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Curriculum director at Trail resigns

FACTORYVILLE - The Lackawanna Trail School Board accepted the resignation Monday night of curriculum director Janice Joyce effective June 30, and has named elementary center principal Tonia Stoker as her replacement.

Joyce said that after 37 years in education, the last 11 as curriculum director at Trail, it was time to step down.

Board vice president Ned Clarke applauded her service which he said was mostly out of plain view.

Stoker will be paid \$92,000 in the position which she takes over July 1 when she will no longer be principal.

The board also named Christian Sunseri as its new boys' basketball coach at a stipend of \$4,750. He had served as assistant coach this past year.

Matt Landsiedel was also named assistant football coach at a stipend of \$3,400.

During the meeting, the board accepted the resignation of Kathleen Snyder as field hockey coach and Gena Lengel as asst. field hockey coach.

The board also accepted a letter of retirement from Janeen Nieratko, who has taught music in the district since 1984.

At the front end of Monday's board meeting, two teams of Trail Elementary Center fifth graders demonstrated eco-friendly vehicles that they had created which were capable of overcoming obstacles.

Daisy Petty, Ashtyn Mecca, Taylor Kilmer and George Kwiecinski were first up introducing their 'Helpful Handicapped Car' to the board.

A second team, consisting of Madison Norman, Anna Wohlgemuth, Abigail Wilson and Isabella Coleman showed off its 'All-in-One 3600' vehicle, which actually won the 'The K'nex Challenge' organized by the Northeastern Intermediate Unit.

The board approved for the winning team to participate in a state competition May 2 in Harrisburg.

The board also approved its Act 93 contract which provided for a little over three percent increase in administrators' salaries over the next two years.

Board members also gave a first reading of a new school policy on bullying and cyberbullying.