

Trail may raise taxes again

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At the Lackawanna Trail School Board work session Monday, it was noted that the district plans to lay out for approval at next Monday's meeting a 2016-2017 preliminary budget in the amount of \$21,622,541.

Business manager Keith Glynn acknowledged that funds seem harder and harder to come by, and if the district is needing to raise taxes outside of a 2.7 percent index imposed by the State Department of Education, it had to lay out a proposed budget now, and that would be discussed at next week's meeting.

Last summer, the Trail School Board approved a \$20.6 million budget that saw property taxes jump 9.5 mills in the Lackawanna County area in the district, and 3.2 mills on the Wyoming County side. Also, next week, the board is looking to add Lisa Graves of Dalton to the district substitute list in the area of maintenance, secretary and teacher assistant.

The board expects to have a first reading on an update to the student wellness policy, and recommend for approval elementary and high school curriculum guides for 2016-2017.

A draft of the updated wellness policy reflecting federally mandated standards is available on the school's website at www.ltsd.org

According to the agenda, the board also is looking to:

- *recommend that a Memorandum of Understanding (regarding Teacher Evaluations) between the Lackawanna Trail School District and the Lackawanna Trail Education Association be approved, as well as a Memorandum of Understanding between Carol Conway, food service director, and the Lackawanna Trail School District.
- *recommend that the school district approve the Request for Proposals for the position of Food Service Director.
- *recommend that the board approved the appointment of Jonathan Lynn as a volunteer wrestling coach, with all clearances on file.
- *recommend that Jodi Rinehimer's request to take the senior class to Six Flags in Jackson, N.J., on Friday, May 27, be approved, at no cost to the district.

Although the Dec. 7 Lackawanna Trail Board meeting minutes are not expected to be approved until next Monday, at that meeting they did establish meeting dates for 2016.

The Trail School Board work sessions are set for 7:30 p.m. at the Lackawanna Trail Elementary Center for Mondays, Jan. 4, Feb. 1, March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6 (with an alternate date of June 13), Aug. 1, Oct. 3 and Nov. 7; and Tuesday, Sept. 6.

The Trail School Board regular meetings are set for 7:30 p.m. at the Lackawanna Trail Elementary Center for Mondays, Jan. 11, Feb. 8, March 14, April 11, May 9, June 27, July 11 (tentative), Aug. 8, Sept. 12, Nov. 14, and Dec. 5 (reorganization/regular); and Tuesday, Oct. 11.