

## Trail School Board mulls choice for assistant's spot

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At its next regular meeting on Oct. 10, the Lackawanna Trail School Board is scheduled to approve the hiring of a confidential administrative assistant to the superintendent.

It was reported during the board's work session on Monday, that several candidates for the position have been interviewed.

President Phillip Stark reported that before the work session, the board held an executive session in which personnel matters were discussed, including the hiring of the assistant. The final candidate's name will be available at the regular meeting on Oct. 10.

District resident Robert Minick asked why the position was considered 'confidential' in the description. Superintendent Matthew Rakauskas explained that the position is secretarial, and assured that the person's name will be available to the public. The reason that confidential is included in the description is because the person handles personnel matters, and other information which is not part of the public record.

High school Principal Mark Murphy reported that next week is Homecoming Week for the district. The traditional bonfire is scheduled at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 12 at athletic entrance of the high school parking lot. Food and refreshments will be available, and Trail apparel will be sold.

The board announced Monday it had issued a public statement of tenure for Erika Chang, special education teacher and district transition coordinator as of June 13.

In other business, the board is scheduled to approve next Monday:

The first reading of Policy 918 - Parent and Family Engagement. Curriculum Supervisor Tania Stoker explained that the policy will apply to the elementary school, and is part of the Every Student Succeeds Act. A second reading - in which the public will be invited to provide suggestions - will be held on Nov. 2. The final reading is scheduled for Dec. 3.

A shared transportation services contract with the Scranton School District for the 2017-2018 school year. Cost will be \$165 per student. Rakauskas explained after the meeting that the contract will allow the transportation of students to other educational facilities outside the district. Although he could not provide a exact number, Rakauskas confirmed that probably less than 10 students in the district would be affected.

The hiring of Christopher Loman as the Boys Junior High Basket Ball Coach, and the hiring of Stacy Stuenzi as a part-time paraprofessional..