

**Northwestern Lehigh School District
6493 Rte. 309, New Tripoli PA 18066
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
District Board Room
Wednesday, September 21, 2011, 7:30 PM**



I. Opening Procedures

A. Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM by President Snyder.

B. Opening Exercises Opening exercises and roll call as listed below followed.

C. Roll Call

Roll Call Pr/Ab	Pr	Camille Bartlett	Pr	Todd Hernandez	Pr	Darryl Schafer
	Ab	Willard Dellicker	Ab	Donald Link	Pr	Sally Schoffstall
	Pr	Christopher Ford	Pr	Michael Marich	Pr	Gregory Snyder

Also present: R. Morrison, B. Dietrich, T. Carnahan, A. Gilgoff, B. Millward, H. Millward, D. Anderson, G. Sanders, S. Haddad, S. Lashua, P. Toll, D. Graves (press), BRCTV (press), A. Yadush, A. Wahl, M. Scott, J. Berlet, R. Kripplebauer, L. Stizel, L. Schellhamer, L. Matika, J. Holman, M. Wright, J. Freund, Esq., N. Zellner

D. Approval of Agenda The agenda was approved as presented.

Moved: T. Hernandez Seconded: C. Ford Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay

E. President will welcome guests and provide for comments—there were no comments

F. Approval of Minutes, as attached, for August 10 & August 17, 2011

The Minutes were approved as presented.

Moved: M. Marich Seconded: T. Hernandez Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay

II. Personnel Action, as listed

A. OTHER ACTIONS:

1. Recommendation to approve Cherie Sperlbaum for an unpaid medical leave for the remainder of the first semester of the 2011-2012 school year.
2. Request for approval of unpaid days for Kathleen McDonald for a half day on September 7, and a full day on September 8, 2011.

Moved: C. Bartlett Seconded: S. Schoffstall Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay

III. Curriculum/Building Issues

A. NEH Grant Opportunities presentation by Tari Carnahan and Anna Gilgoff

A. Yadush introduced Mrs. Carnahan and Mrs. Gilgoff. Both were awarded study opportunities through the National Endowment for the Humanities and took advantage of these opportunities this summer. They explained the application process and shared some of their experiences. Both were able to spend time with excellent educators from across the United States and other nations. T. Carnahan traveled to Los Angeles, CA, explored the history of the area and how it impacted California and US history. A. Gilgoff traveled to Montana and learned about the history of the mining area. As part of their studies, they prepared lesson plans from the facts they studied and determined how to use this in their classroom. Both noted the great experiences and encourage their colleagues to apply for the grant.

B. Approval of District sponsorship of Northwestern Elementary PIE Family Roller Skating Night at Independence Family Fun Center, Schnecksville, to be held November 4, 2011, from 6 to 8PM for grades K-5 and families consistent with Policy 914 Support Organizations

Moved: D. Schafer Seconded: T. Hernandez Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay

IV. Policies

NONE

V. Facilities

NONE

VI. District Finances

A. Approval of contract with Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) for policy services in the amount of \$999.00

The policy service allows access to policy templates, sample policies, and newsletters to assist in keeping our policies up-to-date with any changes in legislation.

Moved: T. Hernandez

Seconded: M. Marich

Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay

B. Approval of revisions to the settlement agreement for student 13258 to reflect change of placement and additional conditions for granting credit transfer upon reenrollment

C. Approval of Settlement Agreement for student 17066 for reimbursement of placement at Hillside School valued at \$35,000

Items B & C were discussed at Executive Session. A motion was made to approve the items together.

Moved: S. Schoffstall

Seconded: T. Hernandez

Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay

D. Approval of agreement with PartyMasterz Productions, Blandon PA, for High School dance October 8, 2011 in the amount of \$275 to be paid from Student Activities Fund

Moved: C. Ford

Seconded: T. Hernandez

Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay

E. Approval of First Amendment to Credit Agreement with Bank of New York Mellon Trust Co. and U S Bank National Association for the Emmaus Bond Pool Series 1989 B Bonds

The new Letter of Credit fee for U S Bank will result in an increased annual Bond Pool administration fee of approximately 0.40% (compared to what the District is currently paying).

Moved: T. Hernandez

Seconded: M. Marich

Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay

F. Approval of the following Bills as listed for payment:

1. Fund 10 General Fund check #061743 to 062038 totaling \$1,470,662.77
2. Fund 22 Capital Reserve Fund check # 0424 and 0425 totaling \$1,221.82
3. Fund 31 Construction & Renovation Fund 2009 Note check # 0239 to 0245 totaling \$69,198.89
4. Fund 33 2008A General Obligations Bond (GOB) check #0190 to 0193 totaling \$24,560.96
5. Fund 50 Food Service Fund check # 05666 to 05688 totaling \$48,338.73
6. Fund 51 Tiger Concessions check # 01255 to 01263 totaling \$8,931.64

Moved: T. Hernandez

Seconded: M. Marich

Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay

VII. Other Reports

A. Foundation Report—Plans are in place for the next fundraiser to be held at Lehigh Sporting Clays on October 23, 2011.

B. Enrollment Report—2309 students enrolled in District buildings including 9 Digital Academy students, 58 Cyber/charter students, 29 homeschooled students, 179 non-public students. Dr. Wright noted an increase in ESL students.

C. Committee Reports as follows:

1. Intermediate Unit—D. Schafer reported on the WBLP program and the 13 businesses involved in the program where several of our students learn skills in the workplace.
2. Legislation—no report
3. Recreation Commission—Night In The Country was a success.
4. Lehigh Career & Technical Institute

VIII. Old Business

None

IX. New Business

None

X. Communications

A. President will offer courtesy of the floor for public comment—there were no comments

B. Communications/Notes for the Board from Donald Link, Secretary—there were no communications

C. Report from Superintendent Wright

Dr. Wright noted plans for the starting date of school next year before Labor Day. There are coordination issues with LCTI, LCCC and the IU if we do not go with the majority of Lehigh County schools. She commented on instruction during August rather than the later part of June. Carbon County school districts start before Labor Day. Dr. Wright will give a recommendation in the next two months.

D. Administrative/Building Sharing

J. Holman noted the October 19th meeting is cancelled. The November 16th meeting will be held at LCTI. L. Matika announced the Personnel Meeting on October 12 will be at 6PM with the Finance Committee Meeting to follow at 6:30PM. Principals announced upcoming events such as College Information Night, Open House, fundraisers, and assemblies. R. Kripplebauer gave an update on Buildings & Grounds activities and bus evacuation drills.

E. Board Member Sharing

D Schafer shared information from a renewable energy festival regarding hybridized diesel buses. T. Hernandez thanked the teachers for presenting and sharing their experiences. C. Ford announced his decision not to pursue candidacy in the November General Election. This decision was made after the May Primary Election. He plans on finishing his term. S. Schoffstall expressed thanks to the teachers for being wonderful role models for the students and community. She noted she did follow up with Lt. Colon regarding the Premise Alert System. G. Snyder announced two winners in the individual Colonial League Golf championships. Cole Miller took first place, Devon Haddad took second.

F. Committee Meetings

Personnel, 9/21/11@6 PM, Conf. Rm

Policy, 10/3/11@7 AM, Conf Rm

Personnel, 10/12/11@6 PM, Conf. Rm

Finance, 10/12/11@6:30 PM, Board Rm

****NOTE 10/19/11 BOARD MEETING CANCELLED**

Buildings & Grounds, 11/2/11@4 PM, Board Rm

Public Relations, 11/9/11@5 PM, Conf Rm

****NOTE 11/16/11 Finance Committee & BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD AT LCTI**

XI. Adjournment

Upon motion by T. Hernandez, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12PM.

Moved: T. Hernandez

Seconded: M. Marich

Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay

Respectfully submitted,

Donald J. Link, Secretary

By N. Zellner, Recording Secretary