

Loyalsock Township School District

Meeting of School Directors

February 7, 2024

7:00 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**
01/24/2024 5:30-7:00 p.m. Personnel
02/07/2024 6:00-6:55 p.m. Personnel, Contract (Bjorkman attended via telephone);
7:30-8:00 p.m. Personnel, Legal (Bjorkman attended in person)
- 4. Roll Call – Mr. M. Daniel Egly, Board Secretary**

MEMBER

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<u>ab</u> David Bjorkman	<u>x</u> Tyler B. Richardson
<u>x</u> Charles W. Edmonds, Ed.D., Treasurer	<u>x</u> Melvin E. Wentzel
<u>x</u> Lynn Frey, Vice President	<u>x</u> Michael J. Zicolello
<u>x</u> Hal C. Gee, Jr., President	<u>x</u> *Christopher Kenyon, Solicitor
<u>x</u> Robert D. Leidhecker	<u>x</u> *Gerald L. McLaughlin, Superintendent
<u>x</u> JacLynne Lindsay	<u>x</u> *M. Daniel Egly, Business Mgr./Bd.Secretary
*Absent Bjorkman-Personal (It is noted that Mr. Bjorkman participated via Zoom; however, was unable to attend the entire meeting due to technical issues.)	
*(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 – None**

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 meeting:

- January 10, 2024 – School Board

Motion: Mrs. Frey

Second: Mr. Zicoello

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

No: None

Absent: Bjorkman

Result: Motion Carried

7. Finance

A. Approval of Bills – November 2023

It is recommended the Board approve expenditures from November 1, 2023 through November 30, 2023, in the amount of \$916,021.71.

Motion: Mr. Wentzel

Second: Dr. Edmonds

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

No: None

Absent: Bjorkman

Result: Motion Carried

B. Treasurer's Report – November 2023

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

Motion: Mr. Leidhecker

Second: Mr. Wentzel

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

No: None

Absent: Bjorkman

Result: Motion Carried

8. Personnel

A. Act 93 Administrative Personnel

It is recommended that the Board appoint Teri Key as the Supervisor of Curriculum & Instruction pending documentation. Ms. Key will receive a prorated salary of \$120,000.00 for the 2023-2024 school year.

Motion: Dr. Edmonds

Second: Mr. Wentzel

Mr. Richardson – “My decision to vote yes for Mrs. Key was entirely based on the hard work and support of the faculty and administration who make up our hiring committee. I want to thank them for the time and information they provided during our meeting which was unplanned originally and requested by the committee. Prior to this meeting, I felt our Superintendent, Mr. McLaughlin, had made zero efforts to create a line of communication between the board and the committee. It appears that our superintendent continues to drive a wedge between the board members and the faculty/administrators by not allowing us to create trusted relationships amongst each other by communicating. We were told originally that we were not allowed to communicate with the hiring committee and ask questions directly, only to find out that one board member, in fact, did so regardless, which none of the information they gathered was shared with the board. As a board member, I felt that I was left in the dark when attempting to gather information for this interview; so, I say to the public, you are not alone when left in the dark about missing important information from our superintendent. I noticed the hiring committee appeared shocked to hear how little we knew about the questions and request we made to the superintendent to gain a better understanding of the hiring process during our meeting. When I am one of the votes to determine whether a candidate is hired or not, I want to make sure I do my homework and am able to ask the proper questions. At the end of the day, I am one of the heads on the chopping block that fingers will point to if a particular candidate is not the right choice. No one looks at the hiring committee, they will look at the board who approved the position. Period. I think I at least deserve the right to communicate and receive the intended information when asked to vote for something, which I felt our superintendent chose to withhold for whatever reasons, perhaps to main his control and intimidation within our district.”

ROLL CALL

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

No: None

Absent: Bjorkman

Result: Motion Carried

B. LTESPA Personnel

It is recommended that the Board appoint Racheal Hodecker as a full-time custodial employee pending documentation. Ms. Hodecker will receive an hourly rate of \$14.00.

Motion: Mrs. Lindsay

Second: Mr. Zicoello

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

No: None

Absent: Bjorkman

Result: Motion Carried

C. Appointment of Volunteer Wrestling Coach

It is recommended the Board appoint Aaron Hepburn as a volunteer wrestling coach for the 2023-2024 sports season.

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

D. Appointment of Spring Athletic Personnel

It is recommended the Board appoint the attached list of spring athletic personnel (pending documentation) for the 2023-2024 sports season.

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

E. Retirements/Resignations

The Board acknowledges notice of the following retirements/resignations:

- Cera McQuillen; Food Service Employee; Resignation effective January 15, 2024
- Brian Mitchell; School Van Driver; Resignation effective immediately

9. Other

A. Wellness Committee – Board Representative

It is recommended the Board appoint David Bjorkman as the Board representative to serve on the District's Wellness Committee.

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

B. Intermediate Unit 17 Budget Approval

It is recommended the Board approve the attached Intermediate Unit 17 General Operations Budget (Resolution attached) for the fiscal year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

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

C. High School Parking Lot – Civil Engineering Design Services

It is recommended the Board approve the attached proposal for civil engineering design services for land development design and permitting for the high school parking lot with Hawbaker Engineering, LLC, 1952 Waddle Road, Suite 201, State College, PA 16803.

Motion: Mr. Leidhecker Second: Mrs. Frey
Yes: Edmonds, Frey, Leidhecker, Lindsay, Wentzel, Zicoello
No: Richardson
Abstain: Gee
Absent: Bjorkman
Result: Motion Carried

D. Lighting at Secondary Campus Practice Field – Civil Engineering Design Services

It is recommended the Board approve the attached proposal for civil engineering design services for lighting design at the secondary campus practice field at the Four Mile Drive entrance with Hawbaker Engineering, LLC, 1952 Waddle Road, Suite 201, State College, PA 16803.

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

E. Resolution

It is recommended the Board adopt the attached Resolution naming the mat room.

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

10. Information/Discussion Items

A. Board Comments/Reports

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

B. Administrative Reports/Discussion

11. Public Comments

- Larry Allison, Jr. – Softball Field & Lighting; MS/HS Bathrooms; Green Space

12. Upcoming Board Meeting – March 6, 2024

13. Adjournment @ 7:29 p.m.

Motion: Dr. Edmonds
Second: Mrs. Frey

M. Daniel Egly