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Pair leaving Lackawanna Trail School Board

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Lackawanna Trail School Board President Mark Lombardi announced, during the school board's monthly meeting held Nov. 11, that board members Joseph Ross and Judith Johnson would be leaving the board.

Ned Clarke, board member, thanked Ross and Johnson for their "tremendous" service to the board.

"Both being longtime personal friends of mine, I know for myself they both acted as tremendous mentors to me making a transition from the community into the board level," Clarke stated.

Dr. Tania Stoker, John Rushefski and Janice Joyce also thanked Ross and Johnson for their services.

In other business, Superintendent Matthew Rakauskas said that Lackawanna Trail is looking into starting its own Bring Your Own Device policy for the 2014-15 school year. Rakauskas explained that students can bring an electronic device to school, such as a cell phone or iPad.

"We're very serious about introducing the policy next year, but we want to do it carefully," he said.

"We'll probably touch on it again in December and January in hopes of starting it in the fall of 2014."

In her elementary report, Stoker thanked the Dunmore School District and its community for taking a collection during the football game Friday, Nov. 8 for Lois Foley. A fifth grade teacher at Lackawanna Trail Elementary Center, Foley is battling cancer. Stoker said Dunmore raised \$1,000.

She also thanked all who attended the Fight for Foley breakfast held at Gin's Tavern Sunday, Nov. 10. Stoker said that 500 people, including board members, faculty, staff, and students, attended the event.

"We appreciate everything the community is doing for (Foley)," she said.

Dr. Michael Mould made the motion to add the following names to the district substitute list: Brian Crowley from South Abington ; Mallory Griggs, Factoryville ; Stephanie Gregory, Nicholson; Lynne Simmons, Dalton ; Elizabeth Brundage, Clarks Summit; Joseph Dotter, Jefferson Twp. Board member Carol Selwood seconded the motion. The board agreed.

Rachel Becchetti was approved as a volunteer cheerleading coach.

Adam Johnson was approved as a volunteer wrestling coach.