

**NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Minutes**

Slatington, PA
July 9, 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 7:36 p.m., on Monday, July 9, 2001, in the boardroom of the Slatington Elementary School.

ROLL CALL Members present: Mr. Robert J. Cox, Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer, Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos, Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr., Mr. Jason M. Newhard, Mrs. Lynn C. Sechler, Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha (7)

Members absent: Mrs. Jane J. Escott, Mrs. Sheryl A. Giles (2)

Non-members present: Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Sr., Mrs. Lynne B. Fedorcha, Mr. John Hrizuk, Mr. David Papay, Mr. Robert Mack, Mr. Brian Geiger, Atty. Charles Stopp (Solicitor)

VISITORS Mr. Les Bear of Arthurs Lestrage & Company, Mr. Barry Brobst of The Architectural Studio, and Mrs. Sharon Minnich, reporter for The Times News.

SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS Lehigh Career and Technical Institute -- Mrs. Lynn C. Sechler
Mrs. Sechler reported that she and several other district employees will be leaving for the High Schools That Works conference in Atlanta, GA tomorrow.

Federal and Other Programs Update -- Mrs. Lynne B. Fedorcha
Mrs. Fedorcha reported on the Students Achieving Standards Grant she applied for in the amount of \$72,440.00 with 20% matched funds.

Superintendent's Report -- Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Sr.
Dr. Sham reported that the district was successful in receiving a grant written by Jane Englert, senior high librarian, in the amount of \$15,000. This grant will pay for the book security system at the high school. Our district was one of five school districts in the state receiving this grant.

He also reported that Dr. Marcincin was not in attendance at the meeting because she was presenting a commendation award to Slatington Police Chief Richard Dorward at the Slatington Borough Council meeting.

Mr. Barry Brobst of The Architectural Studio presented the board with a bid tabulation summary for the middle school project. After much discussion, the board requested an accurate account of the amount of money that has been spent to date and the amount of money that it will take to finish the senior high and middle school projects.

Mr. Les Bear of Arthurs Lestrage and Company presented board members with the facts of what he did in preparation for entering into the \$4 million bond issue the board instructed him to pursue and what would happen if the board now decided to delay the 2001 financing project.

Approve Borrowing Resolution Motion made by Mrs. Sechler, seconded by Mrs. Geronikos, that the Board of Education approve the Borrowing Resolution, as presented by Bond Counsel, to currently refund the General Obligation Bonds, Series of 1995, and to issue new General Obligation Bonds for \$4,000,000. (See Attached)

ROLL CALL: YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Newhard, Mrs. Sechler,
Mr. Fedorcha (6)
NAY: Mr. Green (1)

Motion carried.

Accept Const- Motion made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Cox that the Board of Education accept the base bids for the

uction Bids For middle school construction costs, as presented, to include all of the alternates, except G-1, H-1, E-1, P-1
Middle School and H-4.

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mrs. Sechler,
Mr. Fedorcha (6)

NAY: Mrs. Geronikos (1)

Motion carried.

Amend Motion made by Mrs. Sechler, seconded by Mrs. Geronikos, that the Board of Education accept the base bids for
Construction the middle school construction costs, as presented, and include all of the alternatives, including placing G-1,
Bids For H-1, E-1, P-1 back into the bid costs.
Middle School

ROLL CALL: YEA: Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mrs. Sechler,
Mr. Fedorcha (6)

NAY: Mr. Cox (1)

Motion carried.

Amend Motion made by Mr. Dorshimer, seconded by Mr. Newhard that the Board of Education accept the base bids for
Construction the middle school construction costs, as presented, and include all of the alternatives, to include placing
Bids For H-4 back into the bid costs.
Middle School

ROLL CALL: YEA: Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Newhard, Mrs. Sechler, Mr. Fedorcha (5)
NAY: Mr. Cox, Mr. Green (2)

Motion carried.

Accept Motion made by Mr. Newhard, with a second made by Mr. Green that the Board of Education approve the
Construction recommendation of The Architectural Studio to accept the Construction Costs, as presented, in the Bid
Costs For Tabulation Summary dated June 25, 2001 for the middle school renovations in the amount of \$5,013,705.00 and
Middle School to submit the necessary PlanCon "G" documents to the Pennsylvania Department of Education.
And Submit

PlanCon G ROLL CALL: YEA: Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Newhard, Mrs. Sechler, Mr. Fedorcha (5)
NAY: Mr. Cox, Mr. Green (2)

Motion carried.

Executive An executive session, for personnel issues, was held at 6:30 p.m. There was a short executive Session
session conducted, for personnel reasons, following the meeting.

PERSONNEL Motion made by Mrs. Sechler, seconded by Mr. Green that the Board of Education approve the
following personnel items:

Change of Sherri Molitoris* *Shall serve a 60-day probationary period.
Status - From: Temporary Vacancy Replacement Substitute Secretary in the Business Office
Sherri To: Bookkeeper II in the Business Office
Molitoris New position as a result of the 2001-2002 district budget.
Salary: \$25,800.00
Effective Date: July 1, 2001

Diane Lengel Diane Lengel* *Shall serve a 60-day probationary period.
From: Special Education/Information Technology Aide in the Special
Education/Psychology Department
To: Clerk/Stenographer in the Special Education/Psychology Department
New 11 month position as a result of the 2001-2002 district budget.
Salary: \$23,380.00 (Pro-rated)
Effective Date: July 1, 2001

PERSONNEL

(Con't.)

Instructional Amanda Glassic

Appointment Assignment: Temporary Professional Employee
Grade 3 at Peters Elementary School, replacing Margaret Conrad who retired.
Salary: \$35,200.00 (Appendix A-Step 1 Bachelors)
Effective Date: August 27, 2001

Resignation Non-Instructional Accept the resignation of Elvin Schlegel, Jr., instructional aide at Peters Elementary School, effective June 30, 2001.

Consultive Approve to contract with Dr. Brian Gessner, high school principal, for consultative services, Services effective July 8, 2001 at a fee of \$40.00 per hour, not to exceed 20 hours.

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mrs. Sechler,
Mr. Fedorcha (7)

NAY: None (0)

POLICY

Motion made by Mr. Newhard, seconded by Mrs. Geronikos that the Board of Education approve the following items listed under Policy:

Board Policy 2nd Reading Approve new school board policy #904 – Public Attendance At School Events, as presented after second reading.

Approve new school board policy #615 – Payroll Deductions, as presented after second reading.

Approve revisions to existing school board policy #439 – Uncompensated Leave, as presented after second reading.

Use of Facilities Grant approval to the Slatington Lions Club to use campus grounds to host their Annual 2001 Car Show, which will be held on Sunday, September 2, 2001 (rain date September 3). It is understood that they will be billed for custodial services for using the grounds. It is also the responsibility of the Lions club to provide sufficient security for the event.

Open Accounts Grant permission to the senior high school to open a “NLHS Class of 2004” account in compliance with the Student Activity Fund Policy.

Grant permission to the senior high school to open a “NLHS Class of 2005” account in compliance with the Student Activity Fund Policy.

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mrs. Sechler,
Mr. Fedorcha (7)

NAY: None (0)

Refer Tobacco Policies Back To Committee Motion made by Mrs. Sechler, seconded by Mrs. Geronikos that new school board policies #222, #323, #423, #523 Tobacco Use, should be sent back to the Policy/Education Committee for discussion.

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mrs. Sechler,
Mr. Fedorcha (7)

NAY: None (0)

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Mr. Dorshimer, seconded by Mrs. Sechler that the Board of Education approve to change the name of the Northern Lehigh Junior High School to the Northern Lehigh Middle School, effective immediately, with a new grade structure of grades 7 and 8, and authorize Mr. Robert Mack, Principal, to petition the Pennsylvania Department of Education to make this change official.

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mrs. Sechler,

Mr. Fedorcha (7)
NAY: None (0)

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

Payment Of Bills Approve payment of bills for June 2001, as presented.

Walnutport Tax Refund For June 2001 Approve a refund for overpayment of Walnutport Real Estate Taxes for the property owners as listed for the month of June 2001.

Auxiliary Salary Schedule 2001-2002 Approve the Auxiliary Salary Schedule and Use of Facilities Rental Charges Schedule for the 2001-2002 school year.

Smoke & Heat Detectors In High Approve a proposal from Wind Gap Electric, Inc. to furnish and install additional smoke and heat detectors in the senior high school in the amount of \$32,378.00. This additional equipment is Senior included in the Technology/Safety Infrastructure portion of the second phase of funding proposal.

Increase Student Lunch Prices Approve to consider an increase of \$.05 for student lunch prices for the 2001-2002 school year. That would increase elementary prices from \$1.40 to \$1.45 and secondary prices from \$1.45 to \$1.50.

Award Bid Accept and approve the recommendation of CTC Associates to award the bid for new Voice and Data Cabling for the senior high school to George J. Hayden, Inc. of Hazelton, PA for a total bid price of \$23,904.00

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mrs. Sechler,
Mr. Fedorcha (7)
NAY: None (0)

**INFORM-
ATION** Minutes of the Lehigh Carbon Community College Board of Trustees meeting held on June 7, 2001 were distributed to all board members.

**ADJOURN-
MENT** Motion made by Mr. Newhard, seconded by Mrs. Sechler that the regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors be adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mrs. Sechler,
Mr. Fedorcha (7)
NAY: None (0)

Respectfully submitted,

Lori H. Geronikos
Secretary

ATTEST: _____ President
Gary S. Fedorcha