

**NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Board Minutes**

**Slatington, PA**  
**October 8, 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 7:35 p.m. on Monday, October 8, 2001, in the upstairs conference room of the Lehigh Career and Technical Institute in Schnecksville, PA.

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

Members absent: Mrs. Sheryl A. Giles, Mr. Jason M. Newhard (2)

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. Brian Geiger, Mr. Bernard Rockovich, Ms. Pamela Grammes, Mr. Nicholas Sander, Mrs. Doneta Merkle

**VISITORS** Approximately three visitors attended the meeting in addition to Sharon Minnich, reporter for The Times News.

**APPROVE MINUTES** A motion was made by Mr. Dorshimer, with a second made by Mrs. Sechler, that the minutes of the regular school board meeting held on September 10, 2001 and the regular school board meeting held on September 17, 2001 be approved and ordered filed.

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

NAY: None (0)

**SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS** Student representatives Pamela Grammes and Nicholas Sander gave their report for the month of October 2001.

Superintendent's Report -- Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Sr.

Mrs. Theresa Kokinda presented board members with an invitation from the Middle School Steering Committee to attend the Middle School Information Night scheduled for October 16, 2001.

Bernard Rockovich, Business Manager asked the board if there was any interest in having a private firm collect Delinquent Real Estate Taxes.

In the absence of Mrs. Fedorcha, Dr. Sham distributed an Administrative Assistant's Curriculum Report submitted by Mrs. Fedorcha and he reported that the PSSA scores have been received and the administration is not pleased with them.

An executive session was held prior to the meeting to discuss personnel issues. A short executive session was also held after the meeting for personnel reasons.

**PERSONNEL** A motion was made by Mrs. Sechler, with a second made by Mrs. Escott, that the Board of Education approve the following personnel items:

Substitutes-  
Instructional Employ the following substitute teacher 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:

Myra Mesher – Data processing, English 7-2, Math 7-12, Social Studies,

Elementary K-6, General Science, Mentally and/or Physically  
Handicapped, Spanish

**PERSONNEL**

(Con't.)

Substitute SH Administrative Detention Supervisor Approve to appoint Kathy Mohrey, senior high cafeteria/library monitor, as a Substitute Administrative Detention Supervisor in the senior high school, effective October 2, 2001. She will work two days a week (Tuesday and Thursday) from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. throughout the 2001-2002 school calendar year that warrants detention coverage. Salary will be \$15.00 for each day worked.

Substitute MS Administrative Detention Supervisor Approve to appoint Tamra Yesik, middle school cafeteria/hall monitor, as a Substitute Administrative Detention Supervisor in the middle school, effective October 2, 2001. She will work two days a week from 2:20 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. throughout the 2001-2002 school calendar year that warrants detention coverage. Salary will be \$12.00 for each day worked.

Co-curricular Appointment for 2001-2002

Sr. High Fall Intramural-Weightlifting/Indoor Floor Tennis-Todd Herzog - \$722.00

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

NAY: None (0)

Extend Appointment Of David Papay As SH Acting Principal A motion was made by Mrs. Geronikos, with a second made by Mrs. Sechler, that the Board of Education approve to extend the appointment of David Papay as Acting Principal of the Northern Lehigh High School until June 30, 2002. Mr. Papay is to receive an additional stipend in the amount of \$2500.00, effective October 9, 2001.

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

NAY: None (0)

**POLICY**

A motion was made by Mrs. Sechler, with a second made by Mrs. Escott, that the Board of Education approve the following policy items:

Conferences Approve the request of Sandra Becker to attend a conference sponsored by the Office of Special Programs at Lehigh University on November 12, 2001. Expenses include \$110.00 for registration, \$7.50 for travel for a total cost of \$117.50 plus the cost of a substitute teacher for one day. This conference is funded through IDEA Funds.

Approve the request of Gail Lafferty and Ellen Drake to attend a Project Care conference in Bethlehem, PA on December 4, 5, 6 and 7, 2001. Expenses include \$350.00 each for registration, \$24.00 each for travel, for a total cost of \$748.00 plus the cost of one substitute teacher for four days.

Approve the request of Theresa Cinicola to attend a conference sponsored by the Office of Special Programs at Lehigh University on November 12, 2001. Expenses include \$110.00 for registration, \$9.00 for travel for a total cost of \$119.00 plus the cost of a substitute teacher for one day. This conference is funded through IDEA Funds.

Approve the request of Steve Drake to attend the Technology Education Association of PA Annual Conference in Camp Hill, PA on November 8 and 9, 2001. Expenses for this conference include \$30.00 for registration, \$60.00 for meals, \$54.00 for travel, \$53.00 for lodging, for a total cost of \$197.00 plus the cost of a substitute teacher for two days and has been approved by the district Continuing Professional Education Committee.

**POLICY**

(Con't.)

Approve the request of Robert Hicks to attend the Technology Education Association of PA Annual Conference in Camp Hill, PA on November 8 and 9, 2001. Expenses for this conference include \$70.00 for registration, \$60.00 for meals, \$48.00 for travel, \$53.00 for lodging, for a total cost of \$231.00 plus the cost of a substitute teacher for two days and has been approved by the district Continuing Professional Education Committee.

Approve the request of Bernard Rockovich and Rhonda Frantz to attend a Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials conference in Grantville, PA on October 26, 2001. Expenses include \$115.00 each for registration, \$30.00 for travel for a total cost of \$260.00.

Approve the request of Suzanne Gower to attend the Pennsylvania Science Teacher Association conference on December 6 and 7, 2001 in Hershey. Expenses include \$45.00 for registration, \$87.00 for lodging, for a total cost of \$132.00 plus the cost of a substitute teacher for two days and has been approved by the district Professional Education Committee.

Approve the request of Dr. Linda Marcincin, to attend the National Middle School Association conference in Washington, DC on November 1, 2 and 3. Expenses for this conference include \$259.00 for registration, \$111.00 for travel, \$394.00 for lodging, \$50.00 for meals, \$20.00 for miscellaneous expenses for a total approximate cost of \$834.00.

NLHS Student Activities Fund Statement Approve the Northern Lehigh High School Student Activities Fund Statement for the month of September 2001.

Field Trip Middle/High School Ski Club – Five-Six Day Visit Ski Trip – Blue Mountain Ski Area – To Begin January 13, 2002 – No Cost To The District – No Transportation Via District

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

NAY: None (0)

**CURRIC-  
ULUM AND  
INSTRUCT-  
ION**

A motion was made by Mr. Dorshimer, with a second made by Mrs. Sechler, that the Board of Education approve the following items listed under Curriculum and Instruction:

Apply For Act 80 Day For 2001-2002 School Year Approve to authorize the Superintendent to apply to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for an Act 80 Exception to instructional time for the 2001-2002 school year. The application will request one day, November 27, 2001 and will be utilized for the purpose of administering the Professional Development Assistance Program.

CLIU Classroom Rental At Peters Elementary Grant permission to the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit to rent one (1) classroom in the Peters Elementary School at the rate of \$150.00 per month. This rental is for the 2001-2002 program year to provide preschool services.

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

NAY: None (0)

<b><u>FINANCIAL</u></b>	A motion was made by Mr. Cox, with a second by Mr. Dorshimer, 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 September 2001.
Reports (Info Only)	Approve the September 2001 Revenue and Expenditure Reports for the Cafeteria, General, and Capital Reserve Funds, as presented.
Pay Bills	Approve payment of General Fund bills for the month of September 2001, as presented.
Pay Construction Account Bills	Approve payment of bills from the Construction Account, as presented.
Security For Portable Class-rooms	Approve a proposal and agreement from Altronics Security Systems to include security in the portable classrooms behind the Slatington Elementary School for the following costs:  Installation Investment -- \$684.00 Monitoring Agreement For The Year -- \$240.00 Passive Opening/Closing -- \$60.00
Purchase Dixie Chopper	Approve to purchase a Dixie Chopper at a cost of \$9,459.44 and grass collection unit for the grass cutter at a cost of \$2,130.41. These items will be purchased from State Contract Number 2430-01 at a total cost of \$11,589.85. Funding is available in the district's Capital Reserve 1 account.
Purchase Utility Truck With Plow & Trailer Hitch	Approve to purchase a Chevy HD2500 4X4 Utility Truck with Plow and Trailer Hitch at a total cost of \$29,360.39. This item will be purchased from State Contract Number 2310-01. Funding is available in the district's Capital Reserve 1 account.
Curb Cut Ramp At Slatington Elementary	Approve a proposal from F.A. Rohrbach, Inc. to install a curb cut ramp in front of the Slatington Elementary School at a cost of \$2,494.00. This item was included in the 2001-2002 district budget.
HS Network Electronics Upgrade	Approve to purchase the following items for the network electronics upgrade and additions project at the high school as follows at a total cost of \$40,477.00:  \$35,712.00 for the purchase of three (3) Nortel Networks Business Policy Switches and fifteen (15) Nortel Networks BayStack 450-24T 10/100BASE Ethernet Switches with the associated modules and cables from Corporate Networking, Inc. of Worcester, PA.  \$4,080.00 for the purchase of one (1) Marconi LE 25 ATM Workgroup Switch from PenTeleData Partnership, LTD, of Palmerton, PA.  \$685.00 for the purchase of two hundred and fifty (250) Category 5 2ft. patch cables and one hundred (100) Category 5 1ft. patch cables from Graybar Electric of Allentown, PA.

**FINANCIAL**

(Con't.)

Re-Open 2001-  
2002 General  
Fund Budget

A motion was made by Mrs. Sechler, with a second made by Mrs. Geronikos, that the Board of Education approve to reopen the 2001-2002 General Fund Budget to include the following revenues and expenses related to additional grants:

**Federal Funds:**Additional Revenues

Title I	\$ 67,297
Title VI	\$ 367
CSRI	\$ 23,392

Total Increase \$91,056

Additional Expenses

10-1490-120-440 Title I Salaries	\$74,760
10-1490-200-440 Title I Benefits	\$14,933

Total Increase \$89,693

Additional General Fund Expenses due to Title I Waiver

10-5801-000 Contingency for raises	\$49,000.00
10-2260-320 Middle School Transition	\$ 8,870.00
10-1100-240 Teacher Tuition Reimb.	\$10,920.02
10-2260-320 Supt. Office Tuition Reimb.	\$ 6,543.00
10-2260-320 Additional C&I Money	\$ 14,359.98

Total Increases \$89,693.00

**State Funds:**Additional Revenues

Students Achieving Standards Grant	\$73,440
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Additional Expenses

10-2845-610-340 Computer Supplies	\$57,241.00
10-2845-750-340 Computer Equipment	\$16,199.00

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

Motion failed for lack of a quorum -- 2/3 majority vote of entire board.

**INFORM-  
ATION**

All board members received a copy of the minutes of the Lehigh Carbon Community College Board of Trustees meeting held on September 6, 2001.

All board members received a copy of the minutes of the Washington Township Board of Supervisors meeting held on August 14, 2001.

Notification has been received from the PA Department of Education of their approval of PlanCon Part F – Construction Documents and PlanCon Part G-Project Accounting Based on Bids for the Northern Lehigh School District. Copies of these documents and appended materials will be entered into the official minutes of this meeting.

**ADJOURN-  
MENT**

A motion was made by Mrs. Geronikos with a second made by Mrs. Escott, that the regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors be adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mrs. Sechler, Mr. Fedorcha (8)

NAY: None (0)

Respectfully submitted,

Lori H. Geronikos  
Secretary

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ President  
Gary S. Fedorcha