

Lackawanna City School District
Board of Education
245 South Shore Boulevard
Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 7:00PM

Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING of the Lackawanna City School District’s Board of Education held on Thursday, October 13, 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 7:02 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, Leonard Kowalski and Azaldeen Mohamed.

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

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

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

C) ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRESENTATIONS:

C-1 Announcement of upcoming Meeting Dates:
Monday, November 14, 2022- Worksession @McKinley Admin Building, 6PM
Thursday, November 17, 2022- Regular Meeting @McKinley Admin Building, 7PM

C-2 - Presentations: NONE

C-3 - Public Comment: NONE

D) MINUTES:

D-1 September 15, 2022 – Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Anthony Catuzza to accept the minutes of the September 15, 2022 Regular Meeting.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 7-0

E) PERSONNEL-TEACHING

E-1 Approve Graduate Hours Increase – L. Wisniewski

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

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 7-0

E-2 Approve Grade Level Chairs – Truman

Motion was made by Anthony Catuzza and seconded by Kimberly Bukaty, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to approve to appoint Grade Level Chairs at Truman as attached.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 7-0

E-3 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 7-0

E-4 Approve Board Canvass – Resignation of Assistant Principal

Motion was made by Kimberly Bukaty and seconded by Anthony Catuzza, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to approve the Board Canvass taken on September 21, 2022 accepting the resignation of Lindsey Harrington, Assistant Principal of Special Education.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 7-0

E-5 Approve Teacher Transfer

Motion was made by Anthony Catuzza and seconded by Michael Algawani, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to approve to transfer Heather Fink from Resource Teacher at OLV to Resource Teacher and OLV/MRES effective October 31, 2022.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 7-0

E-6 Approve Board Canvass Preferred Building Substitute Teacher

Motion was made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Anthony Catuzza, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to approve the Board Canvass taken on October 4, 2022 hiring Jina Gentry as a preferred Substitute Teacher at Truman Elementary.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 7-0

E-7 Approve APPR Evaluators

Motion was made by Anthony Catuzza and seconded by Kimberly Bukaty, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to approve the attached list of APPR Evaluations for the 2022-2023 school year.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 7-0

E-8 Approve Resolution – 1.0 Elementary Teacher – M. Mogavero

Motion was made by Michael Algawani and seconded by Anthony Catuzza to approve the following resolution:

The Superintendent recommends Mary Mogavero be appointed as a 1.0 Probationary Elementary Teacher in accordance with the resolution at Item E-8.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 7-0

E-9 Approve Resolution – 1.0 Asst. Principal of Special Ed – J. Jankowiak

Motion was made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Shokey Albaneh to approve the following resolution:

The Superintendent recommends Jenna Jankowiak be appointed as a 1.0 Assistant Principal of Special Education in accordance with the resolution at Item E-9.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 7-0

E-10 Approve Resolution – 1.0 Elementary Teacher – A. Morris

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

The Superintendent recommends Alicia Morris be appointed as a 1.0 Probationary Elementary Teacher in accordance with the resolution at Item E-10.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 7-0

E-11 Approve Leave of Absence – Truman Elementary Teacher

Motion was made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Kimberly Bukaty, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to approve a leave of absence for Fawn Scott, Special Education Teacher and to post for a Long-Term Substitute.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 7-0

E-12 Approve Resolution – 1.0 Elementary Teacher – M. Nowicki

Motion was made by Michael Algawani and second by Anthony Catuzza to approve the following resolution:

The Superintendent recommends Michelle Nowicki be appointed as a 1.0 Probationary Elementary Teacher in accordance with the resolution at Item E-12.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 7-0

E-13 Approve Resolution – 1.0 Music Teacher – J. Georger

Motion was made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Shokey Albaneh to approve the following resolution:

The Superintendent recommends John Georger be appointed as a 1.0 Probationary Music Teacher in accordance with the resolution at Item E-13.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 7-0

The Superintendent and Board of Education welcomed the new hires to the District.

F) PERSONNEL-NON-TEACHING

F-1 Approve Board Canvass – Athletic Support Staff

Motion was made by Shokey Albaneh and seconded by Kimberly Bukaty, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to approve the attached Board Canvass taken on September 22, 2022 approving additions to the Athletic Support Staff.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 7-0

F-2 Approve Board Canvass – Rescind Appt. of Teacher Aide/Post

Motion was made by Kimberly Bukaty and seconded by Mohamed Munassar, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to approve the attached Board Canvass taken on September 23, 2022 approving to rescind the appointment of Nicole Masocco, Teacher Aide and to post for the position.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 7-0

F-3 Approve Custodian Increase to 1.0 FTE

Motion was made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Shokey Albaneh upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to approve to increase and fund the .5 Custodian to a 1.0 FTE Custodian through Civil Service. I further recommend the MSD222 be signed by Board President Azaldeen Mohamed after approval by Civil Service.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 7-0

F-4 Approve Non-Teaching Substitute Addition

Motion was made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Michael Algawani, 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 7-0

F-5 Approve Addition to Athletic Support Staff

Motion was made by Kimberly Bukaty and seconded by Mohamed Munassar, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to approve to add Andrea Haxton as Athletic Support Staff for the 2022-2023 school year.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 7-0

F-6 Approve Resolution for Cleaner – J. Anticola

Motion was made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Shokey Albaneh to approve the following resolution:

The Superintendent recommends Joseph Anticola be appointed as a Cleaner in accordance with the Resolution at Item F-6.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 7-0

F-7 Approve Board Canvass – Resignation of Teacher Aide/Post

Motion was made Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Shokey Albaneh, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to approve the attached Board Canvass taken on October 4, 2022 accepting the resignation of a Teacher Aide and posting for the position.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 7-0

F-8 Approve Resignation of Cleaner/Post/Add to Sub List

Motion was made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Anthony Catuzza, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to approve to accept the resignation of Jennifer Trejo, Cleaner and to place her on the Substitute Cleaner List. I further recommend to post for the position.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 7-0

F-9 Approve Work Hours for Account Clerk Typist

Motion was made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Anthony Catuzza, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to approve the attached request to change the working hours for Seham Juran, Account Clerk Typist in Registration.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE
ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED
Passes 7-0

F-10 Approve Preferred Building Substitute

Motion was made by Michael Algawani and seconded by Mohamed Munassar, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to approve Mariam Albaneh as a Preferred Building Substitute Teacher at Martin Road Elementary.

Board Member Shokey Albaneh disclosed that he was a relative of Mariam Albaneh.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE
ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED
Passes 7-0

F-11 Approve Winter Coaches

Motion was made by Michael Algawani and seconded by Mohamed Munassar, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to appoint the attached list of Winter Coaches for the 2022-2023 school year.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE
ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED
Passes 7-0

F-12 Approve Resolution for Teacher Aide – K. Reese

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

The Superintendent recommends Kimberly Reese be appointed as a Teacher Aide in accordance with the resolution at Item F-12.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE
ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED
Passes 7-0

F-13 Approve Resolution for Teacher Aide – F. Yafai

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

The Superintendent recommends Farieda Yafai be appointed as a Teacher Aide in accordance with the resolution at Item F-13.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE
ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED
Passes 7-0

F-14 Approve Resolution for Teacher Aide – M. Toliver

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

The Superintendent recommends Marquisa Toliver be appointed as a Teacher Aide in accordance with the resolution at Item F-14.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE
ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 7-0

F-15 Approve Substitute Teacher Aide

Motion was made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Anthony Catuzza, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to approve Amanda Murphy as a Substitute Teacher Aide pending fingerprint clearance.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 7-0

The Superintendent and Board of Education welcomed the new hires to the District.

G) GENERAL ITEM

Motion was made by Anthony Catuzza and seconded by Mohamed Munassar to omnibus all G Items.

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 7-0

G-1 Approve Disposal of Outdated Band Uniforms

G-2 Approve Board Canvass – Lackawanna Recreation Dept.

G-3 Approve Board Canvass – Fingerprint Reimbursement

G-4 Approve Conference Request for School Based SLP’s – M. Felker

G-5 Approve Agreement with Shaw Academic Institute

G-6 Approve Agreement with Summit Educational Resources

G-7 Approve Amendment to Education law 4402(9) Chapter 516

G-8 Approve Conference Request – DALI – K. Lewis

G-9 Approve Conference Request – NYSAHPERD - A. D’Amato

G-10 Approve Conference Request – McKinney-Vento – M. Bender

G-11 Approve CSE/CPSE Reviews and Report Summary/Annual Report

G-12 Approve Use of Facilities – South Buffalo Dance Academy

G-13 Approve Agreement with Summit Center

G-14 Approve Agreement with Catapult Learning

G-15 Approve Civil Rights Compliance Officer

G-16 Approve District-Wide Safety Plan

Motion was made by Anthony Catuzza and seconded by Mohamed Munassar to accept as read.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 7-0

H) FINANCIAL MATTERS

H-1 Approve 2021-2022 External Audit

H-2 Approve Funding of Capital Reserve

Motion was made by Anthony Catuzza and seconded by Mohamed Munassar to approve all Financial Matters

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 7-0

D) RECEIVE AND FILE

I-1 Extraclassroom Treasurer's Report – June 2022

I-2 Treasurer's Report – August 2022

I-3 Budget Transfers – August 2022

I-4 Extra Classroom Treasurer's Report – September

Motion was made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Anthony Catuzza to accept all Receive and File.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 7-0

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 Anthony Catuzza and seconded by Mohamed Munassar to adjourn the REGULAR MEETING of the Lackawanna City School District's Board of Education held on Thursday, October 13, 2022 in the Superintendent's Conference Room, 245 South Shore Blvd., Lackawanna, NY 14218.

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

ADJOURNED AT 7:25 PM.



Kathleen McHugh, Board Clerk