

Trail may hire temps for subs

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The Lackawanna School Board will be voting to approve the appointment of Kelly Services, a temporary worker service, to provide substitute teacher calling services for the 2016-17 school year. Superintendent Matt Rakauskas said that while the school district pays \$90 per day for substitute teachers, there is still a shortage of available substitutes.

One board member said that if Kelly Services is used to call substitutes, the pool may include people with four-year degrees in fields other than teaching.

The school board held an executive session prior to its work session Monday to interview candidates for a special education teaching position for the 2016-17 school year.

Two of the three candidates showed up, according to board members.

The board will announce its appointment at the regular meeting next Monday night at 7:30 p.m.

In other business, the board will approve the recommended hourly rate for the subcontracted photographers for the 2016-17 school year at \$15 per hour with a cap of \$20 per hour for supplies related to the contracted event as supported by purchase documentation.

Any and all additional supply cost requires preapproval from the administration and business office.

Rakauskas said that the district has saved approximately \$26,000 in the last school year by using subcontracted photographers instead of a public relations staff member.

It was noted that residents of the Lackawanna Trail School District who wish to receive a reduced rate for per capita and school district real estate taxes must submit their names and addresses by Sept. 15.

This information will be posted on the school website at no cost to taxpayers.

The board will approve an agreement between the district and Wyoming County Juvenile Court for contracted services for the 2016-17 school year.

This position of law enforcement liaison is contracted for \$12,500.

The board approved a list of substitutes whose clearances are on file, and whose names will be on the Aug. 8 agenda.

A list of bus contractors/contracted drivers will be on the agenda as well as substitute drivers and private vehicle contractors.

While most of the drivers' names were listed on the work session agenda, only five were bus contractors. A complete list will be provided for the regular meeting.

The board also will be voting to approve a recommended bus contractor rate at state formula for the 2016-17 school year.

The car and van drivers' rate will be approved at a rate of \$1.42 as per state formula for the 2016-17 school year.

The following positions are on the agenda for board approval at the next meeting:

*Richard Pollock for appointment as a volunteer assistant for the marching band, all clearances on file.

*Kelly Buck for appointment as a volunteer field hockey coach for the 2016-17 school year, all clearances on file.

*Steve Jervis Sr. as volunteer varsity football assistant coach, all clearances on file.

*Tomas Ward as volunteer assistant football coach, all clearances on file.

*Carlee Laubach as a volunteer assistant girls' volleyball coach for the 2016-17 school year, all clearances on file.

There is also a motion to accept Laubach's resignation from the position of assistant girls' volleyball coach, effective immediately.

The board will vote to accept the resignation of Amanda Yackobowitz as assistant girls' basketball coach as of July 19.

Board president David Thorne mentioned that PSBA's School Leadership Conference is coming up, and that each school district sends a board representative whose name must be submitted by Aug. 20.

He said that since neither he nor Ned Clarke are going, board member Joseph Strauch has volunteered to be a PSBA delegate.

The board agreed to send Strauch to the conference.

An executive session will be held on Monday, Aug. 8, before the board's meeting at 7:30 p.m.