

**Northwestern Lehigh School District
6493 Rte. 309, New Tripoli PA 18066
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
District Administrative Conference Room
Wednesday, May 12, 2010, 7:30 p.m.**



A. Agenda

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 7:31PM by President Snyder.

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

Roll Call

Roll Call	Pr	Sally Schoffstall	Pr	William Towne	Pr	Paul Fisher, Jr.
Pr/Ab	Pr	Donald Link	Pr	Willard Dellicker	Pr	Darryl Schafer
	Pr	Camille Bartlett	Pr	Todd Hernandez	Pr	Gregory Snyder

Also Present: L. Sorensen, J. Reiter, S. Lingenfelter, T. Smoyer & students, G. Sanders, J. Quinn (Press) M. Lash (Press), R. Peters, K. Fisher, A. Hoderewski, J. Berlett, B. Uplinger, L. Frisbie, L. Matika, L. Stitzel, M. Wright, D. Sbrocchi, Esq., N. Zellner

Approval of Agenda The agenda was approved as presented.

Moved: W. Dellicker

Seconded: P. Fisher

Vote: 9 Aye, 0 Nay

President welcomed guests and provided for comments

Pastor Scott Lingenfelter of New Life Church shared information regarding an event the church is sponsoring for the family of Lance Pierce, a student at NWE. "Duct Tape Comedy" will take place May 22 at the Middle School. A free will offering will be collected to help offset expenses for modifications to the Pierce home and vehicle that are necessary due to medical needs.

NWE Art Presentations—Jill Berlet introduced Mrs. Tracy Smoyer and art students from Northwestern Elementary. Mrs. Smoyer and the students explained the techniques used to create their artwork. Their artwork will be displayed in the Board Room throughout the summer.

Personnel action, as listed

1. Approval of the following horizontal movements for the 2009-10 school year effective September 1, 2009, subject to the language provisions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement and the Memorandum of Understanding, pending receipt of final transcripts and/or certification:

Name	08-09	09-10
Kelly Berg	BS- 4	MS- 5
Shawn Fies	BS- 4	BS+24 - 5
Sara Fitzgerald	BS+24 - 8	MS - 9
Christina Fogel	BS+24 - 6	MS - 6
Laura George	BS+24 - 7	MS - 8
Anna Gilgoff	MS - 17	MS+24 - 17
Alan Hack	BS - 2	BS+24 - 3
Jaime Hafner	BS+24 - 7	MS - 8
Lacey Hutson	BS - 5	BS+24 - 6
Tracy Smoyer	BS - 4	BS+24 - 5
Beth Stark	BS - 6	MS - 7
Eric Taddei	BS - 3	BS+24 - 4
Michelle Wanner	BS+24 - 5	MS - 6
Alice Nass-Yepsen	MS - Max	MS+24 - Max

2. Recommendation to accept the resignation of Stephanie Kutteroff, Food Service General Production Worker Substitute, effective April 30, 2010.
3. Recommendation to accept the resignation of Cindy DeLong, Food Service General Production Worker, effective May 21, 2010 and transfer to the Food Service General Production Worker Substitute list.
4. Recommendation to remove the following individual from the Transportation Sub list effective April 26, 2010:
 - a. Tracy Garcia, no response to communications
 - b. Donald Kline, no response to communications
 - c. David Krause, no response to communications
 - d. William Wintermute, no response to communications
5. Request for approval for Joyce Eckhart, Middle School/Elementary Health Room Assistant, for the following unpaid days: April 15, 16- ½ day each, April 22, 23, 26, 27, May 13, 14, 2010

6. Request for approval for the following unpaid days:
 - a. Karen Ziegler, Middle School Teacher Aide—April 19, 21, 22, 2010
 - b. Bonnie Lee Sechler, Weisenberg Teacher Aide—April 29, 30, 2010
 - c. Beverly Handwerk, High School Teacher Aide—May 24, 25, 2010
 - d. Lisa Remaly, Middle School Teacher Aide – May 6, 7, 2010
 - e. Rebecca Karoly, Middle School Teacher Aide – May 5, 6, 7, 2010
7. Request to approve the following for student teaching experience at Weisenberg Elementary for the Fall semester of the 2010-11 school year from Kutztown University:
 - a. Sara Murtha with Kimberly DeFazio
 - b. Ashlea Cagigas with Patricia Holmes
8. Request to approve the following for student teaching experience at the High School from September 1 to October 22, 2010, from Kutztown University:
 - a. Heather Kilmer with Tari Carnahan
 - b. Jasmine Escobar with Kathy Kehs

Moved: W. Dellicker

Seconded: P. Fisher

Vote: 9 Aye, 0 Nay

B. Curriculum/Building Issues

Approval of service agreement with K-12 Incorporated for the purchase of on-line educational services and curriculum on a per course fee basis for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011

This is a yearly agreement with one of the two on-line providers of educational services for the Digital Academy.

Moved: P. Fisher

Seconded: W. Dellicker

Vote: 9 Aye, 0 Nay

Approval of changes to 2010-2011 NWLSD Common Calendar and Administrative/Support Calendar

Dr. Wright reviewed the modifications to the calendars changing September 3 in-service day to February 22. School will be in session on December 23 to be consistent with the rest of Lehigh County schools and LCTI.

Moved: P. Fisher

Seconded: D. Schafer

Vote: 9 Aye, 0 Nay

Approval of to re-apply for the following annual Federal Grant opportunities

- Title I
- Title II A
- Accountability Block Grant
- Basic Education Funding

B. Uplinger explained the expected funding for the various grants. Basic Education funding has been placed within the grant writing process by the State of Pennsylvania.

Moved: P. Fisher

Seconded: W. Dellicker

Vote: 9 Aye, 0 Nay

C. Policies

First reading of Policies 229, 230, 231, 707, and 807

These policies are posted on the District website for public review and comment.

D. Facilities

Approval of PlanCon J extension for Northwestern Elementary

The three-year deadline is approaching for submitting final paperwork for accounting on final cost of the project. Since some punchlist items are not yet completed, an extension is requested.

Moved: P. Fisher

Seconded: D. Schafer

Vote: 9 Aye, 0 Nay

E. District Finances

Approval of proposed final 2010-2011 General Fund budget and supporting tax levies for Northwestern Lehigh School District as follows:

a. Budget Expenditures	\$36,964,316.00
b. Local tax levies	
Real Estate Tax	50.66 mills (1.25 mill increase)
Earned Income Tax	1% (net .5%)
Real Estate Transfer Tax, Act 511	½% for each of 4 townships
Local Services Tax	\$10
Amusement Tax	10%/not to exceed 40%

Moved: W. Dellicker

Seconded: C. Bartlett

Vote: 5 Aye, 4 Nay

Roll Call	Aye	Sally Schoffstall	Aye	William Towne	Aye	Darryl Schafer
Vote	Nay	Donald Link	Nay	Willard Dellicker	Nay	Paul Fisher, Jr.
	Aye	Camille Bartlett	Nay	Todd Hernandez	Aye	Gregory Snyder

F. Other Reports

Old Business—none

New Business—none

President offered courtesy of the floor for public comment

L. Sorensen commented on open discussion, the availability of information to the public, and the affects of market forces on the budget.

John Halasovski of Sassafras Rd. , New Tripoli, commented on the agenda process and public input. He also commented on the budget and asked Board members to attempt to involve government representatives to change laws so everyone pays their fair share. Mr. Halasovski voiced concern regarding the privatizing of the Transportation Department.

J. Reiter thanked the Board for their time spent on preparation of the budget and voiced his concerns about the District's ability to pay for these things in the future.

Communications/Notes for the Board from Paul Fisher, Secretary

P. Fisher read a note of appreciation from the family of Willard Kistler who served many years on the Board and recently passed away.

Report from Superintendent Wright

Dr. Wright invited Board members to the upcoming High School academic awards ceremony.

Administrative/Building Sharing

Dr. Scott commented on the students receiving services who will be graduating in June and thanked the Board for their support of these students. Principals shared current events in their buildings. L. Matika noted a successful Employee Appreciation week. Appreciation gifts were funded by the New Tripoli Bank, the NWL Education Foundation, NWE Partners in Education, WEIS PTO, and the High School Student Council.

Board Member Sharing

Board members shared thoughts on the difficulty of budget preparation and implementation of necessary cuts.

Committee Meetings—Policy, 5/3/10 @7am, Brd Rm

Finance of the Whole Board, 5/5/10 @8pm

Buildings & Grounds, 5/5/10 @4pm, Brd Rm—CANCELLED

Public Relations, 5/12/10 @5pm, Brd Rm—CANCELLED

Personnel, 5/12/10 @6pm, Brd Rm

Finance, 5/19/10 @6pm, Brd Rm

G. Adjournment

President Snyder adjourned the meeting at 9:41PM

Respectfully submitted,

Paul C. Fisher, Jr., Secretary

By N. Zellner, Recording Secretary