

The LTSD Board of Education had a meeting on August 14, 2017 @ 7:30pm in the board room, 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. Mr. Bianchi, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Mulhern, Mr. Ross, Mr. Stark, Mr. Strauch, Mr. Thorne. Absent: Mr. Beichler, Dr. Mould. Administrators present: Mr Rakauskas, Dr. Murphy, Mr. Kearney, Mr. Glynn, Ms. Talarico, Mr. Kordish, and Mrs. DeBree.

The meeting was attended by 3 reporters and 1 member of the public who raised the issue of supply requests being sent to elementary students' families. Mr. Glynn and Mr. Kearney addressed the issue.

The agenda motions were passed unanimously unless otherwise indicated.

+ Motion by Mr. Strauch, Mr. Clarke that the corrected minutes of the last meeting be approved.

+ Motion by Mr. Ross, Mr. Thorne that all bills found to be true and accurate be approved.

+ Motion by Mr. Thorne, Mr. Bianchi that the board approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted.

+ Motion by Mr. Clarke, Mr. Strauch that the board approve the 60 month lease agreement with Topp Business Solutions, Inc. for the copy machines, effective July 1, 2017. **It is estimated that this would save the district about \$1383 per month.**

+ Motion by Mr. Ross, Mr. Clarke that the board approve the Van Strien Consulting Proposal of Services for the E-Rate program in the 2017-2018 Funding Year at a rate of \$3,000 for Category One requests and \$2,000 + 2% of committed funds for Category Two requests be approved.

+ Motion by Mr. Bianchi, Mr. Strauch that the board approve a one year agreement with First National Bank (FNB) for naming rights of the High School Auditorium for \$5000.

+ Motion by Mr. Ross, Mr. Thorne that the board deny LTESPA grievance # 2017-3 that was filed to protest a position being established in a manner unsatisfactory to the union.

+ Motion by Mr. Clarke, Mr. Mulhern that the board approve the appointment of Jessica Witinski as the mentor for Sarah Richard at a stipend of \$450, as per the LTEA agreement. . Passed 6-1, Mr. Strauch voting 'NO' **because this should be done as a courtesy for new employees.**

+ Motion by Mr. Ross, Mr. Mulhern that the board approve the appointment of Susie Wilhelm as the mentor for Jessica Bentley at a stipend of \$450, as per the LTEA contract. Passed 6-1, Mr. Strauch voting 'NO' **because this should be done as a courtesy for new employees.**

+ Motion by Mr. Bianchi, Mr. Clarke that the board approve the contract for Sarah DeBree as the Bookkeeper/Confidential Secretary, from September 1, 2017 to June 30, 2020, at a starting rate of \$20.44/hour, effective September 1, 2017.

+ Motion by Mr. Ross, Mr. Strauch that the board approve an unpaid leave of absence for Kenneth Yerkes from March 8, 2017 to December 31, 2017.

+ Motion by Mr. Strauch, Mr. Bianchi that the board approve the retirement of Ronald Corby from the Maintenance I position, effective October 31, 2017 (after 32 years of service).

+ Motion by Mr. Ross, Mr. Thorne that the board approve the resignation of John Yanniello as the Junior High Boys Basketball coach, effective immediately.

+ Motion by Mr. Clarke, Mr. Stark that the board approve Jeffrey Marx as the Junior High Cross Country Coach for the 2017-2018 school year, at a stipend of \$2,550, per the LTEA contract. Approved 6-1, Mr. Strauch voting 'NO' **because this was an extracurricular expense that should be self-funded.**

+ Motion by Mr. Thorne, Mr. Ross that the board approve Kelly Hopkins as the Interact Adviser at the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year, at a stipend of \$2,300, per the LTEA collective bargaining agreement. Approved 6-1, Mr. Strauch voting 'NO' **because this was an extracurricular expense that should be self-funded.**

+ Motion by Mr. Strauch, Mr. Bianchi that the board approve an increase in the cost of adult admission to regular home athletic events for Football, Basketball, and Wrestling, from \$3 to \$4, at the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year.

+ Motion by Mr. Bianchi, Mr. Clarke that the board approve the recommended bus contractor's rate at state formula for the 2017-2018 school year.

+ Motion by Mr. Bianchi, Mr. Clarke that the board approve the recommended car and van driver's rate at \$1.45/mile as per state formula for the 2017-2018 school year.

+ Motion by Mr. Thorne, Mr. Ross that the board approve the following list of bus contractors/contracted drivers for the 2017-2018 school year. All necessary clearances currently on file.

Bus Contractors Bus Drivers:

James A. Nichols, Padula Ritter Bus Company, James Vasky, James Schirg, Mary Smarkusky, Joann Ritter, Sandy Fulkersin, Bonnie Gregory, Kevin Weisenfluh, David Vangorder, Anthony Dodge Jr., Tina Smith, Mark Jarocho, Brian Kane, Allen Tator, Wayne Beers, James Gregory, Paul Fetter.

Substitute Bus Drivers:

Leslie R. Nichols, James R. Nichols, Brian Schirg, Valadamir Schalasta, Jason Schirg, Gloria Aten, William Smarkusky, Dale Shupp, Sandra Snyder, Susan Davidson, Carol Otto, Miles Dooley, Edward Kraft, William Archer, Joseph White, Joshua Burgess, Corrina Kinney.

Private Vehicle Contractors and Substitutes:

Kathy Geerts, Vince Kalinoski, Ann Marie Kalinowski, Kathy Grushinski, Debbie Hazlak, Theresa Loney, Arlene Sorak, Judith Smith, Gennifer Sutton, Cheryl Sutton, Margaret Burns, Shawnee Baltrusaitis, Steven Sorak, D. Wayne Burns, Megan Richards, Brenda Ditonto, Mary Schirg, Linell Webster, Keith Wilkins, Margaret Wilkins, Constance Hinds, Karl Smith, Linda Kettell, Gretchen Sheposh, Gayle Demming, Neil Kalus, Derek Buffington, Robin Hawthorne, Edward Cooke, Carol Brecht, Connie Otto, Peggy McGowan, David Gower, Jason Loney, Michelle Klinges, Paul Darling, Nancy Fleming, Tammy Gillespie, Joanne Wright, Joe Wasilewski, Lora Wright. Darlene Matthews, Catherine Gerrity, Roger Landsiedel.

+ Motion by Mr. Strauch, Mr. Ross that the board approve Yvonne Kwiatkowski as a Volunteer Girls Volleyball Coach for the 2017-2018 school year. All clearances on file.

+ Motion by Mr. Clarke, Mr. Mulhern that the board approve Mike Dalton as a volunteer band assistant to drive a district supplied vehicle to pull the marching band trailer for the 2017-2018 school year. All clearances on file.

+ Motion by Mr. Strauch, Mr. Clarke that the board approve Eric Haft as a volunteer band assistant to drive a district supplied vehicle to pull the marching band trailer for the 2017-2018 school year. All clearances on file.

Also discussed at the meeting, and agreed to by a majority of the board was the addition of the following:

+ Motion by _____ that the board approve the filling of the position of Jr. High Cross Country Coach at a cost of \$_____.

+ Motion by Mr. Clarke, Mr. Mulhern that the board approve Michael Bluhm as a volunteer Cross Country Coach and a Volunteer Wrestling Coach for the 2017-2018 school year. All clearances on file.

Notice by Mr. Kearney that there will be an Elementary Center Open House from 5:30-7:30pm on August 29.

+ Meeting adjourned by Mr. Stark at 8:29pm.

There was an Executive Session from 6:04 - 7:00pm

- + to meet and discuss personnel assignments.
- + to discuss Non-Public school transportation requirements
- + to discuss a proposed job description

There will be an Executive Session before the next meeting to discuss matters that may arise.