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Wyoming County Magistrate David Plummer, left, administered the oath of office new Lackawanna Trail School District directors Philip Stark (center) and Adrian Bianchi at the board's reorganization meeting on Monday, Dec. 2.

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The Lackawanna Trail School Board retained Mark Lombardi as board president during its reorganization meeting on Monday night, Dec. 2.

The other nomination for the position was Michael Mould, made by director Joseph Strauch. Mould declined the nomination, and Strauch filed the only 'nay' vote for Lombardi.

Ned Clarke was unanimously elected to serve as vice president, and director Kevin Mulhern was appointed secretary. Clarke was also selected to serve as the district's Pennsylvania School Boards Association representative.

Magisterial District Judge David Plummer administered the oath of office to newly-elected board members, which includes two new additions to the board- Philip Stark and Adrian Bianchi. They are taking the seats previously held by Judith Johnson and Joe Ross.

The board adopted a schedule of meetings and work sessions for 2014.

Following reorganization, Lombardi recessed the meeting for an executive session so the board could present an overview of a tentative collective bargaining agreement under consideration for approval.

Back in session, the proposed contract between the district and its support staff was approved by a 6-to-3 vote. Strauch, Stark and Bianchi abstained.

The tentative contract, effective July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2015, is between the district and the Lackawanna Trail Education Support Association, which covers staff such as custodial, cafeteria, secretarial, para-professionals and teacher aides.

"I want to make it clear this is a tentative agreement," Lombardi explained. "The final contract still needs to be drafted and read. After that, it will be published for public view. Until then, we can't offer any details about the contract to the public."

The board approved the appointment of Gail Pry as a long-term fifth-grade substitute teacher. Appointments for elementary long-term substitute nurse and elementary long-term substitute computer teacher were tabled, pending further interviews of candidates for those positions.

In other business, Alice Stuffle, Factoryville, was appointed maintenance substitute, and high school principal John Rushefski announced that the 2014 school schedule will be changed with schools open on Monday, Jan. 20, as a make-up day for the closing during the last week of November due to weather conditions.