

Loyalsock Township School District

Meeting of School Directors

November 10, 2021

7:04 p.m.

***Board Conference Room
1605 Four Mile Drive
Williamsport, PA 17701***

MINUTES

- 1. Call to Order – President**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Administrative Report/Executive Session Purpose – Mr. David Smith, Solicitor**
5:34-7:01 p.m. – Litigation; Personnel; Contracts
- 4. Roll Call – Mr. M. Daniel Egly, Board Secretary**

MEMBER

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

MEMBER

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

OTHERS

ab 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 Mike Reuther, *Williamsport Sun-Gazette*

- 5.**
 - A. Recognition of Guests or Scheduled Speakers/Public Comments**
 - David Bjorkman
 - Board Member Congratulations on Election
 - District Health, Safety & Emergency Preparedness (Policy 805)

B. Comprehensive Plan Presentation

C. Modify Agenda – Health & Safety Plan

Motion by Carolyn Strickland to modify the agenda to include an action item relative to reverting to the District's Health & Safety Plan, effective immediately, relative to masking due to the decision from the Commonwealth Court issued today. Seconded by Michael Zicolello.

ROLL CALL

Yes: Edmonds, Gee, Kiessling, Leidhecker, Moore, Strickland, Wentzel, Zicolello

No: None

Absent: Komarnicki

Result: Motion Carried

D. Public Comments Relative to Agenda Items

- Kayla Nielsen – Masking
- Mike House – Masking
- Chawn Gehr – Masking/Communication with Parents regarding Masking Order
- Joseph Baker – Health & Safety Plan
- Jeff Breon – Maintaining Mask Mandate

6. Health & Safety Plan

A. District's Health & Safety Plan

It is recommended the Board approve reverting to the District's Health & Safety Plan, effective immediately, relative to masking due to the decision from the Commonwealth Court issued today.

Motion: Mr. Zicolello

Second: Mr. Gee

ROLL CALL

Yes: Edmonds, Gee, Kiessling, Leidhecker, Moore, Strickland, Zicolello

No: Wentzel

Absent: Komarnicki

Result: Motion Carried

7. Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes

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

- October 6, 2021 – School Board

Motion: Mr. Wentzel

Second: Mrs. Kiessling

Yes: Edmonds, Gee, Kiessling, Leidhecker, Moore, Strickland, Wentzel, Zicoello

No: None

Absent: Komarnicki

Result: Motion Carried

8. Finance

A. Approval of Bills – August 2021

It is recommended the Board approve expenditures from August 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021, in the amount of \$688,146.70.

Motion: Mr. Gee

Second: Mrs. Moore

Yes: Edmonds, Gee, Kiessling, Leidhecker, Moore, Strickland, Wentzel, Zicoello

No: None

Absent: Komarnicki

Result: Motion Carried

B. Treasurer's Report – August 2021

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

Motion: Mr. Leidhecker

Second: Mrs. Kiessling

Yes: Edmonds, Gee, Kiessling, Leidhecker, Moore, Strickland, Wentzel, Zicoello

No: None

Absent: Komarnicki

Result: Motion Carried

9. School/District Programs and Operations

A. 2021-2024 Comprehensive Plan

It is recommended the Board adopt the 2021-2024 Comprehensive Plan as presented. The document has been available for public inspection since October 7, 2021.

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

10. Personnel

A. LTESPA Personnel

It is recommended the Board approve the following LTESPA Personnel transfers/appointments in accordance with the terms of the LTESPA agreement:

- Steven Bowman; Part-Time Custodial Employee effective October 26, 2021. Mr. Bowman will receive an hourly rate of \$13.00.
- Daisy Clouser; Transfer from Full-Time Custodial Employee to 223-Day, Full-Time Secretary; effective November 30, 2021. Ms. Clouser will receive an hourly rate of \$14.75. Ms. Clouser will also serve as a custodial employee on an as-needed basis at her current custodial employee hourly rate.

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

B. Appointment of Fall Athletic Personnel – Final

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

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

C. Appointment of Winter Athletic Personnel

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

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

D. Retirements/Resignations

The Board acknowledges notice of the following retirements/resignations:

- Gail Hills; 203-Day Secretary; Retirement; effective February 11, 2022
- Todd Farr; Full-Time Custodian; Resignation; effective October 26, 2021
- Aine Wright; Elementary Teacher; Resignation; effective December 30, 2021

11. Other

A. Substitute Staff Placement Agreement – Addendum to Include Paraprofessionals

It is recommended the Board approve the attached Addendum to the Substitute Staff Placement Agreement with ESS Northeast, LLC, 800 North Kings Highway, Suite 405, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034, to provide substitute staff through June 30, 2023. The purpose of the Addendum is to include paraprofessionals effective October 25, 2021.

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

B. Real Estate Tax Exoneration

It is recommended the Board exonerate Dorothy White Mertz from collecting taxes on the following parcels for real estate taxes for the 2021 tax year:

- 26-349-105B-999 (Bill #4483) in the amount of \$59,972.67 (Williamsport Home)
- 26-349-105C (Bill #4484) in the amount of \$19.48 (Williamsport Home)

Exoneration is in accordance with the agreement between Williamsport Home and Loyalsock Township School District for payment in lieu of taxes in the amount of \$57,410.71.

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

C. Donation of Instruments

It is recommended the Board accept a donation of instruments identified on the attached list at an estimated value of \$11,325 from the Loyalsock Lancers Marching Band Booster Organization.

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

12. Information/Discussion Items

A. Board Comments/Reports

B. Administrative Reports/Discussion

13. Public Comments

- Chawn Gehr – Parent Communication & iPad Training
- Simone Gehr – Health & Safety
- Vernon Schwanger – Comprehensive Plan

14. Upcoming Board Meeting – December 1, 2021

15. Adjournment @ 8:30 p.m.

Motion: Mrs. Moore
Second: Dr. Edmonds

M. Daniel Egly