

Lackawanna City School District
Board of Education
245 South Shore Boulevard
Thursday, June 30, 2022 at 6:00 PM

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Minutes of the SPECIAL MEETING of the Lackawanna City School District’s Board of Education Meeting held on Thursday, June 30, 2022 in the Superintendent’s Conference Room, 245 South Shore Blvd, Lackawanna, NY 14218.

A) OPENING:

Meeting called to order by Board President Leonard Kowalski at 6:06 PM, in the Superintendents Conference Room, 245 South Shore Blvd, Lackawanna, NY 14218.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Azaldeen Mohamed, Mohamed Munassar, Anthony Catuzza, Kimberly Bukaty, Nicholas Sobaszek, Mona Abdulla and Leonard Kowalski.

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

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Keith Lewis	Superintendent of Schools
Carl Morgan, Esq.	School Attorney
Louis Violanti, Esq.	School Attorney
Daniel Grant	Asst. Superintendent for Administrative Services/Business

C) ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRESENTATIONS:

C-1 Announcement of upcoming Meeting Dates:
 Wednesday, July 6, 2022 – Re-Org Meeting – McKinley Admin Building, 6PM
 Monday, July 11, 2022 – Worksession @McKinley Admin Building, 6PM
 Thursday, July 14, 2022 – Regular Meeting @McKinley Admin Building

C-2 - Presentations: NONE

C-3 - Public Comment: NONE

D) MINUTES: NONE

E) PERSONNEL-TEACHING

E-1 Approve Retirement of Teacher and Post – D. Galanti

Motion was made by Azaldeen Mohamed and seconded by Anthony Catuzza, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to accept the attached retirement of Denise Galanti, Pre-K Teacher and to post for this position. The Board would like to thank Mrs. Galanti for 34 years of service to the District.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED

Passes 7-0

Leonard Kowalski congratulated Denise Galanti on her retirement and thanked her for her service.

E-2 Approve Resignation of Teacher and Post - M. O'Shei

Motion was made by Azaldeen Mohamed and seconded by Nicholas Sobaszek, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to approve the attached resignation of Library Media Specialist, Mara O'Shei effective June 30, 2022 and to post for the position.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 7-0

E-3 Approve Board Canvass and Post – T. LaFalce

Motion was made by Azaldeen Mohamed and seconded by Nicholas Sobaszek, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to approve the attached Board Canvass taken on June 22, 2022 to accept the resignation of Traci Lafalce, Family and Consumer Science Teacher and to post for the position.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 7-0

E-4 Approve Resolution- Special Education Teacher – Nicole Galvez

Motion was made by Anthony Catuzza and seconded by Mohamed Munassar to approve the following:

The Superintendent recommends Nicole Galvez be appointed as a 1.0 Probationary Special Education Teacher in accordance with the resolution at item E-4.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 7-0

Leonard Kowalski congratulated Nicole Galvez.

E-5 Approve Resolution – Special Education Teacher – Fawn Scott

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

The Superintendent recommends Fawn Scott be appointed as a 1.0 Probationary Special Education Teacher in accordance with the resolution at item E-5.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 7-0

Leonard Kowalski congratulated Fawn Scott.

E-6 Approve Resolution – Special Education Teacher – Olivia Harrington

Motion was made by Azaldeen Mohamed and seconded by Nicholas Sobaszek to approve the following:

The Superintendent recommends Olivia Harrington be appointed as a 1.0 Probationary Special Education Teacher in accordance with the resolution at item E-6

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 7-0

Leonard Kowalski congratulated Olivia Harrington.

E-7 Approve Retirement of Teacher and Post – E. Fredericks

Motion was made by Azaldeen Mohamed and seconded by Nicholas Sobaszek, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to accept the attached retirement of Elaine Fredericks, Pre-K Teacher at Truman Elementary and to post for the position. The Board would like to thank Mrs. Fredericks for her 32 years of service to the District.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 7-0

Leonard Kowalski congratulated Elaine Fredericks on her retirement and thanked her for her service.

E-8 Approve Resolution – Assistant Superintendent

Motion was made by Mona Abdulla and seconded by Azaldeen Mohamed, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to approve the following:

WHEREAS, the Lackawanna City School District posted the position of Assistant Superintendent on May 13, 2022, and

WHEREAS, eligible candidates applied for the Assistant Superintendent's position on or before June 03, 2022, and

WHEREAS, after review and analysis of eligible candidate's applications, the Lackawanna City School District interviewed six (6) potential candidates for the position of Assistant Superintendent on June 16, 2022, and on June 21, 2022, three (3) finalists were interviewed.

WHEREAS, the Lackawanna City School District's Board of Education wanted to fill the position of Assistant Superintendent with an eligible and qualified candidate, and

WHEREAS, the Lackawanna City School District's Board of Education interviewed the candidates and then analyzed the qualifications of each of the candidates who applied for the Assistant Superintendent position, and

WHEREAS the Lackawanna City School District's Board of Education duly deliberated and considered each of the candidates,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE LACKAWANNA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT hereby authorizes and directs the President of the Board of Education to enter into and execute on behalf of the Lackawanna City School District the Memorandum of Agreement between Nadia A. Nashir and the Lackawanna City School District, dated June 30th, 2022 attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, setting forth the terms and conditions of Nadia A. Nashir's employment during the term of their appointment as Assistant Superintendent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THIS RESOLUTION TAKES EFFECT IMMEDIATELY UPON ITS ADOPTION.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 7-0

Leonard Kowalski congratulated Nadia Nashir.

E-9 Approve Resolution – LOTE Teacher – M. Majeed

Motion was made by Azaldeen Mohamed and seconded by Nicholas Sobaszek to approve the following:

The Superintendent recommends Mayada Majeed be appointed as a 1.0 Probationary LOTE Teacher in accordance with the resolution at item E-9.

Leonard Kowalski congratulated Mayada Majeed.

F) PERSONNEL-NON-TEACHING

F-1 Approve Two Transfer Requests- Account Clerk Typist

Motion was made by Azaldeen Mohamed and seconded by Nicholas Sobaszek, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to approve the transfer of Sandra Abdallah and Jessica Rappa from Account Clerk Typist 12 Month to Account Clerk Typist 10 Month effective June 30, 2022. I further request Sandra and Jessica be approved to work per diem over the summer months until replacements are found.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 7-0

G) GENERAL ITEM

G-1 DALI Conference

Motion was made by Azaldeen Mohamed and seconded by Nicholas Sobaszek to approve the attached request for Superintendent Keith Lewis to attend the District Administration Leadership Institute Conference from July 18 through July 22, 2022.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 7-0

H) FINANCIAL MATTERS - NONE

I) RECEIVE AND FILE - NONE

J) TABLED ITEMS - NONE

K) OLD BUSINESS - NONE

L) PUBLIC COMMENT -NONE

L-1 Public Comment on Agenda Items (**limited total of 15 minutes**)

M) ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mona Abdulla and seconded by Nicholas Sobaszek to adjourn the SPECIAL MEETING of the Lackawanna City School District's Board of Education held on Thursday, June 30, 2022 in the Superintendent's Conference Room, 245 South Shore Blvd., Lackawanna, NY14218.

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

ADJOURNED AT 6:16 PM.



Kathleen McHugh, Board Clerk