

Unapproved, unofficial Minutes of the February 8, 2021 Lackawanna Trail School Board Meeting

The LTSD Board of Education had a ZOOM meeting on February 8, 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. Administrators present: Mr. Rakauskas, Dr. Murphy, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Glynn, Ms. Talarico, Ms. Kuchak, Mr. Schofield, Mr. Gaidula. Absent: Mr. Thorne

There were up to 28 participants in the ZOOM session.

The president announced that the Board had met in Executive session from 6:30-7:22pm before the meeting to discuss COVID-19 issues impacting the district and future staffing needs.

Mr. Rakauskas began the meeting by explaining the changes to the district web page, saying that it did not have 24/7 coverage, and that changes would be appearing during the next few months to enhance the product.

At the public comment discussion, Joe Strauch questioned the appearance that the Executive Session might have violated Section 708 of the Sunshine Act by holding a discussion not specifically allowed. Mr. Mulhern responded that it was to discuss a group of employees, again not allowed. Then he extended that remark upon further discussion to state that it was to discuss a singular employee as is allowed.

Then, Mr. Strauch asked why Lackawanna Trail received the lowest Covid-19 School Funding Allocation of all districts in the Lackawanna and Wyoming county areas. He asked what parameters in the Federal Title-1 Formula caused this and what the District might be able to influence for better income. Mr. Glynn responded that it was based on the student population of the district and could not be enhanced.

The following motions were all approved by unanimous vote at the meeting.

- + Motion by Mr. Bianchi, Mr. Minick to approve the minutes from the previous two meetings as submitted.
- + Motion by Dr. Mould, Mr. Ross that all bills found to be true and accurate be approved.
- + Motion by Dr. Mould, Mr. Bianchi to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted and detailed by Mr. Glynn.
- + Motion by Mr. Minick, Dr. Mould to approve the sale of an electric kiln to Paul Debraski at a bid of \$105.00.
- + Motion by Ms. Naylor, Mr. Ross to approve the sale of a Hobart electric slicer to Paul Debraski at a bid of \$101.00.
- + Motion by Mr. Bianchi, Mr. Stark to approve the budget for the Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit #19 for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Lackawanna Trail's contribution is \$14,897.79.
- + Motion by Dr. Mould, Mr. Minick to assign the \$1,861,628 fund balance at February 8, 2021 for the following purposes:
 - * Policy \$600,000 for future capital project, reassignment to listed categories at the discretion of the Business Manager.
 - * Policy \$404,803 for future technology costs, reassignment to listed categories at the discretion of the Business Manager.
 - * Policy \$250,000 for textbook and curriculum costs, reassignment to listed categories at the discretion of the Business Manager.
- + Motion by Dr. Mould, Mr. Bianchi to approve the establishment of a Lackawanna Trail School District Federal Funds Bank Account effective 2-8-2021 to hold any federal funds received in advance.
- + Motion by Mr. Minick, Mr. Stark to approve the e-rate funded network cabling project to add 50 Cat6 cable drops district-wide up to a maximum cost of \$10,000 contingent on e-rate funding and project inclusion in the 2021-22 General Operating Budget.

+ Motion by Mr. Bianchi, Ms. Naylor to approve the contract with Lakeland School District to share transportation services to Western School for the Deaf.

+ Motion by Mr. Stark, Mr. Mulhern to approve the first reading of the following policies:

- * [Policy 100 Programs](#)
- * [Policy 101 Mission Statement/Vision Statement/Shared Values](#)
- * [Policy 102 Academic Standards](#)
- * [Policy 103 Discrimination/ Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Students](#)
- * [Policy 105 Curriculum](#)
- * [Policy 106 Guides for Planned Instruction](#)
- * [Policy 107 Adoption of Planned Instruction](#)
- * [Policy 113.2 Behavior Support](#)
- * [Policy 114 Gifted Education](#)
- * [Policy 116 Tutoring](#)
- * [Policy 218.3 Discipline of a Student Convicted/Adjudicated for Sexual Assault](#)
- * [Policy 252 Dating Violence](#)
- * [\[The policies for this reading can be compared against the originals by clicking here\]](#)

+ Motion by Ms. Naylor, Mr. Minick to approve the Retirement MOU for Patrice Gray at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 school year.

+ Motion by Mr. Minick, Mr. Kulhern to approve Erin Merkel's Child-Rearing leave request from March 4, 2021-April 8, 2021.

+ Motion by Mr. Petula, Ms. Naylor to approve Tim Ronchi as a volunteer assistant track coach for the 2020-2021 spring season. All clearances are on file.

+ Motion by Mr. Bianchi, Dr. Mould to approve Maddie Lengel's retroactive unpaid leave request for February 1, 2021.

The Superintendent reported that one elementary student had reported as COVID-19+. As a precaution, that student and teacher have been quarantined.

The High School Principal reported that the PSAT tests have been cancelled and that eight students have qualified and chosen to graduate on February 25.

The Elementary Center Principal reported that report cards have been mailed and that school pictures would be scheduled for February 22, with accommodations for at-home virtual students.

Motion by Mr. Petula to adjourn the meeting, 8:38pm.

Another Executive Session is anticipated before the next meeting.