unofficial Minutes of the August 8, 2022 Lackawanna Trail School Board Meeting

The LTSD Board of Education had a meeting on August 8, 2022 @ 7:33pm in the Board room with a watch/voice only 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. Carpenter, Mr. Minick, Dr. Mould, Mr. Mulhern, Mr. Petula, Mr. Ross, Mr. Schmidt, Mrs. Wescott. Administrators present: Mr. Rushefski, Dr. Murphy, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Schofield, and Mrs. Kuchak.

There were six several members of the public in person and ONE reporter present at the meeting. Others attended via ZOOM.

Public Comment and discussion by several attendees

Mike Bass ---Questioned the mask policy

Candace Haft---Questioned information about settlements reported to the public

Andrea Mecca --- Questioned the mask policy

Joseph Strauch --- Suggested eliminating gender specific pronouns from documents

Questioned why hearing impaired students are shipped weekly 680 miles r/t to Pittsburgh to use the Western campus of the School for the Deaf rather than using the Eastern campus in Clarks Summit.

The following motions were approved unanimously unless otherwise indicated.

- + Motion by Ross, Carpenter to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.
- + Motion by Mould, Carpenter that all bills found to be true and accurate be approved.
- + Motion by Mould, Ross to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted.
- + Motion by Bianchi, Wescott to approve the Settlement Agreement with student #22070
- + Motion by Mulhern, Bianchi to approve the agreement with Wansacz Consulting Services from August 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023. Passed 8-1, Petula voting 'NO'
- + Motion by Mulhern, Ross to combine and approve the next six motions as a consent agenda motion to deny public comment and avoid discussion.
 - + Motion to approve the agreement with ISS Solutions, Inc. for network support services in the amount of \$8000.
 - + Motion to approve the transportation services to be provided by the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf for the 2022-2023 school year.
 - + Motion to approve the contract with Lakeland School District to share transportation services to Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf for the 2022-2023 school year.
 - + Motion to approve the CareGivers America Medical Staffing, LLC Service Agreement to provide contracted substitute nursing services for the 2022-2023 school year.
 - + Motion to approve the Interim Healthcare Service Agreement to provide contracted substitute nursing services for the 2022-2023 school year.

+ Motion to approve the PATH contract for the 2022-2023 school year, effective July 2, 2022.

+ Motion by Ross, Bianchi to approve the following list of bus contractors/contracted drivers for the 2022-2023 school year. All clearances are currently on file.

+ William Archer, Gloria Aten, Tina Barrasse, Wayne Beers, Anthony Dodge Jr., Paul Fetter, Sandy Fulkersin, Brian Kane, Nichols Bus Company, James R. Nichols, L. Robyn Nichols, Seamus Nichols, Ray Oswald, Padula Ritter Bus Company, Joann Padula, James Schirg, Jason Schirg, Vladimir Schlasta, Micah Schneider, Mary Smarkusky, William Smarkusky, Tina Smith, Allen Tator, James B. Vasky and James M. Vasky.

+ Private Vehicle Contractors and Substitutes:

Brenda Bouch, Derek Buffington, Margaret Burns, D. Wayne Burns, Gayle Demming, Kathy Geerts, Catherine Gerrity, Kenneth Hansen, Lizbeth Hansen, Debbie Hazlak, Constance James, Ann Marie Kalinoski, Vince Kalinoski, Linda Kettell, Necvan Kurtulus, Theresa Loney, Constance Otto, Gretchen Sheposh, Judith Smith, Karl Smith, Cheryl Sutton, Gennifer Sutton and James Tasker.

+ Motion by Schmidt, Wescott to approve the following School Nurse Substitutes for the 2022-2023 school year. All clearances are on file.

- Maureen Mahoney, RN
- Brenda Grunza, RN

+ Motion by Wescott, Schmidt to approve the adoption of policy [239 Foreign Exchange Students](#).

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

- [005 Organization](#)
- [240 Awards](#)
- [249 Bullying/Cyberbullying](#)

+ Motion by Mould, Bianchi to approve the 2022-2025 Lackawanna Trail School District Comprehensive Plan.

+ Motion by Bianchi, Mould to approve the 2022-2023 Lackawanna Trail School District Health and Safety Plan. Passed 7-2, Petula, Schmidt voting 'NO'

+ Motion by Mould, Ross to approve the contract with World of Language for French language instruction with three live synchronous days through November 30, 2022.

+ Motion by Bianchi, Petula to approve Nancy Brown as a full-time Level I Personal Care Assistant at 6½ hours per day, as scheduled at the rate of \$13.50 plus \$2.50 per hour whenever supporting a Level I student, per the LTESPA collective bargaining agreement, to begin the 2022-2023 school year. All clearances are on file.

+ Motion by Ross, Wescott to approve Sarah McCullon as a part-time Level I Personal Care Assistant at 4¾ hours per day, as scheduled at the rate of \$13.50 plus \$2.50 per hour whenever supporting a Level I Classroom, per the LTESPA collective bargaining agreement, to begin the 2022-2023 school year. All clearances are on file.

+ Motion by Schmidt, Bianchi to approve Rachel Hibson as a part-time Paraprofessional at 4¾ hours per day, as scheduled at the rate of \$13.50 per hour, per the LTESPA collective bargaining agreement, to begin the 2022-2023 school year. All clearances are on file.

+ Motion by Ross, Bianchi to approve Dana Steffy as a part-time Paraprofessional at 4¾ hours per day, as scheduled at the rate of \$13.50 per hour, per the LTESPA collective bargaining agreement, to begin the 2022-2023 school year. All clearances are on file.

+ Motion by Petula, Carpenter to approve Danielle VonOhlen as a part-time Paraprofessional at 4¾ hours per day, as scheduled at the rate of \$13.50 per hour, per the LTESPA collective bargaining agreement, to begin the 2022-2023 school year. All clearances are on file.

+ Motion by Mulhern, Petula to approve Shannon Kuchak as the Temporary Director of Curriculum and Federal Programs / Assistant Director of Special Education from October 3, 2022 through June 30, 2023 with an additional stipend of \$1500.

+ Motion by Mulhern, Carpenter to approve Eric Laytos as a volunteer assistant with the football team for the 2022-2023 school year. All clearances are on file.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35pm

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There was an Executive Session before the meeting from 6:33pm to 7:26pm to discuss:

- A Legal Issue
- The Solicitor Selection progress
- A Personnel matter

There was an Executive Session announced to be held before the next public meeting