

The LTSD Board of Education met in their Regular meeting on March 10 @ 7:35pm in the board room, public notice thereof having been given in accordance with applicable law. President Lombardi, called the meeting to order and had the Secretary call the roll. Present: Mr. Bianchi, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Lombardi, Dr. Mould, Mr. Mulhern, Mrs. Selwood, Mr. Stark, Mr. Strauch, Mr. Thorne. Administrators present: Mr. Rakauskas, Dr. Stoker, Mr. Rushefski, Dr. Murphy, Mrs. Joyce, Mrs. Russell, Mr. Kordish, Mr. Homish

The meeting began when Mr. Lombardi, acting according to a lawyer's advice, told the public that they may not talk about anything "discipline" related despite many having signed up requesting to talk on that topic. This was Unconstitutional violation of 1<sup>st</sup> amendment rights, a violation of the Board Procedure #006 that "the public present at a meeting of the Board may address the Board in accordance with the Board's rules," a violation of Board Policy #011 that encourages "Engaging and promoting community support by seeking input" and the Sunshine Act 65 Pa.C.S.A. § 701.1 that allows the public "to comment on matters of concern."

Motion by Mr. Clarke, Mrs. Selwood that the minutes from the February 10, 2014 general meeting be approved as submitted. Passed 8-1, Mr. Strauch voting "NO" citing that details required by Pa. School Code #433, the Auditor General, 65 Pa.C.S.A. § 706 (Sunshine Act) and the Pennsylvania School Board Association guideline for Secretaries were missing.

Motion by Mr. Strauch, Dr. Mould that the consent agenda be approved.

\* Move that Treasurer's report be approved as submitted.

\* Move that the following name be added to the district substitute lists with all clearances on file:

Erin Rogan	W. Pittston	English
Kim Remick	Nicholson	Tchr. Asst/Café
Brink Powell	Old Forge	Secretary
Hannah Smith	Nicholson	Cafeteria

\* Move that the Pro-care athletic trainer's contract for the 2014-2015 school year be approved.

\* Move that Brink Powell be appointed to a full time special education secretary position at the probation rate of \$15.20/hour as stipulated in the collective bargaining agreement, effective July 1, 2014

\* Move that Steve Jervis be approved as assistant baseball coach at a stipend of \$3450 as stipulated in the collective bargaining agreement.

\* Move that Eric Green be appointed Assistant Track Coach at a stipend of \$2325 as stipulated in the collective bargaining agreement.

\* Move that the NEIU #19 Proposed 2014-2015 Operating Budget be approved.

\* Move that Matthew Seitzinger's resignation as assistant baseball coach be accepted with regret.

\* Move that Aaron Slick's resignation as assistant football coach be accepted, with regret.

Motion by Mrs. Selwood, Mr. Stark, that all bills found to be true and accurate be approved.

Motion by Dr. Mould, Mr. Bianchi, that the Elementary Curriculum Guide for the 2014-2015 school year be approved as submitted.

Motion by Mrs. Selwood, Mr. Clarke, that amendments to the 2013-2014 school calendar, regarding potential make-up days be approved as follows: May 2; April 21; April 18; June 16, 17, 18, 19, & 20, 2014; if graduation needs to be moved again, it will be moved to Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup> or whenever the last day of school occurs.

After being advised that details of this contract had not been properly disseminated to the public in time for a reasonable opportunity for public comment, and therefore in possible violation of the Sunshine Act, motion by Mr. Clarke, Mr. Stark, that Sweet, Stevens, Katz & Williams be appointed for school legal services at a stipend as per the proposed agreement, effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. (rates of \$115/hour for legal assistants, \$185/hour for non-routine attorney matters, and \$140/hour for routine or general attorney advice, \$.20 per copy photocopying, court costs and mail costs. For the 2012-2013 billing periods, 57.5% of charges were at the \$185 rate, 27.5% of charges were at the \$140 rate, 14.9% were at a \$165 rate, and under 2/10% were at the low rates. Total payment was \$98,401) Passed 8-1, Mr. Strauch voting "NO" after being interrupted and prohibited from presenting evidence crucial to the informed decision of the rest of the Board as stated in the Pa School Code .

Motion by Mr. Stark, Mr. Bianchi, that policy #815 entitled *Acceptable use of Internet, Technology, Computers, and Network Resources* be adopted.

Motion by Mr. Thorne, Mr. Bianchi, that policy #237 entitled *Electronic and Personal Communications Devices* be adopted

Motion by Mr. Clarke, Mr. Stark, that policy #226 entitled *Search and Seizure* be approved for second reading.

Motion by Mrs. Selwood, Mr. Stark, that the Lackawanna Trail School District approve the Special Education Plan Report effective July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2017.

Motion by Mr. Strauch, Mr. Clarke, that Kevin Dikeman be appointed Marching Band Director at a stipend of \$3525 as stipulated in the collective bargaining agreement.

Motion by Mr. Clarke, Mr. Lombardi, to take a 10-minute recess from 10:12-10:20pm followed by a motion to adjourn at 10:30 pm.

There was an Executive Session called at 6:30pm before the March 3 meeting to discuss Act 93 financial impact, to receive the Solicitor's Report and to discuss the Superintendent's Goals, and proposed calendar changes. Another Executive Session followed the meeting to discuss student discipline, posting the Boys' Basketball Coaching Position, and the Special Ed Secretary position. There was an Executive Session called at 6:40pm before the March 10 meeting to discuss Act 93 contract details, and address recent student matters.

\*Items appearing in red are not officially approved or necessarily in the official minutes.