

**NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Minutes**

**Slatington, PA
June 11, 2001**

PURPOSE The regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh School District Board of School Directors was called to order by the President, Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha, at 7:40 p.m., on Monday, June 11, 2001, in the gymnasium of the Slatington Elementary School.

ROLL CALL Members present: Mr. Robert J. Cox, Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer, Mrs. Jane J. Escott, Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos, Mrs. Sheryl A. Giles, Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr., Mr. Jason M. Newhard, Mrs. Lynn C. Sechler, Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha (9)

Members absent: None (0)

Non-members present: Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Sr., Mrs. Lynne B. Fedorcha, Dr. Brian Gessner, Mr. Christopher Iacobelli, Dr. Linda Marcincin, Mrs. Karen Nicholas, Mr. John Hrizuk, Mr. David Papay, Mr. Brian Geiger, Mr. Bernard Rockovich, Ms. Pamela Grammes (arrived at 8:50 p.m.), Ms. Lisa Vaughan, Mrs. Doneta J. Merkle

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

**APPROVAL
MINUTES** Motion made by Mrs. Sechler, with a second by Mrs. Geronikos, that the minutes of the regular school board meeting held on May 7, 2001 and the regular school board meeting held on May 14, 2001 be approved and ordered filed.

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

NAY: None (0)

**SPECIAL
BOARD
REPORTS** Lehigh Career & Technical Institute - Mrs. Lynn C. Sechler
Mrs. Sechler reported on the following items from the May 2 J.O.C. meeting --
LCTI Skills USA/VICA state winners, the JOC approved a bond to fund their building project, results of the LCTI audit, Project Lead the Way, and several miscellaneous topics.

The student representatives to the board gave their report for the month of June.

Legislative Report -- Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos
Mrs. Geronikos reported on House Resolution 42, House Bill 375 and House Bill 23.

Federal and Other Programs -- Mrs. Lynne B. Fedorcha
Mrs. Fedorcha highlighted the items on the printed copy of her report, which was distributed to all board members.

Superintendent's Report -- Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Sr.
Dr. Sham reported on the "Running of the Dawgs" 5K Run.

Maryann S.-Mattiola, art teacher in the senior high school, addressed the board requesting permission to bring a piece of international art to the district in November 2001 and invite students, residents of the community, and teachers to view a replica of "A Horse That Never Was" sculpted by Leonardo da Vinci and create an educational event at Northern Lehigh School District. There will be no cost to the district to bring this piece of art here, however, Mrs. Mattiola requested that the district increase its insurance by \$500. Dr. Sham recommended that the board approve this increase.

Executive Session An Executive Work Session was held prior to the meeting from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for personnel issues.

PERSONNEL Motion made by Mr. Newhard, with a second made by Mrs. Giles that the Board of Education approve the following items listed under Personnel:

Appointments- Gail Lafferty
Instructional From: Grade 6 Teacher –Slatington Elementary School
To: Instructional Support Teacher – Slatington Elementary School, replacing Laurie Newman who became the Special Education Coordinator.
Change of Status - Gail Lafferty Effective: The start of the 2001-2002 school year.

TVR Lynn Haab Temporary Vacancy Replacement Teacher
Lynn Haab Assignment: Special Education Learning Support Teacher in the Middle School, replacing Tammy Fristick who was granted an unpaid leave of absence for the 2001-2002 school year.
Salary: \$35,200.00 (Appendix A-Step 1-Bachelors on the 2001-2002 NLEA CBA Salary Schedule)
Effective Date: August 30, 2001

Resignation/ Margaret Conrad, second grade teacher at Peters Elementary School, has submitted her letter of Retirement- resignation. After 22 ½ years of service in the Northern Lehigh School District, Mrs. Conrad has Margaret Conrad decided to retire, effective August 30, 2001.

Transfer of Teacher Assignments Approve the following changes in teacher assignments to begin with the 2001-2002 school year in accordance with School Board Policy #409:

Teacher	Subject	From	To
Michael Bonner	Guidance	Fulltime MS	Part-time HS & MS
Susan Bowser	Family & Consumer Science	Fulltime MS	Part-time HS & MS
Victoria Burse	German	4 Periods-MS	1 Period-MS-Remainder of Day-HS
Francis Carazo	English	MS	HS
Eric DeAntonis	Math	2 Periods-MS Remainder of Day HS	Fulltime HS
Scott DeLong	Social Studies	2 Periods-MS Remainder of Day HS	Fulltime HS-Remains A Half-time teacher
Julie Everett	Biology/Science	2 Periods-MS Remainder of Day HS	Fulltime HS
Robert Hicks	Technology Education	MS	Part-time HS & MS
David Oertner	Science	MS	HS
John Posegay	Special Education	MS	HS
Ronald Sadler	Health/Phys. Ed.	MS	HS
Dalton Semmel	Math	MS	HS
Sandra Vajda	Spanish	MS	Part-time HS & MS
James Yadush	Social Studies	MS	Part-time HS & MS
Kristie Croll	Special Education	MS	HS

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

NAY: None (0)

PERSONNEL

(Con't.)

Business Manager Compensation Agreement Motion made by Mr. Green, with a second made by Mr. Cox, that the Board of Education approve the Compensation Agreement between the Board of School Directors of the Northern Lehigh School District and Mr. Bernard G. Rockovich, Business Manager for a term of five (5) years, commencing on the 7th day of May, 2001 and ending on the 7th day of May, 2006.

Amend Contract Mr. Green made a motion to amend the contract and add the clause into the contract that "a ninety-day probationary period shall be served". Mr. Cox seconded the motion.

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

NAY: None (0)

POLICY

Motion made by Mr. Cox, with a second made by Mrs. Sechler, that the Board of Education approve the following policy items:

Non-Resident - Student Approve to permit a Slatington Elementary School student, whose parents have moved from the Northern Lehigh School District, to remain in attendance for the duration of this school term in accordance with School Board Policy #202.

Board Policy 1st Reading Approve revisions to school board policy # 707 – Use of School Facilities and Equipment, as amended, by adding the word "if" to the beginning of Item #5 under Guidelines, after first reading.

Approve revisions to school board policy #913 – Relations With Special Interest Groups, as presented after first reading.

Ron Klevenhagen – Tax Collector- Borough of Slatington Appoint Mr. Ronald Klevenhagen as the municipal officer authorized to collect Slatington Real Estate Tax and Slatington Per Capita Tax for the 2001-2002 school year.

NLMS Student Activities Fund Statement Approve the Northern Lehigh Middle School Student Activities Account Statement for the month of May 2001.

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

NAY: None (0)

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Mrs. Sechler, with a second by Mrs. Geronikos, to expend no more than \$700.00 to provide the additional insurance needed so that the district can have "The Horse That Never Was" statue in our high school library for an art exhibit.

Additional Insurance Coverage YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mrs. Sechler, Mr. Fedorcha (9)

NAY: None (0)

4. Unleaded Gasoline awarded to W. S. Reichenbach & Son, Inc. at a fluctuating base price of \$1.119 per gallon.

FINANCIAL

(Con't.)

Refund Real Estate Taxes Refund \$105.40 of 2000-2001 school property taxes to the following individuals due to assessed value being reduced from \$21,550 to \$13,150:

Henry and Pauline Smith
4729 Mountain Road
Slatington, PA 18080-3621
Tax Parcel ID 23-B05-004-010
Washington Township

Refund Amount \$105.40

Reject All Bids For Trash Removal Approve the recommendation of the Business Manager that the Board of Education reject all bids received for trash removal, and extend the current contract with Waste Management Inc.

Extend Trash Removalcontractor, for three years. The pricing under the extension is as follows: \$12,993.24 the first year, Contract \$13,642.92 for the second year, and \$14,325.12 for the third year.

Purchase Equipment For SHS Approve to purchase 195 student desks, 8 teacher desks, 8 teacher chairs, and 16 four drawer letter file cabinets with locks from Roberts & Meck, Inc. for the new classrooms at the senior high school at a cost of \$21,925.95. These items would be purchased under the current PA State Contract No. 7105-05. Money for this purchase would come from the "moveable fixtures & equipment" portion of the high school project.

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

NAY: None (0)

INFORMATION

All board members received the minutes of the Lehigh Carbon Community College Board of Trustees meeting held on May 3, 2001.

A thank you letter acknowledging a donation of a lap top computer to the school district was read.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Earl Snyder, Northern Lehigh Educational Support Personnel President, thanked the board members who served on the negotiations committee for the ratification of their new contract. He also thanked the entire board for accepting the new contract.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

Dr. Sham and Mr. Fedorcha both announced that a special school board meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 14, 2001 for adoption of the 2001-2002 district budget.

Business Manager, Mr. Bernard Rockovich, reviewed some changes that were made to the tentative budget since the last meeting and answered questions that arose.

Budget Not To Exceed A 1 Mill Increase Motion made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Cox that the tentative budget be reduced so that it does not exceed a 1 mill increase for the 2001-2002 school year.

ROLL CALL: YEA: Mr. Green, Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer (3)
NAY: Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Newhard, Mrs. Sechler, Mr. Fedorcha (6)

Motion defeated.

BUDGET
DISCUSSION

(Con't.)

Budget Not
To Exceed A
2 Mill Increase

Motion by Mr. Newhard, seconded by Mr. Dorshimer that the tentative budget be reduced so that it does not exceed a 2 mill increase.

ROLL CALL: YEA: Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer (4)
NAY: Mrs. Giles, Mrs. Sechler, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Fedorcha (5)
Motion defeated.

Prepare
Tentative
Budget As
Presented
For Adoption

Motion made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mrs. Sechler that the Board of Education prepare a final version of the tentative budget, as presented, for final adoption on June 14, 2001.

ROLL CALL: YEA: Mrs. Sechler, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Fedorcha (5)
NAY: Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer (4)
Motion carried.

ADJOURN-
MENT

Motion made by Mrs. Escott, seconded by Mrs. Giles that the regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors be adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

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

NAY: None (0)

Respectfully submitted,

Lori H. Geronikos
Secretary

ATTEST: _____ President
Gary S. Fedorcha