

# ***Loyalsock Township School District***

## ***Meeting of School Directors***

***March 8, 2023***

***7:05 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. Christopher Kenyon, Solicitor**  
6:05-7:00 pm Personnel; Legal Matters
- 4. Roll Call – Mr. M. Daniel Egly, Board Secretary**

### **MEMBER**

**x** Charles W. Edmonds, Ed.D., Treasurer  
**x** Lynn Frey  
**x** Hal C. Gee, Jr.  
**ab** Christina L. Kiessling  
**x** Robert D. Leidhecker  
**x** Marissa F. Moore  
Absent-Kiessling-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** Jamie Yonkin, Loyalsock Township High School Assistant Principal  
**x** Ashley Sekel, Middle School Principal  
**x** Rachelle Ackerman, Middle School Dean of Students  
**x** Marc Walter, K-2 Elementary Principal  
**x** Preston Shellenberger, 3-5 Elementary School Principal  
**x** Eric Gee, Director of Technology  
**ab** Suzanne Foresman, Supervisor of Curriculum & Instruction  
**x** Lisa Fisher, Supervisor of Special Education  
\_\_\_\_\_ Williamsport Sun-Gazette Representative

- 5. A. Recognition of Guests or Scheduled Speakers/Public Comments**
  - ~~HS Student Delegates~~
  - *Athletic Presentation*
  - *Music Presentation & Recognition*

- *Technology Presentation*
- *David Bjorkman – Scheduled Public Comment; Virtual School Board Meetings*

**B. Public Comments Relative to Agenda Items – Public Participation Forms Attached**

- Matt Cowden – Banning Cell Phone Usage
- Chawn Gehr – Bills; Athletic Wall; Para Pay Rates

**6. Minutes**

**A. Approval of Minutes**

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

- February 8, 2023 – School Board
- February 22, 2023 – Special Meeting

Motion: Mr. Wentzel

Second: Mrs. Moore

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

No: None

Absent: Kiessling,

Result: Motion Carried

**7. Finance**

**A. Approval of Bills – December 2022**

It is recommended the Board approve expenditures from December 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, in the amount of \$2,213,251.48.

Motion: Dr. Edmonds

Second: Mrs. Moore

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

No: None

Absent: Kiessling,

Result: Motion Carried

**B. Treasurer's Report – December 2022**

It is recommended the Board approve the attached Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2022.

Motion: Mr. Leidhecker

Second: Mr. Wentzel

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

No: None

Absent: Kiessling,

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 December 2022.

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

#### **D. Approval of Bills – January 2023**

It is recommended the Board approve expenditures from January 1, 2023 through January 31, 2023, in the amount of \$1,025,717.78.

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

### **E. Treasurer's Report – January 2023**

It is recommended the Board approve the attached Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2023.

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

## 8. School/District Programs and Operations

***IT IS NOTED THAT THIS ITEM WAS THE FIRST ACTION ITEM OF THE MEETING.***

### A. Resolution

It is recommended the Board adopt the attached Resolution proclaiming March as Music in Our Schools Month.

Motion: Mr. Gee                      Second: Mrs. Moore

## ROLL CALL

Yes: Edmonds, Frey, Gee, Leidhecker, Moore, Strickland, Wentzel, Zicoello  
No: None  
Absent: Kiessling,  
Result: Motion Carried

## 9. Personnel

### A. LTEA Personnel

It is recommended the Board appoint the following individuals (pending documentation):

- Kendall Sauers as a Temporary Professional Employee assigned as trauma counselor effective February 14, 2023. Mrs. Sauers will receive a salary based on Step 1-M of the Teacher Salary Schedule.
- Marcus Williams as a Temporary Professional Employee assigned as a social studies teacher effective February 23, 2023. Mr. Williams will receive a salary based on Step 1-B of the Teacher Salary Schedule.

Motion: Mr. Leidhecker

Second: Mrs. Moore

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

No: None

Absent: Kiessling,

Result: Motion Carried

### B. LTESPA Personnel

It is recommended the Board appoint the following individual (pending documentation):

- Connie Clapper, 203-Day Middle School Secretary; effective date to be determined. Ms. Clapper will receive an hourly rate of \$13.41.

Motion: Mrs. Moore

Second: Mr. Gee

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

No: None

Absent: Kiessling,

Result: Motion Carried

### C. Food Service Employees

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

- Natalie Zdun; substitute food service employee at an hourly rate of \$12.00; effective February 22, 2023.
- Katrina Rupert; transfer to full-time Secondary Head Cook Supervisor at an hourly rate of \$18.00, effective February 13, 2023. *It is noted that Ms. Rupert served as the Assistant Head Cook Supervisor.*
- Angela Harman; transfer to full-time Secondary Assistant Head Cook Supervisor at an hourly rate of \$15.00, effective February 13, 2023. *It is noted that Ms. Harman served as a part-time food service employee.*

Motion: Mrs. Frey

Second: Dr. Edmonds

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

No: None

Absent: Kiessling,

Result: Motion Carried

**D. Appointment of Spring Athletic Personnel – Revised**

It is recommended the Board appoint the attached list of spring athletic personnel (pending documentation) for the 2022-2023 sports season.

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

### E. Retirements/Resignations

The Board acknowledges notice of the following retirement/resignation:

- Nicholas Hesser; Middle School Science Teacher; tentative effective date Aril 14, 2023

## 10. Other

### A. The Meadows – Letter of Agreement

It is recommended the Board approve the attached 2023-2025 Letter of Agreement with The Meadows for services provided to students receiving mental health and educational services.

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

### B. Purchase of Health & Wellness/Fitness Equipment

It is recommended the Board approve the purchase of health & wellness/fitness equipment (quote attached) from Webster's Fitness Products, Inc., 102 Grandview Drive, McMurray, PA 15317 at a cost of \$376,708.50; COSTARS – 14-059. *Funds for the purchase will come from the Capital Projects Fund.*

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

**C. Facility Improvement Projects (DES-Cafeteria Expansion, Addition of Classrooms; LTHS/LTMS Campus-Gymnasium Expansion, Cafeteria Expansion, Addition of Classrooms)**

## 1. DES-Cafeteria Expansion, Addition of Classrooms

**i. Authorization of Change Order(s)**

It is recommended the Board approve the following Change Orders:

- Change Order #14 (Electrical-05/11B Electric, II) – Additional Wifi access points at a cost of \$595.89.
- Change Order #15 (Electrical-06/11B Electric, II) – Motion switches in classroom and kitchen at a cost of \$1,503.48.
- Change Order #16 (Electrical-07/11B Electric, II) – Installation of power receptacles and projector mounts at a cost of \$735.44.
- Change Order #17 (Electrical-08/11B Electric, II) – Lower level firewall patch at a cost of \$1,766.37.
- Change Order #18 (Electrical-09/11B Electric, II) – Vestibule ceiling heater wiring at a cost of \$985.58.
- Change Order #19 (Electrical-03.1/11B Electric, II) – Unused allowances at a credit of \$49,999.03.
- Change Order #20 (Mechanical-03/Silvertip, Inc.) – Unused allowances at a credit of \$30,000.98.
- Change Order #21 (Plumbing-02/Silvertip, Inc.) – Unused allowances at a credit of \$11,420.27.

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

#### D. Purchase of Digital Athletic Hall of Fame

It is recommended the Board approve the purchase of a digital athletic hall of fame (quote attached) from Nevco Sports, LLC, 301 East Harris Avenue, Greenville, IL 62246, at a cost of \$12,620.00. *Funds for the purchase will come from the General Fund.*

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

**10. Information/Discussion Items**

**A. Board Comments/Reports**

- IU 17 – Mrs. Kiessling
- Recreation Board – Mr. Leidhecker & Mr. Zicoello
- Wellness Committee – Mrs. Kiessling & Mrs. Moore
- Act 48 Committee – Mr. Wentzel
- LycoCTC – Dr. Strickland or Mrs. Frey
- The Lancer Foundation – Dr. Edmonds

**B. Administrative Reports/Discussion**

**11. Public Comments – Public Participation Forms Attached**

- Tyler Richardson – Tablets compared to Traditional Education w/Books
- Chawn Gehr – Inability to Write
- Ed Paquin – Cost of Weight Room Equipment & Disposal of Old Equipment
- Vernon Schwanger – Digital Board vs. Pictures; Gym access for community; Parity for music, art, etc.

**12. Upcoming Board Meeting – April 5, 2023**

**13. Adjournment @ 9:30 p.m.**

Motion: Mrs. Frey

Second: Mrs. Moore

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M. Daniel Egly