

Lackawanna City School District
Board of Education
245 South Shore Boulevard

Monday, July 12, 2021, immediately following the 6:00 P.M. Work Session.

Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING of the Lackawanna City School District's Board of Education Meeting held on Monday, July 12, 2021, immediately following the Work Session, in the Superintendents Conference Room, 245 South Shore Blvd, Lackawanna, NY 14218.

A) OPENING:

Meeting called to order by Board President Leonard Kowalski at 7:18 P.M., in the Superintendents Conference Room, 245 South Shore Blvd, Lackawanna, NY 14218.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Azaldeen Mohamed, Mohamed Munassar, Anthony Catuzza, Kimberly Bukaty, Mona Abdula, and Leonard Kowalski.

Excused: Nicholas Sobaszek

Leonard Kowalski asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Keith Lewis	Superintendent of Schools
Carl Morgan, Esq.	School Attorney
Dr. Kiel Illg	Assistant Superintendent
Daniel Grant	Asst. Superintendent for Administrative Services/Business

C) ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRESENTATIONS:

C-1 - Announcement of Meeting Dates:

Monday, August 9, 2021 – Work Session @ McKinley Administrative Building, 6:00 P.M

Thursday, August 12, 2021 – Regular Meeting @ McKinley Administrative Building, 7:00 P.M

C-2 - Presentations: NONE

C-3 - Public Comment: NONE

D) MINUTES:

D-1 – June 14, 2021 – Regular Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Lackawanna City School District's Board of Education held on Monday, June 14, 2021, at 6:59 P.M. at the Lackawanna High School Auditorium 550 Martin Road Lackawanna, NY 14218.

D-2 – June 24, 2021 – Special Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Lackawanna City School District's Board of Education held on Thursday, June 24, 2021, at 5:03 P.M. at the Lackawanna High School Auditorium 550 Martin Road Lackawanna, NY 14218.

D-3 – July 6, 2021 – Re-Organization Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Re-Organization Meeting of the Lackawanna City School District’s Board of Education held on Tuesday July 6, 2021, at 6:10 P.M. at the Lackawanna High School Auditorium 550 Martin Road Lackawanna, NY 14218.

Motion made by Anthony Catuzza and seconded by Dr. Mohamed Munassar to “accept as read.”

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

E) PERSONNEL-TEACHING:

E1- Approve Emily Oakes-Varsity Club Advisor

Motion made by Anthony Catuzza and seconded by Dr. Mohamed Munassar, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Keith Lewis, to appoint Emily Oakes as The Varsity Club Advisor at the High School for the 2021-2022 school year.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

E-2 Approve Graduate Hours Increase-Joseph Fisher

Motion made by Azaldeen Mohamed and seconded by Dr. Mohamed Munassar, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Keith Lewis, to approve the attached request for graduate credit hours for Joseph Fisher.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

E-3 Approve Graduate Hours Increase-Kristin Gilmour

Motion made by Anthony Catuzza and seconded by Dr. Mohamed Munassar, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Keith Lewis, to approve the attached request for graduate credit hours for Kristin Gilmour.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

E-4 Approve Termination of Services for 2020-2021

Motion made by Dr. Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Kimberly Bukaty, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Keith Lewis, to approve to terminate the attached list of individuals from the positions listed for the 2020-2021 school year.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

E-5 Approve Posting for Preferred Substitutes

Motion made by Dr. Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Kimberly Bukaty, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Keith Lewis, to approve to post for Preferred Substitutes needed for the 2021-2022 school year.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE
ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED
Passes 6-0

E-6 Approve Graduate Hours Increase-Kelliann Sellon

Motion made by Dr. Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Anthony Catuzza, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Keith Lewis, to approve the attached request for graduate credit hours for Kelliann Sellon.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE
ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED
Passes 6-0

E-7 Approve Graduate Hours Increase-Rebecca Silagyi

Motion made by Dr. Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Anthony Catuzza, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Keith Lewis, to approve the attached request for graduate credit hours for Rebecca Silagyi.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE
ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED
Passes 6-0

E-8 Approve Athletic Coaches

Motion made by Dr. Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Anthony Catuzza, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Keith Lewis, to approve the attached list of Athletic Coaches for the 2021-2022 school year.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE
ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED
Passes 6-0

E-9 Approve Resolution for Health Education & Physical Education-A. Ochal

Motion made by Anthony Catuzza and seconded by Kimberly Bukaty to approve the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Education Law Section 2509(1) and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Amanda Ochal, possessing NYS certification in Health Education & Physical Education, is hereby appointed as a 1.0 Health/Physical Education Teacher for a probationary period of 4 years commencing on August 30, 2021 at Step 3 of the Bachelors Salary Schedule and ending on August 29, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution also sets forth the requirements for appointment on tenure per the commissioner's Regulations at 8 NYCRR 30-1.3

DULY PUT TO A VOTE
ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED
Passes 6-0
Amanda Ochal is congratulated.

E-10 Approve Resolution for Health Education & Physical Education-J. Baun

Motion made by Anthony Catuzza and seconded by Dr. Mohamed Munassar to approve the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Education Law Section 2509(1) and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Joshua Baun, possessing NYS certification in Health Education & Physical Education, is hereby appointed as a 1.0 Health/Physical Education Teacher for a probationary period of 4 years commencing on August 30, 2021 at Step 3 of the Masters Salary Schedule and ending on August 29, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution also sets forth the requirements for appointment on tenure per the commissioner's Regulations at 8 NYCRR 30-1.3.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

Joshua Baun is congratulated.

F) PERSONNEL – NON-TEACHING:

F-1 Approve Non-Teaching Substitutes

Motion made by Anthony Catuzza and seconded by Kimberly Bukaty, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Keith Lewis, to approve the attached Non-Teaching Substitutes.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

F-2 Approve Posting for Anticipated Support Staff

Motion made by Anthony Catuzza and seconded by Dr. Mohamed Munassar, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Keith Lewis, to approve to post for Anticipated Support Staff for the 2021-2022 school year.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

F-3 Approve Resolution for teacher Aide A. Ahmed

Motion made by Azaldeen Mohamed and seconded by Mona Abdulla to approve the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Adel Ahmed, is hereby appointed to the position of Teacher Aide, subject to a 52-week probationary period. The probationary period commences on August 30, 2021 and will end on August 29, 2022.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

Leonard Kowalski asks Adel if this will be a good fit. Adel Ahmed is then congratulated.

F-4 Approve Resolution for teacher Aide L. Hart

Motion made by Anthony Catuzza and seconded by Azaldeen Mohamed to approve the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Lyndsay Hart, is hereby appointed to the position of Teacher Aide, subject to a 52-week probationary period. The probationary period commences on August 30, 2021 and will end on August 29, 2022.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

F-5 Approve Resolution for teacher Aide J. Szentesy

Motion made by Anthony Catuzza and seconded by Kimberly Bukaty to approve the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Jillian Szentesy, is hereby appointed to the position of Teacher Aide, subject to a 52-week probationary period. The probationary period commences on August 30, 2021 and will end on August 29, 2022.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

F-6 Approve Resolution for teacher Aide E. Wolf

Motion made by Anthony Catuzza and seconded by Kimberly Bukaty to approve the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Elizabeth Wolf, is hereby appointed to the position of Teacher Aide, subject to a 52-week probationary period. The probationary period commences on August 30, 2021 and will end on August 29, 2022.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

Elizabeth Wolf is congratulated.

F-7 Approve Resolution for teacher Aide W. Tanti

Motion made by Anthony Catuzza and seconded by Azaldeen Mohamed to approve the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Wendy Tanti, is hereby appointed to the position of Teacher Aide, subject to a 52-week probationary period. The probationary period commences on August 30, 2021 and will end on August 29, 2022.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

Wendy Tanti is congratulated.

F-8 Approve Posting for 2 Provisional Hall Monitors

Motion made by Kimberly Bukaty and seconded by Dr. Mohamed Munassar, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Keith Lewis, to approve to post for two (2) Provisional Hall Monitors for the 2021-2022 school year.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

F-9 Approve Resolution for 3 Teacher Aide Positions

Motion made by Anthony Catuzza and seconded by Azaldeen Mohamed to approve the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby creates the following Classified Civil Service Positions effective July 12, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education Leonard Kowalski be granted Board of Education approval to sign the MSD222 on behalf of the district:

Civil Service Title	#FTE
3 Teacher Aide Positions	1.00 FTE

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

G) GENERAL ITEMS:

G-1 Approve Use of Facilities-National Night Out

Motion made by Anthony Catuzza and seconded by Mona Abdulla, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Keith Lewis, to approve the attached Use of Facilities for National Night Out.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

G-2 Approve Agreement with Erie 1 Boces

Motion made by Azaldeen Mohamed and seconded by Dr. Mohamed Munassar, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Keith Lewis, to approve the attached agreement with Erie 1 Boces for Strategic Planning.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

G-3 Approve Conference Request-Kiel Illg

Motion made by Anthony Catuzza and seconded by Azaldeen Mohamed, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Keith Lewis, to approve the attached request for Dr. Kiel Illg to attend the 2021 Fall Leadership Summit Conference.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

G-4 Approve Letter of Engagement with Richard Collins

Motion made by Dr. Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Anthony Catuzza, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Keith Lewis, to approve the attached Letter of Engagement with Richard Collins.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

G-5 Approve Professional Services Agreement with PLC Associates

Motion made by Dr. Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Mona Abdulla, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Keith Lewis, to approve the attached agreement with PLC Associates.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

G-6 Approve Agreement with Johnson Controls

Motion made by Dr. Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Mona Abdulla, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Keith Lewis, to approve the attached agreement with Johnson Controls and for Keith Lewis to sign on behalf of the District.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

G-7 Approve CSE/CPSE Reviews and Report Summary/Annual Report

Motion made by Dr. Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Anthony Catuzza, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Keith Lewis, to approve the attached CSE/CPSE Reviews and Report Summary/Annual Report.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

G-8 Approve Impartial Hearing Officers

Motion made by Mona Abdulla and seconded by Dr. Mohamed Munassar, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Keith Lewis, to approve the attached list of New York State Education Department rotational list of Impartial Hearing Officers, selection procedures, and compensation rates for the 2021-2022 school year.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

G-9 Approve Pre School Programs & Agencies

Motion made by Dr. Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Anthony Catuzza, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Keith Lewis, to approve the attached list of preschool programs and agencies for the 2021-2022 school year.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

H) FINANCIAL MATTERS

H-1 Approve Athletic Event Rates 2021-2022

Motion made by Dr. Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Anthony Catuzza, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Keith Lewis, to approve the attached Athletic Event Rates for the 2021-2022 school year.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

H-2 Approve Resolution-Tax Warrant

Motion made by Mona Abdulla and seconded by Kimberly Bukaty to approve the following Resolution:

LACKAWANNA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
2021-2022 TAX WARRANT

WHEREAS, the 2021-2022 Assessment Rolls from the City Assessor indicate Taxable Assessed Valuation totaling \$759,061,981; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 1318 of the Real Property Tax Law, Subdivision 1, the Lackawanna Board of Education expects to retain an estimated Surplus Fund at June 30, 2021 in excess of \$4,000,000 thereby applying \$3,031,003 to the reduction of the 2021-2022 School Tax Levy; and

WHEREAS, based on the General Fund Budget adopted on the 18th day of May, 2021 for the 2021-2022 fiscal year totaling \$61,509,816, the Tax Levy is \$9,748,197; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Tax Rate for the 2021-2022 fiscal year is \$12.842426 per each \$1,000 Taxable Assessed Valuation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2021-2022 TAX WARRANT be executed and affixed to the Tax Rolls.

The Lackawanna City School District Tax Collector, Joyce Warthling, is hereby commanded pursuant to the Real Property Tax Law and any other Laws and/or Acts mandatory thereof and supplemental thereto, to receive and collect the 2021-2022 School Taxes \$9,748,197, less STAR exemptions on or before the 1st day of December next ensuing the delivery of this Warrant, from the several persons and corporations and on the properties named and described in the School District Assessment Rolls for the Lackawanna City School District of the City of Lackawanna, New York, to which this Warrant is annexed and herewith delivered to you, the

several sums mentioned as School District Taxes in the last column of such rolls opposite the respective names and properties, together with the penalties charges as herein set forth; and to pay and account for such School District Tax moneys at such times and in such manner as prescribed by Law.

On all taxes paid on or before the 15th day of October, 2021, next ensuing the publication of posting of the notice required, you are hereby directed to receive and collect such Tax without penalty; if such School District Taxes are paid after October 15th, 2021 and on or before November 2, 2021, a penalty of seven and one-half (7 ½%) per centum shall be added to and collected with such School District Taxes; if paid after November 2, 2021 and on or before November 30, 2021, a penalty of nine (9%) per centum shall be added to and collected with such School Taxes. Any taxes remaining unpaid after the 1st Day of December, 2021, should be transmitted to the School District Treasurer.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE
ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED
Passes 6-0

Leonard Kowalski confirms with Daniel Grant that all Board of Education Members will need to sign the Tax Warrant.

I) RECEIVE AND FILE

Recommended by Anthony Catuzza to omnibus all Receive and File.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE
ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED
Passes 6-0.

I-1 Treasurer's Report- May

I-2 Claims Auditor Report- May

I-3 Budget Transfers Report- July 2020 through May 2021

I-4 Fall Leadership Summit September 26-28, 2021, Keith Lewis

I-5 Treasurer's Report-June

J) Tabled Items:

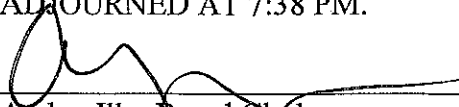
J-1 (D2) May 19, 2021, Budget/Election Certification Meeting. No motion made.

L) Public Comment:

M) ADJOURNMENT: 7:38 P.M.

Motion to adjourn made by Anthony Catuzza and seconded by Kimberly Bukaty to adjourn the REGULAR MEETING of the Lackawanna City School District's Board of Education held on Monday, July 12, 2021, at 7:18 P.M., in the Superintendents Conference Room, 245 South Shore Blvd, Lackawanna, NY 14218.

ADJOURNED AT 7:38 PM.



Amber Illg, Board Clerk