Unofficial Minutes of the March 7, 2022 Lackawanna Trail School Board Meeting

The LTSD Board of Education had a meeting on March 7, 2022 @ 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. Carpenter, Mr. Minick, Dr. Mould, Mr. Mulhern, Mr. Petula, Mr. Ross, Mrs. Wescott. Absent:. Mr. Schmidt. Administrators present: Mr. Rakauskas, Dr. Murphy, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Glynn, Ms. Talarico, Ms. Kuchak, Mr. Schofield.

There were at least 25 participants including one reporter attending either in the Board Room or via ZOOM.

The meeting began with a welcome extended to the new Board Member Mr. Mark Carpenter.

That was followed by a presentation by Mr. Dougherty about the Audit of the 2020-2021 Financial position of the district. During that presentation, the lights/power/internet went out.

That communication link caused a failure to the ZOOM session. There was also great difficulty in hearing some of the audio in the meeting room and at remote links.

The following motions were approved for consideration at the March 14 General Meeting

+ Move that the minutes from the previous two meetings be approved as submitted.

+ Move that all bills found to be true and accurate be approved.

+ Move that the board approve the Treasurer’s Report as submitted.

+ Move that the board approve the PA PEPPM Mini-bid Contract for Lackawanna Trail School District for Switches to ePlus at a price of $11,478, pending E-rate and General Operating Budget funding approval.

+ Move that the board approve the PA PEPPM Mini-bid Contract for Lackawanna Trail School District for Enclosures/Racks to Dauphin DataCom at a price of $1,385, pending E-rate and General Operating Budget funding approval.

+ Move that the board approve the PA PEPPM Mini-bid Contract for Lackawanna Trail School District for Wireless Access Points to ePlus at a price of $12,122, pending E-rate and General Operating Budget funding approval.

+ Move that the board remove from the table the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program Cooperation Agreement with Wyoming County.

+ Move that the board approve the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program Cooperation Agreement with Wyoming County.

+ Move that the board approve the March 2022 service agreement with Ashburn Advisors, LLC for $34,000 for the execution of the business plan for the RACP grant.

+ Move that the board approve the architecture/engineering services for the Student Recreation & Wellness Center for $105,320 be funded through assigned fund balance.

+ Move that the board approve the 2020-2021 Financial Statement and Single Audit prepared by Murphy, Dougherty & Company as submitted.

+ Move that the board approve the contract with Nutrition Group, Inc. for the 2022-2023 school year.

+ Move that the board approve the proposed revisions to the 2021-2022 Lackawanna Trail School District Health and Safety Plan.

+ Move that the board approve the Revised Teacher Induction Manual 2022-2028.

+ Move that the board approve the appointment of Shannon Kuchak as Acting Director of Special Education from April 2022 to October 2022 at a stipend of $1000. Mrs. Kuchak will return to the Principal of Student Management position at the conclusion of this temporary appointment.

+ Move that the board approve Jim Kotz’s request to take the Elementary and High School Gifted students on a field trip to Roberson Museum and Science Center in Binghamton, NY on March 17, 2022.

+ Move that the board approve Lindsay Howard as a volunteer Softball Coach for the 2021-2022 season. All clearances are on file.

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Public ZOOM CHAT Comments during meeting

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

In the Public Comment area: Mr. Heath Gumble inquired about the cost to the individual taxpayer to cover the Student Recreation & Wellness Center. Mr. Glynn explained the funding and how it was partitioned between assigned funds already in the approved budget and ongoing budgetary items.

Also, a question was raised as to the presence, or lack thereof, of Foreign Exchange students at trail.

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There were two Executive Sessions

February 22 from 6:03 to 7:00pm, Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Minick, Mr. Petula, Mr. Schmidt and Mrs. Wescott present

+ To discuss a student discipline issue

March 7 from 5:56 to 7:28pm, present all board members and solicitor David Conn

+ to discuss a bus stop safety concern (apparent violation of 65Pa.C.S.§§708)

+ the Solicitor’s report about personnel

+ to discuss a student issue

There will be an Executive Session following the Public meeting and another scheduled before the next meeting.

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Meeting adjourned at 9:07pm.