

Trail approves agreement with Lackawanna College, will offer dual enrollment

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The Lackawanna Trail School District Board unanimously approved an agreement with Lackawanna College to offer high school students the opportunity to receive college credits while attending the school.

The new program offered mainly to high school juniors and seniors will have three ways that students can participate in the dual enrollment program, with classes \$100 per credit to attend. High school students will have the ability to attend classes on any of the Lackawanna College campuses, participate in a select number of online courses, or to participate in concurrent enrollment at the college and high school for appropriate classes.

Concurrent enrollment would consist of the current high school courses that students already take, but would be considered for college credit based on how well they match up with similar courses offered at the college.

Phillip Campbell with Lackawanna College said that the threshold for students participating in the program is a maximum of 30 credits, but that some students have managed to complete their associates degrees before even graduating high school.

“This is just another opportunity for those students to continue their education,” he said.

He also added that while many dual enrollment programs require students to then attend classes at that particular school, Lackawanna College allows those credits to follow students wherever they may want to attend school after graduation.

The new agreement was unanimously approved by the school board during the group’s December meeting.

DURING THE MEETING

Additionally during the monthly school board meeting members considered the adoption of the dates and times for both school board meetings and committee meetings planned for 2025.

Work Sessions are scheduled for January 6, February 3, March 3, April 7, May 5, June 2, August 4, September 2, October 6, November 3 with regular meetings scheduled for January 13, February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 30, July 7, August 11, September 8, October 14, and November 10 with the reorganization meeting planned for Dec. 1.

A vote approving the dates and times for planned committee meetings was postponed till January after a consensus could not be reached regarding when the best times for all, including teachers and other community members, would be able to attend.

Additional votes included approvals for:

An agreement that the board approve the contract with Government Software Services, Inc. for bill printing for the 2025 tax year.

Approval of the purchase of Wireless Access Points from Weidenhammer through E-Rate Category 2 funding at a gross cost before E-Rate of \$77,725.00 pending 2025-26 budget and 2025-26 E-Rate approval.

Competitive bidding selection made through the PEPPM Mini-Bid process.

Approval of the K-12 Guidance Plan under PA Code Title 22 Chapter 339.31 K-12 Guidance Plan.

Approval of adjudication for student 28046.

The board also approved the appointment of Dawn Aten to the position of Elementary Cafeteria Manager at the rate of \$21.76 per hour as per the LTESPA collective bargaining agreement.

Policies for Second Reading

805 Emergency Preparedness and Response

805.1 Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies

805.2 School Security Personnel

824 Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries

909 Municipal Government Relations

Policies for Adoption included

103 Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Students

103.1 Nondiscrimination — Qualified Students With Disabilities

104 Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Staff