

Loyalsock Township School District

Meeting of School Directors

September 8, 2021

7:02 p.m.

***LTHS/LTMS Auditorium
1801 Loyalsock Drive
Williamsport, PA 17701***

MINUTES

- 1. Call to Order – President**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Administrative Report/Executive Session Purpose – Mr. Christopher Kenyon, Solicitor**
 - August 18, 2021; 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Superintendent’s Evaluation (Board Members Only; absent – Moore, Kiessling)
 - September 8, 2021, 6:10-7:00 p.m. – Personnel; Safety; Legal
- 4. Roll Call – Mr. M. Daniel Egly, Board Secretary**

MEMBER

x Charles W. Edmonds, Ed.D., Treasurer
x Hal C. Gee, Jr.
ab Christina L. Kiessling
x Valerie N. Komarnicki
x Robert D. Leidhecker
ab Marissa F. Moore
Absent-, Kiessling, Moore (Personal)

MEMBER

x Carolyn R. Strickland, Ph.D., President
x Melvin E. Wentzel, Vice President
x Michael J. Zicoello
x *Christopher Kenyon, Solicitor
x *Gerald L. McLaughlin, Superintendent
x *M. Daniel Egly, Business Mgr./Bd.Secretary
*(Non-Voting Member)

OTHERS

x Matthew Reitz, Loyalsock Township High School Principal
x Marc Walter, Loyalsock Township High School Assistant Principal
x Ashley Sekel, Middle School Principal
x Matthew Johnson, K-2 Elementary Principal
x Preston Shellenberger, 3-5 Elementary School Principal
x Eric Gee, Director of Technology
x Suzanne Foresman, Supervisor of Curriculum & Instruction
x Lisa Fisher, Supervisor of Special Education
x Pat Crossley, *Williamsport Sun-Gazette*

- 5. A. **Recognition of Guests or Scheduled Speakers/Public Comments****
 - **Margot Briggs** – Masks (Scheduled, but did not attend meeting)

B. Presentations

- American Rescue Plan of 2021 – Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ARP-ESSER)

C. Public Comments Relative to Agenda Items

- Chawn Gehr – 9A – Policies

6. Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes

It is recommended the Board approve the Minutes of the following meetings:

- August 11, 2021 – School Board
- August 26, 2021 – Special Meeting

Motion: Mr. Edmonds

Second: Mr. Wentzel

Yes: Edmonds, Komarnicki, Leidhecker, Strickland, Wentzel, Zicoello

No: Gee

Absent: Kiessling, Moore

Result: Motion Carried

7. Finance

A. Approval of Bills – June 2021

It is recommended the Board approve expenditures from June 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021, in the amount of \$1,403,550.55.

Motion: Mr. Leidhecker

Second: Mr. Gee

Yes: Edmonds, Gee, Komarnicki, Leidhecker, Strickland, Wentzel, Zicoellelo

No: None

Absent: Kiessling, Moore

Result: Motion Carried

B. Treasurer's Report – June 2021

It is recommended the Board approve the attached Treasurer's Report for the month of June 2021.

Motion: Mr. Wentzel

Second: Mr. Edmonds

Yes: Edmonds, Gee, Komarnicki, Leidhecker, Strickland, Wentzel, Zicoletto

No: None

Absent: Kiessling, Moore

Result: Motion Carried

C. Student Activities Fund Quarterly Report

It is recommended the Board approve the attached Student Activities Fund Quarterly Report for the period ended June 2021.

Motion: Mr. Gee Second: Mr. Leidhecker
Yes: Edmonds, Gee, Komarnicki, Leidhecker, Strickland, Wentzel, Zicoello
No: None
Absent: Kiessling, Moore
Result: Motion Carried

D. Student Activity Fund Accounts & Scholarship Fund Accounts

It is recommended the Board approve the attached lists of Student Activity Fund Accounts and Scholarship Fund Accounts.

Motion: Mr. Wentzel Second: Mr. Zicoello
Yes: Edmonds, Gee, Komarnicki, Leidhecker, Strickland, Wentzel, Zicoello
No: None
Absent: Kiessling, Moore
Result: Motion Carried

8. Personnel

A. LTESPA Personnel

It is recommended the Board approve the following LTESPA Personnel transfers/appointments:

- Kama Bennett; Transfer from Part-Time Paraprofessional to Full-Time Paraprofessional; effective August 24, 2021
- Brenna Segraves; Full-Time Paraprofessional; pending documentation; effective September 8, 2021; Mrs. Segraves will receive an hourly rate of \$12.00.

Motion: Mrs. Komarnicki Second: Mr. Gee
Yes: Edmonds, Gee, Komarnicki, Leidhecker, Strickland, Wentzel, Zicoello
No: None
Absent: Kiessling, Moore
Result: Motion Carried

B. School Bus/Van Drivers

It is recommended the Board appoint Tyran Fisher as a school van driver for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion: Mr. Edmonds Second: Mr. Zicoello
Yes: Edmonds, Gee, Komarnicki, Leidhecker, Strickland, Wentzel, Zicoello
No: None
Absent: Kiessling, Moore
Result: Motion Carried

C. Appointment of Fall Athletic Personnel - Revised

It is recommended the Board appoint the attached list of fall athletic personnel (pending documentation) for the 2021-2022 sports season.

Motion: Mr. Edmonds Second: Mrs. Komarnicki
Yes: Edmonds, Gee, Komarnicki, Leidhecker, Strickland, Wentzel, Zicoello
No: None
Absent: Kiessling, Moore
Result: Motion Carried

D. Substitute Personnel

It is recommended the Board approve the attached list of non-teaching substitutes for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion: Mr. Leidhecker Second: Mr. Wentzel
Yes: Edmonds, Gee, Komarnicki, Leidhecker, Strickland, Wentzel, Zicoello
No: None
Absent: Kiessling, Moore
Result: Motion Carried

E. Retirements/Resignations

The Board acknowledges notice of the following retirements/resignations:

- Robert McQuay; School Bus Driver; Retirement; effective June 30, 2021
- Nicole Selleck; Part-Time Paraprofessional; Resignation; effective August 24, 2021
- Holly Lehman; Full-Time Paraprofessional; Resignation; effective September 10, 2021

Motion: Mr. Gee Second: Mr. Zicoello
Yes: Edmonds, Gee, Komarnicki, Leidhecker, Strickland, Wentzel, Zicoello
No: None
Absent: Kiessling, Moore
Result: Motion Carried

C. Architectural Services – Facility Improvement Projects (Donald E. Schick Elementary School & Secondary Campus) Addendum

It is recommended the Board approve the attached addendum to the proposal for architectural services for facility improvement projects (DES-Cafeteria Expansion, Addition of Classrooms; LTHS/LTMS Campus-Gymnasium Expansion, Cafeteria Expansion, Addition of Classrooms) from Robert Lack, 230 Market Street, Lewisburg, PA 17837. The proposal was approved on April 7, 2021.

Motion: Mr. Gee Second: Mr. Leidhecker
Yes: Edmonds, Gee, Komarnicki, Leidhecker, Strickland, Wentzel, Zicoello
No: None
Absent: Kiessling, Moore
Result: Motion Carried

~~D. Memorandum of Understanding Dean of Students~~

It is recommended the Board approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding between Loyalsock Township School District and Loyalsock Township Education Association. The purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding is to provide clarification regarding the Dean of Students for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion: _____ Second: _____
 Yes: _____
 No: _____
 Absent: _____
 Result: _____

E. Approval of Salary – Technology Specialist Adjustment

It is recommended the Board approve a salary adjustment from \$45,618 to \$53,000 for Scott Moll, Technology Specialist, effective September 13, 2021.

Motion: Mr. Wentzel Second: Mrs. Komarnicki
Yes: Edmonds, Gee, Komarnicki, Leidhecker, Strickland, Wentzel, Zicoello
No: None
Absent: Kiessling, Moore
Result: Motion Carried

11. Information/Discussion Items

A. Board Comments/Reports

On August 18, 2021, the Board of School Directors of the Loyalsock Township School District assessed the performance of Superintendent Gerald McLaughlin for the 2020-2021 school year. Mr. McLaughlin received an overall rating of Distinguished. Criteria used to achieve this rating include: Student Growth and Achievement, Organizational Leadership, District Operations and Financial Management, Communications and Community Relations, Human Resource Management, Professionalism, and Annual Performance Goals. The Superintendent's salary was adjusted in accordance to his current contract.

B. Administrative Reports/Discussion

12. Public Comments

- Alishia Goyette – Antibody testing/medical exemptions; virtual instruction during quarantine
- Lindsey Ulmer – Masks
- Gregory Stapp; Mask requirement; School Code; Order
- Michael House – Masks
- Janice Schifferli – Revisiting Mask Mandate; CDC Guidelines
- Allison Morehart – Support of teachers
- Ivan Baker – Mask mandate
- Rachel Baker – Mental health
- Paul Nyman – School safety on Four Mile Drive
- David Bjorkman – Health & Safety
- Jessica Walsh – Masks
- Sharon Clees – Masks & Vaccines
- Dustin Gehr – Improve/shorten time with School Board meetings
- Chawn Gehr – Best practice mask implementation & contact tracing
- Kayla Nielsen – Masking/Parental choice
- Kyle Nielsen – Parental choice, science

Mr. McLaughlin read the attached statement regarding compliance with the Order of the Acting Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health Directing Face Coverings in School Entities.

13. Upcoming Board Meeting – October 6, 2021

14. Adjournment @ 8:35 p.m.

Motion: Mr. Leidhecker
Second: Mr. Gee