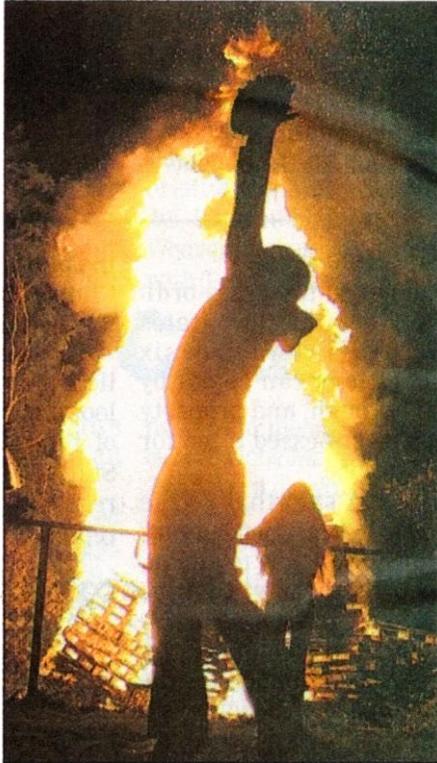


LT looks at tech affiliation

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Trail bonfire

Lackawanna Trail Lion Matt Bergey lifts a football up high during the homecoming bonfire ceremonies last Thursday.

The Lackawanna Trail School Board discussed a new career and technology education program Monday night during its work session.

On the agenda for the Tuesday, Oct. 11, regular board meeting is a motion to approve an agreement for the Northern Tier Industry & Education Consortium to provide career education services to Lackawanna Trail School District for the 2016-17 school year.

High school principal Dr. Murphy said that this program will provide a career path as well as technical education for some students who chose this direction instead of one of the two VoTech schools available, which include the Lackawanna County Career and Technology Center, and the Susquehanna County Career and Technology Center.

He said that two students have chosen this program over a vocational center, and a senior opted for this because he is really interested in apprenticeship. Murphy said that there is presently no certified co-op teacher at the Lackawanna Trail High School.

District Curriculum Director Tania Ross will provide a PowerPoint response to a Scranton Times-Tribune report earlier this year on grading area schools at the start of the Oct. 11 meeting.

Other items on the agenda to be approved next Tuesday include:

*Otylia Dugan is recommended for approval as basketball cheerleading coach at a stipend of \$2,150.62.

*Brenda Gibson is recommended for appointment as the mentor for Lindsey Rager, language teacher, at a stipend of \$450.

*Lauren McNamara was recommended for appointment as the long-term substitute for Holly Colvin, third grade teacher, for the second and third quarter of the 2016-17 school year.

*The following substitutes are recommended for board approval: Robert Houser, maintenance; Jamie June, cafeteria; and Elizabeth Amos, paraprofessional.

*A contract with Scranton School District for transportation and shared services for the 2016-17 school year, which was tabled last month.

*A field trip request for the sixth grade to travel to the DaVinci Science Center in Allentown on Nov. 22 at no cost to the district.

Superintendent Matthew Rakauskas said that teacher Kelly Hopkins has completed three satisfactory years with the district and was granted tenure on Aug. 25 by the state of Pennsylvania.

An executive session was held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. regarding potential legal action and a staff grievance.

School board member Joe Strauch said that he would recommend Transcendent Digital Media as a group of cyber school developers, who he said were the creators of Keystone College's online education programming.

He said this organization could work with the district to create a blended type educational program.