



LTSB to look at new calendar proposal

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The Lackawanna Trail school Board is considering a school calendar that begins with classes on Aug. 27, and a proposed graduation date on the following June 5 or June 12.

Elementary Center Principal Tania Stoker presented an overview of the new calendar year which the board is expected to adopt at its May 12 public meeting.

A school day at the elementary center will run from 9:05 a.m. to 3:25 p.m., and at the high school from 7:45 a.m. to 2:23 p.m.

This year's calendar will be similar to others in recent years, but will also show the windows for state academic assessment testing.

At the elementary center, Stoker also noted that five minutes have been taken off the recess period during the day and added into its instructional calendar.

Earlier in the board's work session, Stoker had presented the members with an updated policy on bullying and cyber bullying.

It will have a second reading next Monday.

Although school district business manager David Homish was not present Monday, he is expected to have preliminary budget figures with him by next Monday, which leaves a 30-day window for the public to see the numbers in a proposed budget before the new budget has to be approved by June 30.

Also on next week's agenda is a motion to consider reappointing Harry Powell as the school district's athletic director, and a recommendation that Sandra Spott be appointed field hockey coach.

She is already a 300-game winner at the school, but chose to step down from coaching a year ago.

Up for consideration as her assistant field hockey coach would be Kelley Buck.

The board is also looking to appoint Dr. Rajan Mulloth as the school physician for 2014-15.