

NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Minutes

**Slatington, PA
August 13, 2001**

PURPOSE The regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors was called to order by the President, Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha, at 7:42 p.m. on Monday, August 13, 2001 in the Boardroom 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. Linda Marcincin, Mrs. Karen Nicholas, Mr. John Hrizuk, Mr. David Papay, Mr. Robert Mack, Mr. Brian Geiger, Mr. Bernard Rockovich, Mrs. Doneta Merkle

VISITORS Dan Schaadt attended the meeting in addition to Sharon Minnich, reporter for The Times News.

APPROVE MINUTES Motion was made by Mr. Newhard, with a second made by Mrs. Geronikos, that the minutes of the regular school board meeting held on June 4, 2001; the regular school board meeting held on June 11, 2001; the special school board meeting held on June 14, 2001; the special school board meeting held on June 25, 2001; and the regular school board meeting held on July 9, 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 Legislative Report -- Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos
Mrs. Geronikos gave her report on various legislative issues which included training programs for tax collectors, Tax Credit Program authorized under Act 4 of 2001 and new school immunization requirements to begin at the start of 2002-03 school year and amendments to Senate Bill 466.

Superintendent's Report -- Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Sr.
Dr. Sham discussed cyber charter schools with the board.

Dr. Sham reported that the Auditor General will conduct an audit review conference on August 15, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. in the boardroom. Two board members must be present for this conference. Mr. Fedorcha and Mrs. Geronikos will attend the review conference.

Executive Session An Executive Work Session was held prior to the meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. for personnel issues.

PERSONNEL Motion was made by Mrs. Sechler, with a second made by Mrs. Giles, that the Board of Education approve the following personnel items:

Appointment- Instructional	Barbara Zambo Assignment:	Temporary Vacancy Replacement Special Education/Learning Support Teacher in the senior high school – Replacing Cassandra Frantz who was granted an unpaid leave of absence.
	Salary:	\$35,200 (Pro-rated) (Appendix A – Step 1 Bachelors)
	Effective Date:	August 27, 2001
	Termination Date:	On or about March 12, 2002

PERSONNEL**(Con't.)**

Timothy Hauck Professional Employee
 Assignment: Spanish Teacher at the senior high school replacing Joshua Ziatyk who resigned.
 Salary: \$41,100.00 (Appendix A – Step 10 Masters)
 Effective Date: August 30, 2001

Non- Kathleen Reese*
 Instructional Assignment: Special Education Aide in the senior high school, replacing Kimberly Andrews, who resigned.
 Salary: \$8.64 Per Hour/6 ½ Hrs. Per Day/5 Days Per Week
 Effective Date: 2001-2002 School Year

Paula Seiler*
 Assignment: Nurse's Aide -- Slatington Elementary School
 New Position
 Salary: \$8.64 Per Hour/6 Hrs. Per Day/5 Days Per Week
 Effective Date: 2001-2002 School Year

Cheryl Babinchak*
 Assignment: Title I Aide – Replacing the position of Donna Heffernan, who resigned.
 Salary: \$8.64 Per Hour/5 Hours Per Day/147 Days
 Effective Date: September 28, 2001

*60 Day Probationary Period

Administrative Rebecca Schock Special Education Aide
 Transfer From: Middle School
 To: Senior High School
 Effective Date: 2001-2002 School Year

Resignation- Accept the resignation of Pamela Lerch, Title I Aide in the Slatington Elementary School, effective
 Pam Lerch August 1, 2001.

Stipend For Approve a one-time additional stipend, in the amount of \$2500.00, for Mr. David Papay, Assistant
 David Papay As High School Principal for his duties as Acting Senior High School Principal.
 Acting HS
 Principal

Athletic Director Approve a stipend of \$6286.00 for the position of Athletic Director for the 2001-2002
 Salary Increase school year. This represents an increase of 3% over last year's stipend.

School Appoint Dr. Sally Ann Rex as school physician for the 2001-2002 school year at the quoted rates on
 Physician the 2001-2002 Auxiliary Salary Schedule. It is also recommended that Allentown Sports Medicine be employed as athletic sports physical doctors to assist with possible conflicts that may arise in scheduling athletic physicals.

Administrative Approve merit increases for school administrators, as recommended by the Superintendent,
 Merit for the 2001-2002 school year, to concur with the current Act 93 Administrative Compensation
 Increases Plan. These increases will be retroactive to July 1, 2001.

PERSONNEL**(Con't.)**

Co-Curricular Appointments For 2001-2002	Head Baseball Coach – Frank Carazo – \$4002.00 Assistant Baseball Coach – Erv Prutzman -- \$2602.00 Assistant Baseball Coach – Larry Meixsell – \$2602.00 Head Track Coach – Bryan Geist -- \$4002.00 Assistant Track Coach – Michael Bonner -- \$2602.00 Assistant Track Coach – David Oertner – \$2602.00 Assistant Track Coach – Richard Snell -- \$2602.00 Assistant Track Coach – James Waite -- \$2602.00 Head Softball Coach – Maureen Leaswitch -- \$4002.00 Assistant Softball Coach – James Herman – \$2602.00 Assistant Softball Coach – James Yadush -- \$2602.00 Senior High Newspaper – Renee Evans -- \$1623.00 Senior High Yearbook – Babette Guss -- \$2149.00 Senior High Band – David Carroll -- \$4223.00 Senior High Chorus – Rebecca Rhodes -- \$1545.00 Audio Visual Advisor – Jason Reinhard – \$2474.00 Senior High Musical Director – Nicholas Simons -- \$2474.00 Senior Class Advisor – Patricia Jones -- \$566.00 Senior Class Advisor – Denise Turoscy -- \$566.00 Junior Class Advisor – Cassandra Frantz -- \$566.00 Junior Class Advisor – Sharon Hunsicker -- \$566.00 Sophomore Class Advisor – Scott DeLong -- \$566.00 Sophomore Class Advisor – Sandra Michalik -- \$566.00 Freshman Class Advisor – Robert Kern -- \$566.00 Freshman Class Advisor – Christine Leslie -- \$566.00 Sr. High Spring Intramurals – Weightlifting – James Tkach -- \$722.00 Sr. High Spring Intramurals – Weightlifting – Todd Herzog -- \$722.00 Sr. High Spring Intramurals – Tennis – Renee Evans -- \$722.00 National Honor Society Advisor – Kim Rohrbach – \$441.00 German Exchange Club Advisor – Victoria Burse – \$682.00 Middle School Intramurals – Fall – Michelle Raber -- \$722.00 Middle School Intramurals – Winter-CPR – Michelle Raber -- \$722.00 Middle School Intramurals – Spring – Net Sports – Michelle Raber -- \$722.00 Middle School Band/Chorus – David Carroll/Rebecca Rhodes – 1236.00 (Shared Stipend) Middle School Student Council – Ellen Yenser -- \$1115.00 Middle School Newspaper – Catherine Farole – \$408.00 Academic Challenge Eight – Beth Case -- \$390.00 Elementary Band – Terry Jenkins -- \$704.00 Elementary AV Director – Eric Wassum -- \$1157.00 Middle School Yearbook – Susan Bowser -- \$722.00 Middle School Intramurals – Spring Weightlifting – Steve Hluschak -- \$722.00 Elementary Scholastic Scrimmage – Marlene Simock -- \$390.00
Substitutes Instructional	Employ the following substitute teachers for the 2001-2002 school year at the substitute teacher rates of \$70.00 for 1-10 non-consecutive days; \$80.00 for 11-20 non-consecutive days; and \$90.00 21+ non-consecutive days: Lisa Hohenshilt – Social Studies Mary Ann Levandusky – Elementary Diane Saeger – Elementary/Early Childhood Caroline Sickonic – Elementary Tracie Yanders – Elementary/Early Childhood Carleen Binder – Elementary K-8

PERSONNEL

(Con't.)

Substitutes Employ the following substitute aides/secretaries for the 2001-2002 school year at the rate of \$7.25 per hour:
Non-
Instructional

- Tamra Yesik – Instructional Aide
- Crystal Benninger – Instructional Aide/Secretary
- Ardith J. Erle – Secretary
- Linda Garofalo – Instructional Aide
- Karen Hluschak – Instructional Aide
- Donna Meixsell – Instructional Aide
- Cheryl Mill – Instructional Aide
- Robyn Pristash – Instructional Aide

Employ the following substitute cafeteria workers for the 2001-2002 school year at the rate of \$7.25 per hour:

- Crystal Benninger
- Linda Garofalo
- Wendy Green
- Karen Hluschak
- Tanya Marlatt
- Robyn Pristash
- Cheryl Mill

Employ the following substitute custodians for the 2001-2002 school year at the rate of \$7.25 per hour:

- Richard Bobal
- Earl G. Snyder, Jr.

Electronic Appoint the following individuals as Electronic Learning Facilitators (E.L.F.'s) for the 2001-2002 school Learning year and on an as-needed basis during summer vacation. Compensation for secondary E.L.F.'s is \$2285.00 Facilitators per school year with designated release time and for elementary E.L.F.'s is \$2685.00 per school year:

- Robert Hicks – Middle School
- Nevin Ranck – Senior High
- Erv Prutzman – Senior High
- Donna Marushak – Peters Elementary

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 was made by Mrs. Sechler, with a second made by Mrs. Geronikos, that the Board of Education approve the following items listed under Policy:

NLMS Student Approve the Northern Lehigh Middle School Student Activities Account Statement for the month Activity Acct. of July 2001.

Use of Grant approval to the Northern Lehigh Youth Athletic Association to use Bulldog Stadium on Facilities For September 8, September 29, October 6 and October 13, 2001. Rental fee is to be determined by the NLYAA Board of School Directors. Seven and one-half hours of custodial/maintenance fees will be billed for each use. NLYAA must provide proof of security for each event.

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

NAY: None (0)

POLICY
(Con't.)

Amend Motion Motion was made by Mr. Green, with a second made by Mr. Newhard, that the Board of Education amend the previous motion to include the following statement "the rental fee should be the same as last year for stadium use only."

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 was made by Mrs. Sechler, with a second made by Mrs. Geronikos, that the Board Board of Education invite the administration to form a committee for possible Act 93 negotiations. The board will also form a committee to do the same.

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

NAY: None (0)

Mrs. Geronikos will serve as the chairperson of this committee. Mr. Cox and Mrs. Escott will also serve on the committee.

FINANCIAL

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

Treasurer's Report For July 2001 Approve the report of the Treasurer, Mr. Cox, for the month of July 2001 as presented.

Reports (Info Only) All board members received the June and July 2001 Revenue and Expenditure reports for the Cafeteria, General, and Capital Reserve Funds.

Pay Bills Approve payment of General Fund bills for the month of July 2001 as presented.

Capital Reserve #1 Account Approve to reimburse the Capital Reserve #1 Account in the amount of \$103,972.65 for work already performed on the Peters Elementary HVAC re-piping, track and field house, voice and data cabling and fire alarm upgrades for the middle school and high school. The original bills were already paid out of the Capital Reserve #1 Account with the stipulation that when the new Series 2001 AA Bond was issued the CR#1 account would be reimbursed.

PLANCON H Submission Approve the submission of PLANCON H for General Obligation Bonds, Series A 2001, to the Pennsylvania Department of Education. (See Attached)

Close An Account Grant permission to the Northern Lehigh High School to close the "Shannon Reitz Memorial Scholarship/Class of 1989" Account which is part of the Northern Lehigh High School Student Activities Fund. This account shows a zero balance.

Exoneration Of Real Estate Tax Approve exoneration of real estate taxes for Mr. Daniel R. Ziegler, 703 West Franklin Street, Slatington, PA 18080. Mr. Ziegler is exonerated as a disabled veteran subject to review every two years for determination of Continued Financial Need.

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

NAY: None (0)

**ADJOURN-
MENT**

Motion was made by Mr. Dorshimer, with a second made by Mr. Newhard, that the regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors be adjourned at 8:14 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