

NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Special Meeting
Board Minutes

Slatington, PA
June 16, 2003

PURPOSE A special meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors, for the purpose of adopting the 2003-2004 Northern Lehigh School District Budget, and for general purposes, was called to order by the President, Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha, at 7:02 p.m. on Monday, June 16, 2003 in the Slatington Elementary School gymnasium.

ROLL CALL Members present: Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer, Mrs. Jane J. Escott, Mrs. Lauren A. Ganser, Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos, Mrs. Sheryl A. Giles, Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr., Mr. Jason M. Newhard, Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha (8)

Members absent: Mr. Robert J. Cox (1) (Arrived At 7:05 p.m.)

Non-members present: Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Mrs. Lynne B. Fedorcha, Mr. Christopher Iacobelli, Dr. Linda Marcincin, Mrs. Karen Nicholas, Mr. John Hrizuk, Mr. David Papay, Mr. Robert Mack, Mr. Brian Geiger, Mrs. Rhonda Frantz, Mr. Ken Jones, Ms. Laurie Newman, and Mrs. Doneta J. Merkle

VISITORS Approximately 6 visitors attended the meeting in addition to Sharon Minnich, reporter for TheTimes News and Elizabeth Bartolai, reporter for The Morning Call.

FINANCIAL Mrs. Geronikos made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Escott, that the Board of Education authorize the transfer of \$100,000 from the 2002-2003 General Fund budget to the Capital Reserve account.

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mr. Fedorcha (9)

NAY: None (0)

**PRESENT-
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OF
BUSINESS** Mrs. Escott made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Geronikos, that the Board of Education adopt the budget of the Northern Lehigh School District for the 2003-2004 fiscal year, as presented, in the amount of \$21,280,191.00.

Adoption Of 2003-2004 Northern Lehigh School District Budget

A 47.81 mill (or \$4.78 per \$100 of assessed valuation) tax on Real Estate for Lehigh County and a 42.90 mill (or \$4.29 per \$100 of assessed valuation) tax on Real Estate for Northampton County. An increase of 2.12 mills in Lehigh County and 1.98 mills in Northampton County over 2002-2003.

ROLL CALL: YEA: Mr. Cox, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Newhard, Mr. Fedorcha (6)

NAY: Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Ganser, Mr. Green (3)

Motion carried.

Mr. Cox made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Escott, that the Board of Education approve the following customary revenue motions associated with the 2003-2004 Northern Lehigh School District Budget:

A \$5.00 Resident Per Capita Tax, taxable on 18 year olds and over based on Section 679 of the School Code of 1949. No change from 2002-2003.

1. Taxes under Act 511 with no changes from 2002-2003:
 - a. A 1% Earned Income Tax shared equally with the coterminous municipalities.
 - b. A 1% Realty Transfer Tax shared equally with the coterminous municipalities.
 - c. A \$5.00 Resident Per Capita Tax, taxable on 18 year olds and over.
 - d. A \$10.00 Occupational Privilege Tax.

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos,

Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mr. Fedorcha (9)

NAY: None (0)

**SUPERINT-
ENDENT'S
REPORT**

Dr. Sham reported that he distributed the Educational Support Staff Instructional II Aides job description for their review. A request to approve this job description will be placed on the July 14 board meeting agenda.

He publicly acknowledged the outstanding work Mr. Ken Jones did for the district as Acting Business Manager.

Mrs. Geronikos asked whether the board would like to make any changes to school board policy #906 – Public Complaints and/or school board policy #911 – News Media Relations. If the board wants to have anything changed in either of these policies, they were instructed to get those changes to Mrs. Geronikos before the next Policy/Education Committee meeting.

**ADJOURN-
MENT**

Mr. Cox made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Escott, that the special meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors be adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos,
Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mr. Fedorcha (9)

NAY: None (0)

Respectfully submitted,

Jane J. Escott
Secretary

ATTEST: _____ President
Gary S. Fedorcha