

Lackawanna City School District
Board of Education
245 South Shore Boulevard
Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 8:28 P.M.

APPROVED FEB 16 2022

Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING of the Lackawanna City School District’s Board of Education Meeting held on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 8:28 PM, in the Superintendents Conference Room, 245 South Shore Blvd, Lackawanna, NY 14218.

A) OPENING:

Meeting called to order by Board President Azaldeen Mohamed at 8:28 PM., in the Superintendents Conference Room, 245 South Shore Blvd, Lackawanna, NY 14218.

ROLL CALL:

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

Excused: Leonard Kowalski

Azaldeen Mohamed asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

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

C) ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRESENTATIONS:

C-1 - Announcement of Meeting Dates:

Monday, February 13, 2023-Work Session @ McKinley Admin Building, 6:00 PM.

Thursday, February 16, 2023 – Regular Meeting @ McKinley Administrative Building, 7:00 PM.

C-2 - Presentations: NONE

C-3 - Public Comment: NONE

D) MINUTES:

D-1 – November 17, 2022, Regular Meeting

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Lackawanna City School District’s Board of Education held on Thursday November 17, 2022, at 7:02 P.M. at the McKinley Administration Building in the Superintendents Conference Room located at 245 South Shore Blvd Lackawanna, NY 14218.

D-2- December 20, 2022, Regular Meeting

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Lackawanna City School District's Board of Education held on Thursday December 20, 2022, at 7:02 P.M. at the McKinley Administration Building in the Superintendents Conference Room located at 245 South Shore Blvd Lackawanna, NY 14218.

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 6-0

E) PERSONNEL-TEACHING:

E-1 Approve Graduate Hours-R. Bratcher

Motion made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Anthony Catuzzua upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Keith Lewis, to approve graduate hours for Rebecca Bratcher as attached.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

E-2 Approve Addition to Mentor List

Motion made by Michael Algawani and seconded by Mohamed Munassar upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Keith Lewis, to appoint approve Hannah Nashir as a mentor for new hires for the 2022-2023 school year.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

E-3 Approve extended Leave of Absence P. Skalski

Motion made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Anthony Catuzza upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Keith Lewis, to extend the Leave of Absence request for Paula Skalski, Special Education Teacher at Martin Road Elementary through March 23, 2023 as attached.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

E-4 Approve Non-Certified Substitute Teachers

Motion made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Michael Algawani upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Keith Lewis, to approve the attached list of Non-Certified Substitute Teachers pending fingerprint clearance.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

E-5 Approve Substitute Administrators

Motion made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Anthony Catuzza upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Keith Lewis, to approve Joseph Zwack as a Substitute Administrator. Once approved, he will be utilized at the Lackawanna High School as attached.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

E-6 Approve Long Term Substitute Teacher-MRES

Motion made by Anthony Catuzza and seconded by Mohamed Munassar upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Keith Lewis, to approve the attached request to appoint Nicole Marton to a Long-Term Substitute position retroactive to December 1, 2023.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

E-7 Approve Retirement S. Carroccia

Motion made by Michael Algawani and seconded by Mohamed Munassar upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Keith Lewis, to accept the retirement of Sandra Carroccia 5th grade teacher at Martin Road Elementary School and to post for the position. The Board would like to thank Mrs. Carroccia for over 32 years of service to the District. President Azaldeen Mohamed wished her a happy and healthy retirement and thanked her for her service.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

F) PERSONNEL – NON-TEACHING:

F-1 Approve Board Canvass Nurses for Bowling

Motion made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Anthony Catuzza upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Keith Lewis, to approve the attached Board Canvass taken on December 29, 2022 approving Lisa DiPasquale and Rebecca Bielat to provide nursing services for students on busses for Varsity and Unified Bowling.

Michael Algawani addressed a question related to the need and a revote will be started. Daniel Grant also brought up an issue related to the request that the rate of pay should be at the individual's daily rate and that not each nurse makes the same daily rate as described in the attached.

Motion made by Anthony Catuzza and seconded by Mohamed Munassar to amend the rate of pay for Lisa DiPasquale and Rebecca Bielat to each individual's hourly rate. Motion to accept the amendment made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Anthony Catuzza.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

F-2 Approve Board Cavass-Resignation of Account Clerk Typist

Motion made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Anthony Catuzza upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Keith Lewis, to approve the attached Board Canvass taken on December 29, 2022 accepting the resignation of Laura Kowalczyk, Account Clerk Typist. He further requests to post for the position. Superintendent addressed the letter written and the Board Clerk read the last statement of the letter addressed to the Board of Education a request to post for the position was added.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

F-3 Approve Additions to Athletic Support Staff

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

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

F-4 Approve Board Canvass-Retirement of Assistant Cook

Motion made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Anthony Catuzza upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Keith Lewis, to approve the attached Board Canvass taken on December 29, 2022 accepting the retirement of Susan Hooper effective January 12, 2023.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

F-5 Approve Board Canvass-Transfer of Hall Monitor

Motion made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Anthony Catuzza upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Keith Lewis, to approve the attached Board Canvass taken on January 3, 2023 transferring two hall monitors.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

F-6 Approve Board Canvass- Unpaid Leave of Absence for School Nurse

Motion to pull J1 made by Anthony Catuzza and seconded by Mohamed Munassar, all were in favor. Motion made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Anthony Catuzza upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Keith Lewis, to approve the attached Board Canvass taken on January 4, 2023 approving an unpaid Leave of Absence for Gabriella Sobaszek.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

F-7 Approve Resolution for Cleaner-A. Mohsin

Motion made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Anthony Catuzza upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Keith Lewis, to appoint Adam Mohsin as Cleaner in accordance with the Resolution at Item F-7.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

F-8 Approve Resolution for Cleaner-K. Knowles

Motion made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Anthony Catuzza upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Keith Lewis, to appoint Kathleen Knowles as Cleaner in accordance with the Resolution at Item F-8.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

F-9 Approve Non-Teaching Substitute

Motion made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Anthony Catuzza upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Keith Lewis, to approve the attached request to add Desiree Owens to the list of substitute cleaners.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

F-10 Approve Resolution-Minority Group Specialist-M. Albanna

Motion made by Michael Algawani and seconded by Mohamed Munassar upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Keith Lewis, to appoint Mohamed Albanna as a Minority Group Specialist in accordance with the Resolution at Item F-10. Board Member Shokey Albaneh advised that he was related to Mr. Albanna.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

F-11 Approve Transfer of Assistant Cook

Motion made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Anthony Catuzza upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Keith Lewis, to transfer Janet Packard, Assistant Cook from Martin Road Elementary to Lackawanna High School effective January 23, 2023.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

F-12 Approve Resolution-Teacher Aide-N. Noman

Motion made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Anthony Catuzza upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Keith Lewis, to appoint Nasma Noman as a Teacher Aide in accordance with the Resolution at Item F-12.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

F-13 Approve Resolution Teacher Aide- S. Amiar

Motion made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Anthony Catuzza upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Keith Lewis, to appoint Sihem Amiar as a Teacher Aide in accordance with the Resolution at Item F-13.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

G) GENERAL ITEMS:

G-1 Approve Outdated Books at HS/MS

Motion made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Anthony Catuzza upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Keith Lewis, to approve the attached request to discard outdated books from the High School/Middle School Library. Michael Algawani questioned if we will be adding that the students will first have access. The Superintendent advised that Ms. Nashir will communicate that to the buildings.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

G-2 Approve Professional Development

Motion made by Mohamed Munassar and seconded by Anthony Catuzza upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Keith Lewis, to approve Alexandra Lewandowski, Speech Therapist to provide training to other Speech Therapists in the District as attached. This will not exceed \$3,000.00 and will be paid through the 611/619 Grant.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED

Passes 6-0

G-3 Approve CSE/CPSE Reviews and Report Summary/Annual Report

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

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 G4-G-10.

ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED

G-4 Approve National Superintendent's Academy-Chicago, IL

G-5 Approve Use of Facilities-Soccer for Success/Lackawanna Recreation

- G-6 Approve Board Canvass-Supplemental Health
- G-7 Approve Scholarship-Family of Maureen Gambino-Murphy
- G-8 Approve Addition of Three New Fall Athletic Teams
- G-9 Approve Resolution-Lackawanna Board of Election Polling Sites
- G-10 Approve Amendment to Agreement with Summit Center

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 6-0

President Azaldeen Mohamed thanks the family of Maureen Gambino-Murphy for the Scholarship.

H) FINANCIAL MATTERS

Motion was made by Anthony Catuzza and seconded by Michael Algawani to Omnibus H1-H3.

DULY PUT TO A VOTE

ALL IN FAVOR / NONE OPPOSED

- H-1 Approve Increase in Substitute Maintenance and Custodian Rate
- H-2 Approve Bills Flag Football Donation
- H-3 Approve Health and Welfare Services-Hamburg Central Schools

I) RECEIVE AND FILE

Recommended by Mohamed Munassar and seconded 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-November 2022
- I-2 Budget Transfers-November 2022
- I-3 Extra Classroom Treasure's Report November 2022
- I-4 Extra Classroom Treasure's Report December 2022
- I-5 2023 Winter Institute Conference-K. Lewis
- I-6 Claims Auditors Report Revision-October 2022
- I-7 Claims Auditor Report-December 2022
- I-8 Unpaid Leave of Absence-P. Pitillo
- I-9 MOA with CSEA

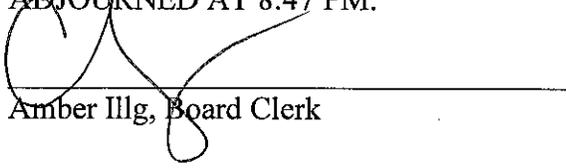
J) Tabled Items:

L) Public Comment:

M) ADJOURNMENT: 8:47 P.M.

Motion to adjourn 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 Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 8:28 P.M., in the Superintendents Conference Room, 245 South Shore Blvd, Lackawanna, NY 14218.

ADJOURNED AT 8:47 PM.


Amber Illg, Board Clerk