

Lackawanna City School District  
Board of Education  
245 South Shore Boulevard  
Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 7:00PM

Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING of the Lackawanna City School District's Board of Education held on Thursday, August 11, 2022 in the Superintendent's Conference Room, 245 South Shore Blvd, Lackawanna, NY 14218.

**A) OPENING:**

Meeting called to order by Board President Azaldeen Mohamed at 7:07 PM, in the Superintendents Conference Room, 245 South Shore Blvd, Lackawanna, NY 14218.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Michael Algawani, Shokey Albaneh, Mohamed Munassar, Anthony Catuzza, Kimberly Bukaty, and Azaldeen Mohamed.  
Leonard Kowalski was excused.

Azaldeen Mohamed thanked everyone for coming and asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:**

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| Keith Lewis         | Superintendent of Schools |
| Nadia Nashir        | Asst. Superintendent      |
| Carl Morgan, Esq.   | School Attorney           |
| Louis Violanti, Esq | School Attorney           |

**C) ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRESENTATIONS:**

C-1 Announcement of upcoming Meeting Dates:  
Tuesday, August 16, 2022 – Special Meeting@McKinley Admin Building, 6PM  
Monday, September 12, 2022- Worksession@McKinley Admin Building, 6PM  
Thursday, September 15, 2022- Regular Meeting@McKinley Admin Building, 7PM

**C-2 - Presentations:** NONE

**C-3 - Public Comment:** NONE

**D) MINUTES:**

D-1 Deleted

D-2 July 14, 2022 – Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Kimberly Bukaty to “accept as read.”

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

**E) PERSONNEL-TEACHING**

E-1 Approve Graduate Hours – A. Emmons

Motion was made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Kimberly Bukaty, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to approve graduate hours for Amanda Emmons as attached.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

E-2 Approve Graduate Hours – A. Goble

Motion was made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Kimberly Bukaty, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to approve graduate hours for Audrey Goble as attached.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

E-3 Approve Graduate Hours – N. Knavel

Motion was made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Anthony Catuzza, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to approve graduate hours for Nicole Knavel as attached.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

E-4 Approve Graduate Hours – M. Majeed

Motion was made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Kimberly Bukaty, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to approve graduate hours for Meyada Majeed as attached.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

E-5 Approve Graduate Hours – F. Urbanczyk

Motion was made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Kimberly Bukaty, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to approve graduate hours for Felicia-Ann Urbanczyk as attached.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

E-6 Approve Graduate Hours – L. Conover-Wentland

Motion was made by Michael Algawani and seconded by Mohamed Munassar, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to approve graduate hours for Laura Conover-Wentland as attached.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

E-7 Approve Graduate Hours – C. Carroccia

Motion was made by Michael Algawani and seconded by Mohamed Munassar, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to approve graduate hours for Caitlin Carroccia as attached.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

E-8 Approve Board Canvass – Rescind Music Teacher Appt. and Repost

Motion was made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Michael Algawani, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to approve the attached Board Canvass taken on July 15, 2022 rescinding the appointment of a Music Teacher and repost for the position.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

E-9 Approve Resignation of Preferred Substitute

Motion was made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Anthony Catuzza, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to approve the resignation of Meghan Courtney, Preferred Substitute at Martin Road Elementary as attached.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

E-10 Approve Resolution – 1.0 Music Teacher, B. Tatum

Motion was made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Kimberly Bukaty, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to approve for Briana Tatum to be approved as a 1.0 Probationary Music Teacher in accordance with the Resolution at item #E-10.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

E-11 Approve Preferred Substitute Teachers

Motion was made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Michael Algawani, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to approve the attached request to appoint Sabrina Diebel and Brad Davis as Preferred Substitutes at the Lackawanna Middle School.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

E-12 Approve Leave Teachers

Motion was made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Kimberly Bukaty, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to approve the attached request to appoint Clara Mulville and Whitney Miller as Leave Teachers.

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

E-13 Approve Resolution – 1.0 Family Consumer Science Teacher – Rachel Prell

Motion was made by Michael Algawani and seconded by Mohamed Munassar, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to approve Rachel Prell be appointed as a 1.0 Probationary Family Consumer Science Teacher in accordance with the Resolution at Item #E-13.

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

E-14 Approve Middle School Clubs and Advisors

Motion was made by Michael Algawani and Seconded by Mohamed Munassar, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to approve the attached list of Middle School Clubs and Advisors.

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

E-15 Approve Non-Certified Substitute Teachers

Motion was made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Anthony Catuzza, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to approve the attached additions to the Non-Certified Substitute Teacher List.

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

Superintendent Keith Lewis and the Board of Education welcomed the new employees to the District.

**F) PERSONNEL-NON-TEACHING**

F-1 Approve Board Canvass – Resignation of School Nurse and Post

Motion was made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Anthony Catuzza, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to approve a Board Canvass taken on July 20, 2022 accepting the resignation of Marissa Diaz, School Nurse and approval to post for the position.

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

F-2 Approve Non-Teaching Substitute Additions

Motion was made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Anthony Catuzza, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to approve the attached addition to the Non-Teaching Substitute List.

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

F-3 Approve Watchpersons

Motion was made by Michael Algawani and seconded by Anthony Catuzza, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to approve the attached list of Watchpersons for the 2022-2023 school year.

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

**G) GENERAL ITEM**

G-1 Approve VIA Agreement

Motion was made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Anthony Catuzza, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to approve the attached agreement with VIA for orientation and mobility services for the 2022-2023 school year and for Superintendent Keith Lewis to sign on behalf of the District.

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

G-2 Approve Turning Point Behavioral Services

Motion was made by Michael Algawani and seconded by Mohamed Munassar, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to approve the attached contract with Turning Point Behavioral Services and for Superintendent Keith Lewis to sign on behalf of the District.

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

Motion was made by Anthony Catuzza and seconded by Mohamed Munassar to omnibus G-3 thru G-14.

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

G-3 Approve Disposal of Obsolete Textbooks

G-4 Approve Conference Request – K. Lewis

G-5 Approve Conference Request– K. Jackson

G-6 Approve Conference Request – N. Nashir

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

G-8 Approve Agreement with Erie 1 BOCES and OLV

G-9 Approve Conference Request – WozED Stem

G-10 Approve Conference Request – FETC

G-11 Approve Field Service Inc. Agreement

G-12 Approve U&S Company Agreement

G-13 Approve Use of Facilities – Lackawanna Little Loop

G-14 Approve Donation of Instruments

Motion was made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Anthony Catuzza to accept as read.  
DULY PUT TO A VOTE  
ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED  
Passes 6-0

**H) FINANCIAL MATTERS - NONE**

**I) RECEIVE AND FILE**

Motion was made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Michael Algawani to omnibus all Receive and File.

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

- I-1 Treasurer's Report – June
- I-2 Budget Transfers – June
- I-3 Revenue Status Quarterly Report – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter
- I-4 Appropriation Status Quarterly Report – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter

**J) TABLED ITEMS - NONE**

**K) OLD BUSINESS - NONE**

**L) PUBLIC COMMENT -NONE**

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

A discussion was held regarding working on an agreement with the City of Lackawanna to hire School Resource Officers for the District.

**M) ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Anthony Catuzza and seconded by Michael Algawani to adjourn the REGULAR MEETING of the Lackawanna City School District's Board of Education held on Wednesday, August 11, 2022 in the Superintendent's Conference Room, 245 South Shore Blvd., Lackawanna, NY 14218.

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED  
ADJOURNED AT 7:28 PM.

  
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Kathleen McHugh, Board Clerk