

## Trail notified of tainted beef

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“The health and safety of our student community, and our education community as a whole, is paramount,” Jurbala said on Tuesday during a board meeting.

He added that a plan will be developed and that the school district would comply with any recommendations made by authorities.

According to the state Department of Agriculture, 196 school districts in the state have received recalled beef products through the National School Lunch Program.

The state is recommending that schools check their supplies and follow recall instructions if they have a tainted product.

On Sunday, Hallmark/Westland Meat Packaging Co. of Chino, Calif., voluntarily recalled 143 million pounds of raw and frozen beef products.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture classified the recall as a “Class Two,” which means that there is a low chance that there would be adverse health consequences, according to state authorities.

Along with Lackawanna Trail, Tunkhannock Area, Wyoming Area, Mountain View and the Scranton City School District have also received recalled beef products.

A complete listing of the school districts affected by the recall can be found at <http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us>

Also on Tuesday, the School Board approved a contract with Northeastern Intermediate Unit 19 for special education services for the 2007-08 school year.

The board also approved an agreement with Keystone College for the 2008-09 school year to enter into a dual enrollment program.

Jurbala said that \$24,000 is being sought for the program from the state Department of Education.

He added that students who enroll in the program will be able to take calculus I, human anatomy and physiology, college writing and U.S. history.

The program allows students to earn college credits from Keystone while taking courses at Lackawanna Trail High School.

On Tuesday, the board also approved a graduation policy that requires high school students who do not score at the proficient or advanced level on the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment in their junior to retake the test as a senior.

Also on Tuesday, the board adopted a district-wide strategic plan.

A resignation by board member Kimberly Saxton was also accepted, effective Tuesday.

The board also appointed Jon Hickok as assistant baseball coach at a \$3,150 stipend and Jeremy Stephens as a substitute car/van driver.