



Northwestern Lehigh School District
6493 Rte.309, New Tripoli PA 18066
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
High School Cafeteria
Tuesday, March 21, 2006, 7:30 p.m.

A. Agenda

Call to Order President G. Snyder called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

Roll Call

Roll Call	Ab	Camille Bartlett	Pr	Michael Ondra	Pr	Sally Schoffstall
pr/ab	Pr	Willard Dellicker	Pr	Mark Richman	Ab	Kenneth Zellner
////////	Pr	Donald Link	Pr	Darryl Schafer	Pr	Gregory Snyder

Also Present: D. DeLong, D. Fedok, L. Walters, L. Shimer, S. & D. Eck, T. Hill, P. Sutton, D Halpin, M. Johnston, B. Booher, C. Fogel, K. Bannar, A. Fedok, J. Frantz, N. Everett (students & parents) K. Fisher, L. Hoppes, R. Cartier, B. Hart, L. Morris, L. Matika, M. Malay, L. Christman, S. Meixsell, J. Gould, D. Sbrocchi, Esq., N. Zellner, Asst. Brd. Sec.

Approval of Agenda Dr. Gould noted one addition to the agenda. The agenda was approved as amended.

Moved: D. Link Seconded: W. Dellicker Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay

President welcomed guests and provided opportunity for comments
Middle School student artwork presentations. Christina Fogel introduced the students and explained their artwork. The artwork will be displayed in the Board room for the next two months.

Approval of Minutes, as attached, for February 8 & February 15, 2006

M. Ondra asked that in the future, items marked for the second monthly Board meeting that are not discussed at the first meeting not be included in the minutes. The minutes were approved as presented.

Moved: W. Dellicker Seconded: D. Link Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay

Personnel action, as attached

Personnel action approved as listed below.

Moved: M. Ondra Seconded: M. Richman Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay

1. Approval to change the FMLA return to work date of Jen Budick, Northwestern Elementary teacher, from March 29, 2006 to March 30, 2006.
2. Approval to add the following to the district substitute teacher assistant list effective March 23, 2006 at a rate of \$10.11/hour:
 - a. Stacey Guglielmo – New Tripoli
3. Appointment of Adrienne Brittenburg, Breinigsville, to the position of class F van substitute driver at a rate of \$13.40/hour effective March 22, 2006 pending receipt of all necessary paperwork.
4. Approval to remove the following from the district substitute teacher list effective March 21, 2006:
 - a. Tricia Anderson – other employment
 - b. John Benson – other employment
 - c. Karen Buss – other employment
 - d. Shaun Flynn – no longer interested
 - e. Lyndsey Howard – other employment
 - f. Fay Johnson – other employment
 - g. Bradley Madden – other employment
 - h. Patrice McClure – requested to be removed/needs steadier employment
5. Approval to remove the following from the transportation list effective March 21, 2006:
 - a. Ed Kraus – other employment
 - b. Timothy Roeder – other employment
6. Request for three unpaid days for Mary Persichetti, speech and language therapist, April 6, 10, and 13, 2006.
7. Request for two unpaid days for Christopher Cooper, middle school paraprofessional, March 15 and 16, 2006.

8. Request for approval for student teaching experience for the following from Penn State University from October 30, 2006 through December 15, 2006:
 - a. Alexis Davidovich with Cathy McCullough, Wellness/Fitness

Curriculum/Building Issues

Consideration of partnership with Allentown YM/WCA

S. Meixsell and Tami Hill met with representatives of the Y to gather information on programs, including Y-Care, the district could utilize. We are in the service region of the Allentown Y, but most families do not use the services due to our distance from the Y facilities and programs. S. Meixsell asked for the Board's consent to do more research and come back with a formal proposal at a future Board meeting.

C. Policies

None

D. Facilities

Update on Facilities Master Plan

S. Meixsell gave a Powerpoint presentation which was a composite of all information gathered to develop the different options for the renovations and new construction being considered for the elementary buildings. L. Morris presented three options that could be utilized if redistricting of students was needed. Enrollment data was reviewed. G. Snyder updated the Board on sewer options at Weisenberg and whether changes would be necessary for the sewer system at Northwestern. M. Malay reviewed debt information comparing current debt plus the cost of renovations/construction. Discussion followed regarding the sewer options and the timeline needed for any possible hazardous materials removal in either of the buildings.

A motion was made by M. Ondra to proceed with the architectural design plans for renovation/construction of the elementary buildings with a capacity of 720 students at Weisenberg Elementary and 480 students at Northwestern Elementary. S. Schoffstall seconded the motion. Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay

E. District Finances:

Approval of exonerations as listed below:

- a. Exoneration of E. Smith, Lynn Township from the 2005-2006 per capita tax as she was reported on the delinquent list by mistake.
- b. Exoneration of A. Schaffer, Lowhill Township, from the 2005-2006 per capita tax as he was a full time student.

Moved: M. Richman

Seconded: D. Schafer

Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay

Approval of changes to district bus stops for the 2005/2006 school year

Moved: D. Link

Seconded: M. Richman

Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay

Approval of 2005-2006 budget transfers

Transfers were needed for ESL coordination, technology purchases, and middle school equipment.

Moved: W. Dellicker

Seconded: M. Richman

Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay

Receive the following Reports for February:

- a. Budget Report—as presented
- b. Revenues Report—as presented
- c. Treasurer's Report

General Fund with a beginning balance of \$11,596,965.63, receipts of \$1,322,861.60, and disbursements of \$2,213,445.60, leaving a balance of \$10,706,381.63.

Capital Reserve Fund with a beginning balance of \$589,180.76, receipts of \$1,489.64, disbursements of \$3,143.90, leaving a balance of \$587,526.50.

2004 GON with a beginning balance of \$281,158.61, receipts of \$1484.18, disbursements of \$17,741.23, leaving a balance of \$264,901.56.

Food Service Fund with a beginning balance of \$3,113.35, receipts of \$69,394.56, disbursements of \$72,507.91, leaving a balance of \$5,197.85.

- d. EIT Report—as presented
- e. Activity Fund Report—as presented

Moved: M. Richman

Seconded: D. Schafer

Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay

Approval of the following Bills as listed for payment:

- a. General Fund totaling \$812,617.13
- b. Capital Reserve Fund totaling \$14,406.83
- c. 2004 GON totaling \$987.60
- d. Food Service Fund totaling \$40,043.26
- e. Tiger Fund --none

Moved: W. Dellicker

Seconded: M. Richman

Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay

F. Other Reports:

Federal Programs—no report

Foundation Report—The Northwestern Lehigh Educational Foundation met March 16. Board Officers are Robert Machamer—Pres., Ken Kistler—V Pres., Paul Fisher—Treas., and Pam Harshey—Sec.

Transportation Report—no report

Strategic Planning Report—Sub committees have met twice and are ready to start work on Action Plans.

Enrollment Report—currently 2344 students. Also 227 Non-Public, 64 Home School, and 34 Cyber/Charter students.

Committee Reports as follows:

- a. Intermediate Unit—The district currently has 69 students who receive services through the IU. Robert Keegan will begin as Executive Director effective April 2.
 - ✱ LVBEP Report—none
- b. Legislation—none
- c. Recreation Commission—Some recreation fields were damaged by snowmobiles. Video cameras will be installed in the future.
- d. LCTI—none

Old Business—none

New Business

Approval of Contracts as summarized on the attached list

Moved: M. Richman

Seconded: D. Link

Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay

President offered courtesy of the floor for public comment.

LeRoy Sorenson asked for clarification regarding interest and millage, specifically the amount of millage dedicated to debt service and also the district's plans for project management for the renovation/construction project. G. Snyder assured Mr. Sorenson the Board will make every effort to make sure the district will do the best to accomplish the goals of the project and to answer Mr. Sorenson questions regarding millage dedicated to debt service.

Communications/Notes for the Board from Michael Ondra, Secretary—the district received a letter from the Department of Education regarding the maximum reimbursable percentage for the Middle School Construction Project

Report from Superintendent Gould

- a. Administrative/Building Sharing—L. Christman reported on FCCLA's successful year. The team scored the highest in the state and is eligible for the National level. They have worked with Susan Weidner to promote fruits and vegetables in the school lunch program. L. Morris noted the use of

the recreation fields enabled students to move the recommended 100 ft. from the buses for a safe evacuation drill. B. Hart updated the Board on the progress of the Pavillion Project. The High School received a positive preliminary report from the visiting Middles States Team. All buildings will be involved in PSSA testing next week. Administrators thanked the Board for making a decision to move forward on the building renovations project. The option selected will serve the needs of the district in the future.

- b. Board Member Sharing—there were no comments
- c. Legislative Information—included in Board packet
- d. Reminder: Board Seminar, 4/28 & 4/29/06

G. Adjournment

A motion was made by D. Link to adjourn the Board meeting at 9:43 p.m.

Moved: D. Link

Seconded: M. Richman

Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Ondra

M. Ondra, Secretary

By N. Zellner, Asst. Bd. Secretary