

Loyalsock Township School District

Meeting of School Directors

January 10, 2024

7:03 p.m.

***Loyalsock Township School District
Secondary Campus
Multi-Purpose Room (D10/11)
2101 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**
6:03-7:00 p.m. – Personnel, Contracts
4. **Roll Call – Mr. M. Daniel Egly, Board Secretary**

MEMBER

 x David Bjorkman
 x Charles W. Edmonds, Ed.D., Treasurer
 x Lynn Frey, Vice President
 x Hal C. Gee, Jr., President
 x Robert D. Leidhecker
 x JacLynne Lindsay

MEMBER

 x Tyler B. Richardson
 x Melvin E. Wentzel
 x Michael J. Zicolello
 x *Christopher Kenyon, Solicitor
 x *Gerald L. McLaughlin, Superintendent
 x *M. Daniel Egly, Business Mgr./Bd.Secretary
*(Non-Voting Member)

OTHERS

 x Ashley Sekel, High School Principal
 x Bradley Grey, High School Dean of Students
 x Rachelle Ackerman, Middle School Principal
 x Dayne Waller, Middle School Assistant Principal
 x Marc Walter, Elementary Principal
 ab Elizabeth Myers, Elementary Assistant Principal
 x Eric Gee, Director of Technology
 x Lisa Fisher, Supervisor of Special Education
 x Matthew Courter, *Williamsport Sun-Gazette*

5.
 - A. **Recognition of Guests or Scheduled Speakers/Public Comments**
 - NASA Presentation
 - Athletic Fields Presentation

B. Public Comments Relative to Agenda Items – None

6. Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes

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

- December 6, 2023 – Reorganization
- December 6, 2023 – School Board

Motion: Dr. Edmonds Second: Mr. Wentzel
Yes: Bjorkman, Edmonds, Frey, Gee, Leidhecker, Lindsay, Wentzel, Zicoello
No: Richardson
Absent: None
Result: Motion Carried

7. Finance

A. Approval of Bills – October 2023

It is recommended the Board approve expenditures from October 1, 2023 through October 31, 2023, in the amount of \$1,563,617.31.

Motion: Mr. Zicoello Second: Mr. Wentzel
Yes: Bjorkman, Edmonds, Frey, Gee, Leidhecker, Lindsay, Richardson, Wentzel, Zicoello
No: None
Absent: None
Result: Motion Carried

B. Treasurer's Report – October 2023

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

Motion: Mrs. Lindsay Second: Mr. Zicoello
Yes: Bjorkman, Edmonds, Frey, Gee, Leidhecker, Lindsay, Richardson, Wentzel, Zicoello
No: None
Absent: None
Result: Motion Carried

8. School/District Programs and Operations

A. Act 80 Day

It is recommended the Board approve the Superintendent to apply for the following Act 80 Day for the 2024-2025 school year:

- March 14, 2025

Motion: Mr. Wentzel

Second: Mr. Leidhecker

Yes: Bjorkman, Edmonds, Frey, Gee, Leidhecker, Lindsay, Richardson, Wentzel, Zicoello

No: None

Absent: None

Result: Motion Carried

B. 2024-2025 School Calendar

It is recommended the Board adopt the attached 2024-2025 school calendar.

Motion: Mrs. Frey

Second: Mr. Zicoello

Yes: Bjorkman, Edmonds, Frey, Gee, Leidhecker, Lindsay, Richardson, Wentzel, Zicoello

No: None

Absent: None

Result: Motion Carried

C. Out-of-State Field Trip Request

It is recommended the Board approve an out-of-state field trip requested by Kirk Bower. Mr. Bower has requested to take approximately 25 students to The Military Academy at West Point, New York, in March/April 2024. Administration may cancel this field trip at any time due to health and safety concerns. *There is no cost to the District for this trip.*

Motion: Mr. Wentzel

Second: Dr. Edmonds

Yes: Bjorkman, Edmonds, Frey, Gee, Leidhecker, Lindsay, Richardson, Wentzel, Zicoello

No: None

Absent: None

Result: Motion Carried

D. Health & Safety Plan

It is recommended the Board approve the revised Health & Safety Plan.

Motion: Dr. Edmonds

Second: Mr. Leidhecker

Yes: Edmonds, Frey, Gee, Leidhecker, Lindsay, Wentzel

No: Bjorkman, Richardson, Zicoello

Absent: None

Result: Motion Carried

9. Personnel

A. LTESPA Personnel

It is recommended that the Board appoint the following individuals:

- Jeffrey LaCoe; Full-Time (183 days) paraprofessional effective January 16, 2024, at an hourly rate of \$14.00.
- Kameryn Cornish; Full-Time custodial employee at an hourly rate of \$14.00, pending documentation.

Motion: Mr. Wentzel

Second: Mr. Zicoello

Yes: Bjorkman, Edmonds, Frey, Gee, Leidhecker, Lindsay, Richardson, Wentzel, Zicoello

No: None

Absent: None

Result: Motion Carried

B. Event Staff

It is recommended the Board appoint Michael Minnier as event staff effective December 4, 2023.

Motion: Mr. Bjorkman

Second: Dr. Edmonds

Yes: Bjorkman, Edmonds, Frey, Gee, Leidhecker, Lindsay, Richardson, Wentzel, Zicoello

No: None

Absent: None

Result: Motion Carried

C. Retirements/Resignations

The Board acknowledges notice of the following retirement/resignation:

- Michael Foust; Resignation; School Police Officer; effective December 14, 2023

10. Policy

A. Policy

It is recommended the Board adopt the following policy as attached:

- ♦ Policy No. 246 (REVISED) – School Wellness

Motion: Mr. Leidhecker

Second: Mrs. Frey

Yes: Bjorkman, Edmonds, Frey, Gee, Leidhecker, Lindsay, Richardson, Wentzel, Zicoello

No: None

Absent: None

Result: Motion Carried

Motion: Mrs. Frey Second: Mrs. Lindsay
Yes: Bjorkman, Edmonds, Frey, Gee, Leidhecker, Lindsay, Richardson, Wentzel, Zicoello
No: None
Absent: None
Result: Motion Carried

D. Curriculum Audit

It is recommended the Board approve the solicitation of contract proposals for a full curriculum audit from Curriculum Management Solutions and similar entities.

Mr. Wentzel – “After reviewing the recent results of the LTSD testing and seeing that our scores are clearly superior to most, if not all, districts in Intermediate Unit 17, as well as discussing the value gained by hiring an outside entity to conduct a full curriculum audit for a very significant cost to the district, I respectfully vote no on this motion.”

Motion: Mrs. Lindsay

Second: Mr. Zicolello

Yes: Bjorkman, Edmonds, Frey, Gee, Leidhecker, Lindsay, Richardson, Zicolello

No: Wentzel

Absent: None

Result: Motion Carried

12. Information/Discussion Items

A. Board Comments/Reports

- Community Wide Safety Committee – Mr. Bjorkman
- Recreation Board – Mr. Leidhecker & Mr. Zicolello
- Wellness Committee – TBD
- IU 17 – TBD
- Act 48 Committee – Mr. Wentzel
- LycoCTC – Mrs. Frey
- The Lancer Foundation – Dr. Edmonds

B. Administrative Reports/Discussion

- Fire Alarm at Schick Elementary
- Lighting on Four Mile Drive

13. Public Comments – See attached sheets

- Abby Richardson – Softball Field
- Eric McNulty (Softball Coach) – Softball Field
- Sally O’Neill – Softball
- Chawn Gehr – Softball field; 126 days no response data breach; education; agenda should include a time for Q&A
- Larry Allison – (no sheet provided) Education

14. Upcoming Board Meeting – February 7, 2024

15. Adjournment @ 8:26 p.m.

Motion: Mr. Gee

Second: Mrs. Frey