

**NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Minutes**

**Slatington, PA
September 17, 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 7:34 p.m. on Monday, September 17, 2001, in the boardroom of the Slatington Elementary School. A moment of silent meditation was observed to reflect on the tragedy that occurred to many families in our country as a result of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on our nation.

ROLL CALL Members present: Mrs. Jane J. Escott, Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos, Mrs. Sheryl A. Giles, Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr., Mr. Jason M. Newhard, Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha (6)

Members absent: Mr. Robert J. Cox, Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer,
Mrs. Lynn C. Sechler (arrived at 7:35 p.m.) (3)

Non-members present: Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Sr., Mr. Christopher Iacobelli, Dr. Linda Marcincin, Mrs. Karen Nicholas, Mr. John Hrizuk, Mr. David Papay, Mr. Robert Mack, Mr. Bernard Rockovich, Ms. Pamela Grammes, Mr. Nicholas Sander, Mrs. Doneta Merkle

VISITORS Approximately four visitors 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. Escott that the minutes of the regular school board meeting held on August 6, 2001 and the regular school board meeting held on August 13, 2001 be approved and ordered filed.

YEA: Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mrs. Sechler,
Mr. Fedorcha (7)

NAY: None (0)

**SPECIAL
BOARD
REPORTS** Student Representatives To The Board Report --Pamela Grammes and Nicholas J. Sander gave their report for the month of September.

Legislative Report -- Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos
Mrs. Geronikos announced that the senate sub committee hearing on school funding was cancelled.

Federal and Other Programs – Dr. Sham highlighted Mrs. Fedorcha’s written report, which was distributed, to all board members.

Superintendent’s Report -- Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Sr.
Twenty eight senior high student council members, and their advisor, Mr. Robert Kern, distributed information packets to all board members explaining their mission, the procedure for selection of council representatives, and a month-by-month description of some of the events student council will be doing. They also presented board members with a “Board Member Survival Kit” .

Dr. Sham announced a recall of all Board Policy Manuals for updating.

Executive Session A short executive session was held for personnel reasons following the meeting.

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

Substitutes-
Instructional Approve to employ the following substitute teacher(s) 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:

Bernice Hicks – German -- \$90.00 rate (Effective September 14, 2001)
Joanne Solga - Elementary

Non-
Instructional Approve to employ the following substitute aides/secretaries for the 2001-2002 school year at the rate of \$7.25 per hour: Ann Stoss – Instructional Aide

Approve to employ the following substitute cafeteria workers for the 2001-2002 school year at the rate of \$7.25 per hour: Ann Stoss

Salary
Adjustment Acknowledge the following teacher who has completed the requirements per the Collective Bargaining Agreement that would entitle her to a salary increase for the 2001-2002 school year:

Jane Englert
From: 5B+24 \$37,000
To: 5M \$38,200

Leave
Without
Pay Approve the request of Amanda Glassic, Peters Elementary third grade teacher, to take a three-day leave of absence, without pay, on January 9, 10 and 11, 2002. She plans to use her two accumulated personal days in conjunction with the requested three unpaid days. Her request will not be considered a precedent for future requests per correspondence received from the Northern Lehigh Education Association.

Resignation-
Co-Curricular Accept the resignation of Robert Kern from his co-curricular position of Senior High Fall Intramurals/Weightlifting/Indoor Floor Tennis.

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

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

Conferences Approve the request of Denise Papay to attend the Keystone Reading Association annual conference in Hershey, PA from October 21-23, 2001. Expenses include \$120.00 for registration, \$40.00 for meals, \$392.00 for lodging, \$40.00 for travel, \$34.00 miscellaneous expenses for a total cost of \$626.00. Expenses for this conference will be paid for through Title I funds.

Approve the request of Debra Sanek to attend the Keystone Reading Association annual conference in Hershey, PA from October 21-23, 2001. Expenses include \$120.00 for registration, \$20.00 for meals, \$40.00 for travel, \$392.00 for lodging, \$8.00 miscellaneous expenses for a total cost of \$580.00. Expenses for this conference will be paid for through Title I funds.

Approve the request of Rose Lee Goldberg to attend the Keystone Reading Association annual conference in Hershey, PA from October 21-23, 2001. Expenses include \$120.00 for registration, \$20.00 for meals, \$40.00 for travel, \$392.00 for lodging, \$8.00 miscellaneous expenses for a total cost of \$580.00. Expenses for this conference will be paid for through Title I funds.

POLICY
(Con't.)

Approve the request of Dawn Mayer to attend the Keystone Reading Association annual conference in Hershey, PA from October 21-23, 2001. Expenses include \$120.00 for registration, \$20.00 for meals, \$40.00 for travel, \$8.00 miscellaneous expenses for a total cost of \$188.00. Expenses for this conference will be paid for through Title I funds.

Approve the request of Karen Nicholas to attend the Keystone Reading Association annual conference in Hershey, PA from October 21-23, 2001. Expenses include \$120.00 for registration, \$20.00 for meals, \$40.00 for travel, \$258.00.00 for lodging, \$8.00 miscellaneous expenses for a total cost of \$446.00. Expenses for this conference will be paid for through Title I funds.

Approve the request of Christopher Iacobelli to attend the Keystone Reading Association annual conference in Hershey, PA from October 21-23, 2001. Expenses include \$120.00 for registration, \$40.00 for meals, \$40.00 for travel, \$392.00 for lodging, for a total cost of \$592.00. Expenses for this conference will be paid for through Title I funds.

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

Attendance of Non-Resident Student Approve to permit a Slatington Elementary School and a middle school student, whose parents have executed an agreement to purchase property in the Northern Lehigh School District on or before September 28, 2001, to attend school in accordance with the future resident guidelines of School Board Policy #202.

Field Trip(s) Approve the following field trips:

Senior High Biology I Students & Teachers – Philadelphia Zoo– October 17, 2001. Cost of this trip will be paid for by the students.

Northern Lehigh High School Marching Band -- West Depford HS Marching Band Competition – West Depford, NJ -- September 22, 2001; Hanover HS Marching Band Competition – Hanover, PA – September 29, 2001; Atlantic Coast Championships – Scranton, PA – November 10, 2001

Elementary Gifted Students – Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire – Hershey, PA – October 12, 2001 – Cost of this trip will be paid for by PTO funds.

YEA: Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mrs. Sechler,
Mr. Fedorcha (7)

NAY: None (0)

**CURRIC-
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INSTRUCT-
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CLIU Special Education Services 2001-02

Motion was made by Mr. Green, with a second made by Mrs. Giles that the Board of Education approve the following items listed under Curriculum and Instruction:

Approve to authorize proper officials to execute an agreement between the Northern Lehigh School District and the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit to provide services for special education for the 2001-2002 school year as presented.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**(Con't.)**

Induction Program Approve the following teachers as helping teachers in the Northern Lehigh School District Induction Program for the 2001-2002 school year:

<u>Helping Teacher</u>	<u>Inductee</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Christine Koder	Kelly Harkins	\$750.00
Andrea Fella	Kelly Kromer	\$750.00
Marilyn Steckel	Amanda Glassic	\$750.00
Mary Ann S.-Mattiola	Roxanne Sagala	\$750.00
Denise Turoscy	Brian Pfingstl	\$750.00

Lehigh Valley Drug & Alcohol Intake Unit Agreement Authorize the superintendent to execute a Letter of Agreement for the 2001-2002 school year, which affirms that the Lehigh Valley Drug and Alcohol Intake Unit agrees to cooperate with the Northern Lehigh School District in their Student Assistance Program (SAP) initiative.

Middle School Management Consultant Agreement Approve to authorize proper officials to execute an agreement for contracted services between the Northern Lehigh School District and George P. White Education & Management Consultants for middle school transition services, effective July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003 at a fee of \$24,000 plus related expenses.

YEA: Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mrs. Sechler, Mr. Fedorcha (7)

NAY: None (0)

FINANCIAL

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

Treasurer's Report Approve the report of the Treasurer, Mr. Cox, for the month of August 2001.

Reports (Info Only) All board members received the August 2001 Expenditure Reports for the Cafeteria, General, and Capital Reserve funds.

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

Portfolio Summary Approve the Arthurs Lestrangle Cash Management Portfolio Summary for the month of August 2001.

Extend Agreement With United Inspection Services Approve to authorize proper officials to execute an agreement to extend the proposal, which was board approved on October 9, 2000, with United Inspection Services. This agreement was approved for construction testing in the senior high school and it is now recommended that United Inspection Services continue providing this service for the middle school alterations project.

CTC Assoc. Professional Services Agreement Approve to contract with CTC Associates for professional services to include voice/data systems for Slatington and Peters Elementary School and for additional technologies at the high school, middle school, Slatington and Peters Elementary School which include fire alarm, closed circuit TV, door entry monitoring and proximity card door access systems. Preparation of all designs, documentation, and bid documents will be done on an as need timeline.

YEA: Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mrs. Sechler, Mr. Fedorcha (7)

NAY: None (0)

**INFORM-
ATION**

All board members received a copy of the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit Board of Directors meeting held on August 20, 2001.

**ADJOURN-
MENT**

Motion was made by Mr. Newhard, with a second made by Mrs. Sechler that the regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors be adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

YEA: Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mrs. Sechler,
Mr. Fedorcha (7)

NAY: None (0)

Respectfully submitted,

Lori H. Geronikos
Secretary

ATTEST: _____ President
Gary S. Fedorcha