

**Northwestern Lehigh School District
6493 Rte. 309, New Tripoli PA 18066
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
District Board Room
Wednesday, January 19, 2011, 7:30 p.m.**



MINUTES

School Board Appreciation Month

A. Agenda

Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order by President Snyder at 7:30PM.

Opening Exercises Opening exercises were followed by a moment of silence in memory of Ray Peters, bus driver. Roll call as listed below followed.

Roll Call

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

Also present: M. Knolle, J. McArdle, G. McArdle, C. Lawrence, D. Jeanes, J. Shorts, A. Rimm, S. Shorts, S. Miller, K. Viebrock, K. Jeanes, W. Miller, Farmer family, Kovich family, R. Lenhart, J. Reiter, K. Parker, J. Parker, P. Reiter, L. Gressley, M. Hrinkovich, G. Sanders, S. Ritter, A. Schnur, L. & D. Moss, L. Phleban, M. Wessner, K. Hughes, R. Kester, A. Traub, L. Lucarelli, S. Burton, C. Wharton, M. Grim, T. Lewis, M. Richardson, A. & T. Wharton, K. Bleam, J. Becker, P. Toll, B & C. Heffintrayer, C. Lynn, K. Sacco, A. Towne, C. Morrison, J. Holman, R. Cartier, M. Scott, L. Hoppes, L. Schellhamer, L. Frisbie, L. Stitzel, M. Wright, D. Sbrocchi, Esq., N. Zellner

Approval of Agenda The agenda was approved as presented.

Moved: W. Dellicker

Seconded: S. Schoffstall

Vote: 8 Aye, 0 Nay

President welcomed guests and provided for comments

- Ann Schnur, Sawmill Rd, New Tripoli, read a statement regarding her experiences as a school bus driver, her concerns, and noted outsourcing is not a change to be made lightly.
- Sheryl Ritter, Weis Rd, New Tripoli, spoke to the Board regarding the District's policy on zero tolerance to violence and asked for resolve on issues concerning student assault.
- Middle School Student Council Officers and Advisor Merrie Hrinkovich thanked Board members and presented them with tokens of appreciation for their service to the District.
- High School Student Council Officers acknowledged Board Appreciation Month and recognized Board members with gifts of appreciation.
- Weisenberg Elementary Art Students—Karly Sacco, Weisenberg Art Teacher, introduced students, explained their artwork and the techniques used to create their pieces. Students were presented with certificates of appreciation. Their artwork will be displayed in the Board room for several months.
- High School E.R.A.C.E Club and Advisor Angela Traub, presented a video highlighting High School Diversity Days held in November. Chris Wharton read a college application essay by a high school student focusing on diversity. The video showed some of the activities students participated in during Diversity days. The E.R.A.C.E Club (Everyone Respecting All Cultures Everywhere) has partnered with Emmaus High School's "No Place for Hate" Club for new ideas and experiences.

Approval of Minutes, as attached, for December 1 and December 15, 2010

The Minutes were approved as presented.

Moved: D. Link

Seconded: D. Schafer

Vote: 8 Aye, 0 Nay

Personnel action, as listed

1. Request for approval for 5 unpaid days for Denise Miller, Teacher Assistant for January 17, 2011- January 21, 2011.
2. Request for classification change for Harley Newman from a Class F Substitute Van Driver to a Class E Van Driver, effective December 20, 2010 with no change in rate of pay.
3. Approval of a temporary stipend payment of \$946.00 for Tari Carnahan, High School Spanish Teacher, for additional student related responsibilities due to the permanent transfer of a High School Assistant Principal to the Middle School. The additional duties are effective February 10, 2011 and continue for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year.
4. Approval of a temporary stipend payment of \$220.00 for Kelly Berg, Middle School Science Teacher, for additional student related responsibilities effective January 29 19, 2011 to February 15, 2011.

L. Matika noted a correction to the effective date of item #4. Personnel items were approved with the correction to the date.

Moved: W. Dellicker

Seconded: D. Link

Vote: 8 Aye, 0 Nay

B. Curriculum/Building Issues

Grade 3 integrated math lesson presentation

Weisenberg third grade teacher, Angela Rimm, along with several of her students gave an overview of an integrated math lesson. Her students participated in a project, "How Far Can Your Airplane Fly?" She noted students learn best learning across the curriculum. The project included designing and building paper airplanes flying the planes, recording data, researching science (NASA) and writing.

Update on Middle School and High School Math scheduling for 2011-2012 and 2012-2013

High School math teacher, Kelly Bleam, and Middle School math teacher, Jessica Becker, presented the action plan of the Math Department that will be put in place to help boost PSSA scores. They reviewed the differences in levels in regard to Algebra, Pennsylvania's new graduation requirements and the adoption of the Keystone Exams. They spoke of the impact on the High School math sequence and the need to accommodate students as they move from Middle School to High School. The planned sequence from 7th to 12th grade was reviewed. Students will take the Keystone Exam after they complete Algebra B. The keystones will count as a percentage of the final grade and students will see the impact the test will have on their final grade. The 7th through 12th grade math team will continue to work to fulfill State requirements as they become more clear. It is not yet known if the Federal government will consider using the keystones instead of the PSSA.

C. Policies

None

D. Facilities

None

E. District Finances

Approval of resolution certifying 2011-2012 school year tax increase will be less than or equal to the 1.7% index calculated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education

Board members noted the resolution does not mean the increase will be 1.7%. The resolution will put a limit on the amount of a possible increase.

Moved: W. Dellicker

Seconded: D. Schafer

Vote: 8 Aye, 0 Nay

Approval of used office furniture and equipment sale bid as listed:

Trailer #1—Greg Sanders, \$275

Trailer #2—Greg Sanders, \$250

Trailer #3—Greg Sanders, \$100

Trailer #4—Nolt's Discount Office Furniture, \$26

Moved: W. Dellicker

Seconded: D. Link

Vote: 8 Aye, 0 Nay

Approval of the following contracts/agreements:

- Marian and Friends, Ventriloquist, Mohnton, PA for two assemblies for WEIS grades K-5 on April 1, 2011, in the amount of \$675 from Student Activity Funds
- Approval of agreement with Gettysburg National Military Park for Museum and Battlefield Guides for 8th Grade Fieldtrip on April 19, 2011 in the amount of \$1,184.00 to be paid from Student Activity Funds
- Bieber Transportation Group, Kutztown PA, for transportation services for 8th Grade fieldtrip to Gettysburg National Military Park on April 19 2011 in the amount of \$4,460.80 from Student Activity Funds

Moved: D. Link

Seconded: W. Dellicker

Vote: 8 Aye, 0 Nay

Approval of PenTeleData E-rate contract

This is a renewal of an E-rate Federal program contract through CLIU.

Moved: W. Dellicker

Seconded: D. Link

Vote: 8 Aye, 0 Nay

Approval of the following Bills as listed for payment:

- a. Fund 10 General Fund totaling \$843,934.52
- b. Fund 22 Capital Reserve Fund—none
- c. Fund 31 Construction & Renovation Fund 2009 Note totaling \$56,418.82

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- d. Fund 33 2008A General Obligations Bond (GOB) totaling \$290.00
- e. Fund 50 Food Service Fund totaling \$33,892.44

Moved: W. Dellicker

Seconded: T. Hernandez

Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 abstained (D. Link)

F. Other Reports

Federal Programs Report—no report

Enrollment Report—2343 students including 7 in Digital Academy, 4 Charter, 57 Cyber, 34, Homeschooled, and 180 non-public students.

NWL Digital Academy Report—no changes

Committee Reports as follows:

- a. Intermediate Unit—no report
- b. Legislation—no report
- c. Recreation Commission—Reorganization meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday.
- d. Lehigh Career & Technical Institute—Board is in the final preliminary budget stage. They are discussing excess funds from the last building project and annual revenues that LCTI turns back to the districts.

Old Business—none

New Business—none

President offered courtesy of the floor for public comment

Joe Reiter distributed copies of the letter written by Ann Schnur.

Communications/Notes for the Board from Donald Link, Secretary—none

Report from Superintendent Wright

Dr. Wright acknowledged the staff members present and noted services for Ray Peters will be held on Saturday. High School Assistant Principal, Amy Wahl, will be transferring to the Middle School beginning February 14, 2011, to replace Ara Hoderewski. Until the transition, a High School and Middle School teacher will be assisting with duties. An evaluation will be made in Spring regarding how to handle replacing the High School position.

Administrative/Building Sharing

Building Principals shared current events which included students placing first and third in the Regional FBLA competition, LCTI student of the month, High School course registration, and a pilot program at WEIS called "Girls on the Run" that will be implemented to encourage the development of life-long healthy habits and positive choices.

Board Member Sharing

D. Link and S. Schoffstall expressed thanks for the gifts from students. Chris Ford offered congratulations to Amy Wahl on her new position. D. Link expressed condolences to the family of Ray Peters, a well respected employee of the District. He will be missed.

President Snyder announced the need for Executive Session to continue discussions begun at the earlier meeting.

Committee Meetings—Personnel, 1/19/11@6pm, Conf. Rm

Finance, 2/9/11@6pm, Board Rm

Policy, 3/7/11@7am, Conf Rm

Buildings & Grounds, 3/2/11@4pm, Conf. Rm

Public Relations, 5/11/11@5pm, Conf Rm

G. Adjournment

Upon motion by W. Dellicker, the meeting was adjourned at 9:34PM. After a brief recess, Executive Session was continued.

Moved: W. Dellicker

Seconded: D. Link

Vote: 8 Aye, 0 Nay

Respectfully submitted,

Donald J. Link, Secretary

By N. Zellner, Recording Secretary