

The LTSD Board of Education had a meeting on January 9, 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. Bianchi, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Mulhern, Mr. Ross, Mr. Stark, Mr. Strauch, absent: Mr. Beichler, Dr. Mould, Mr. Thorne. Administrators present: Dr. Murphy, Dr. Ross, Mr. Glynn, Ms. Talarico and Mrs. Sarah DeBree.

There was an overflow crowd supporting the Elementary Center and High School students who were recognizing the Board members for their efforts.

All motions were passed by unanimous approval unless otherwise noted.

Motion by Mr. Strauch, Mr. Bianchi that the minutes from the December 5, 2016 and January 3, 2017 meeting be approved as submitted.

Motion by Mr. Clarke, Mr. Bianchi that all bills found to be true and accurate be approved.

Motion by Mr. Mulhern, Mr. Stark that the board approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted.

Motion by Mr. Clarke, Mr. Ross that the board approve a resolution pursuant to Act 1 of 2001 indicating that the Lackawanna Trail School District will not raise the rate of tax support of its' public schools for the 2017-2018 fiscal year by more than the index established by the Department of Education for the district of 3.2%.

Motion by Mr. Bianchi, Mr. Ross that the board approve the first reading of board policy # 249 entitled Bullying/Cyberbullying.

Motion by Mr. Ross, Mr. Clarke that the board approve the resignation of Gary Wilmet as Jr. High Field Hockey Coach.

Motion by Mr. Clarke, Mr. Ross that the board approve Gary Wilmet as the Field Hockey Coach for the 2017-18 school year, at a stipend of \$5,100, as per the LTEA collective bargaining agreement. All clearances on file. Approved 5-1, Mr. Strauch voting 'NO' as he would not approve extra-curricular appointments until the Curriculum position for a Music teacher is restored.

Motion by Mr. Strauch, Mr. Mulhern that the board approve Candace Haft as a Volunteer Band Assistant for the 2016-17 school year. All clearances on file.

Motion by Mr. Strauch, Mr. Bianchi that the board approve Judith Slocum as a Volunteer Band Assistant for the 2016-17 school year. All clearances on file.

Motion by Mr. Clarke, Mr. Strauch that the board approve the resignation of Jason Wagner as Assistant Football Coach.

Motion by Mr. Ross, Mr. Stark that the board approve the resignation of Sarah Brander as Assistant Field Hockey Coach.

Motion by Mr. Clarke, Mr. Bianchi that the board approve Lori Phillips, Nicholson, PA as a nurse substitute. All clearances on file.

Public discussions by students and parents regarding the shortage of instruction in the Music program with corresponding requests for restoring the program to four teachers. Speakers included Mackenzie Edwards, Christina Dill, Cathy Strauch, Mrs. Decker and Candace Haft.

Meeting adjourned 8:37 pm

There was a Policy Committee Meeting from 5:30 to 5:54pm to review the first reading of Policy 249 and apply minor editing changes.

There was an Executive Session from about 6:32 - 6:52pm
+ to review information about the High School Automotive Tech Shop proposal
+ to review personnel matters.

There will be an Executive Session before the January 9 meeting to discuss matters that may arise.