

Lackawanna City School District  
Board of Education  
245 South Shore Boulevard  
Tuesday, December 20, 2022 at 7:00PM

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Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING of the Lackawanna City School District’s Board of Education held on Tuesday, December 20, 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: Shokey Albaneh, Mohamed Munassar, Anthony Catuzza, Kimberly Bukaty, Leonard Kowalski and Azaldeen Mohamed.  
Michael Algawani 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                                      |
| 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:  
Tuesday, January 17, 2023 - Worksession @McKinley Admin Building, 6PM  
Tuesday, January 17, 2023- Regular Meeting @McKinley Admin Building  
(immediately following Worksession)

**C-2 - Presentations:** NONE

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

**D) MINUTES:**

D-1 Deleted

D-2 December 8, 2022 – Special Meeting

Motion was made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Anthony Catuzza to accept the minutes of the December 8, 2022 Regular Meeting.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

**E) PERSONNEL-TEACHING**

**E-1 Approve Board Canvass – Retirement of Special Ed Teacher**

Motion was made by Kimberly Bukaty and seconded by Anthony Catuzza, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to approve a Board Canvass taken on November 29, 2022 accepting the retirement of Linda Mesi, Special Education Teacher and to post for the position. The Board thanked Ms. Mesi for over 31 years of service to the District.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

**E-2 Approve Graduate Hours – C. Garvin-Browne**

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

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

**E-3 Approve Preferred Substitute Teacher**

Motion was made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Anthony Catuzza, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to approve to appoint Ryan McLane to the position of Preferred Substitute Teacher at Lackawanna Middle School effective January 3, 2023.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

**E-4 Approve Board Canvass – APPR Evaluators**

Motion was made by Anthony Catuzza and seconded by Kimberly Bukaty, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to approve a Board Canvass taken on December 5, 2022 approving Bruce Axelson and Jenna Jankowiak as APPR Evaluators.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

**E-5 Approve MRES Clubs and Advisor**

Motion was made by Shokey Albaneh and seconded by Anthony Catuzza, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to approve the attached School Clubs and Advisor for Martin Road Elementary School.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

**E-6 Approve Teachers for January Regents Review**

Motion was made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Anthony Catuzza, upon the

recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to approve the attached list of teachers for the January Regents Review Program at Lackawanna High School.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

E-7 Approve Addition to Homebound Instruction

Motion was made by Kimberly Bukaty and seconded by Anthony Catuzza, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to approve David Violanti to be added to the list of Teachers for Homebound Instruction.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

E-8 Approve Uncertified Substitute

Motion was made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Anthony Catuzza, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to approve James Ackley as an Uncertified Substitute Teacher.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

E-9 Approve Resignation of Preferred Substitute Teacher

Motion was made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Kimberly Bukaty, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to accept the resignation of John Emslie, Preferred Substitute and Martin Road Elementary and to post for the position.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

E-10 Approve Resolution for Tenure – K. Szczesny

Motion was made by Shokey Albaneh and seconded by Anthony Catuzza to approve the following:

The Superintendent recommends Kimberly Szczesny be granted tenure 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 Resolution for Tenure – J. Mondo

Motion was made by Kimberly Bukaty and seconded by Mohamed Munassar to approve the following:

The Superintendent recommends Joseph Mondo be granted tenure in accordance with the resolution at Item E-11.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

E-12 Approve Resolution for Tenure – L. Tackentien

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

The Superintendent recommends Logan Tackentien be granted tenure in accordance with the resolution at Item E-12.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

**F) PERSONNEL-NON-TEACHING**

F-1 Approve Board Canvass – Leave of Absence for Teacher Aide

Motion was made by Anthony Catuzza and seconded by Mohamed Munassar, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to approve a Board Canvass taken on November 28, 2022 approving a Leave of Absence for Hannah Kwasniewski, Teacher Aide.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

F-2 Approve Unpaid Leave of Absence – School Nurse

Superintendent Keith Lewis explained that the dates have to be revised for the Unpaid Leave of Absence dates and it was recommended by our School Attorney to table the item.

Motion was made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Kimberly Bukaty to table item F-2.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

F-3 Approve Unpaid Leave of Absence – Hall Monitor

Motion was made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Anthony Catuzza, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to accept the attached request for an Unpaid Leave of Absence for Patricia Gorkiewicz, Hall Monitor.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

F-4 Approve Athletic Support Staff

Motion was made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Anthony Catuzza, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to approve to add the attached list of Athletic Support Staff for the 2022-2023 school year.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

F-5 Approve to Rescind Appointment – Cleaner

Motion was made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Anthony Catuzza, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to approve to rescind the appointment of Joseph Anticola as attached.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

F-6 Approve to Rescind Appointment – Cleaner

Motion was made by Kimberly Bukaty and seconded by Mohamed Munassar, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to approve to rescind the appointment of Desiree Owens, Cleaner as attached and post for the position.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

F-7 Approve Non-Teaching Substitute

Motion was made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Anthony Catuzza, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to approve to add Carol Green to the list of Substitute Hall Monitor and Teacher Aide.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

F-8 Approve MOA – District Treasurer

Motion was made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Anthony Catuzza, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Lackawanna City School District posted the position of Treasurer on July 1, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the Lackawanna City School District's Board of Education wanted to retain Laura Kowalczyk in the position of Treasurer, and

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 Laura Kowalczyk and the Lackawanna City School District, dated December 20, 2022, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, setting forth the terms and conditions of Laura Kowalczyk's employment during the term of her appointment as Treasurer.

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

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

The Board congratulated Laura Kowalczyk.

F-9 Approve Anticipated Account Clerk Typist Position

Motion was made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Anthony Catuzza, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Lewis, to post for an Anticipated Account Clerk Typist.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

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 6-0

G-1 Approve Discarding Outdated Books at Truman Elementary

G-2 Approve Board Canvass – Donation from Coats for Kids Program

G-3 Approve Conference Request – The Summit on RTI

G-4 Approve CPSE Contract with Erie County

G-5 CSE/CPSE Reviews and Report Summary

G-6 Approve Contract with Paramount Vision Services

G-7 Approve Board Canvass – Use of Facilities Lackawanna Police Dept.

G-8 Approve Agreement with Al-Rasheed Academy

G-9 Approve Contract with Honest Game Corporation

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

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

H) FINANCIAL MATTERS

None

I) 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 Kimberly Bukaty to accept all Receive and File.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

J) TABLED ITEMS - NONE

K) OLD BUSINESS - NONE

L) PUBLIC COMMENT -NONE

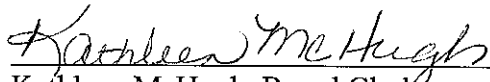
L-1 Public Comment on Agenda Items (**limited total of 15 minutes**)

**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, December 20, 2022 in the Superintendent's Conference Room, 245 South Shore Blvd., Lackawanna, NY 14218.

ALL IN FAVOR/NONE OPPOSED

ADJOURNED AT 7:19 PM.

  
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Kathleen McHugh, Board Clerk