

NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Minutes

Slatington, PA
April 1, 2002

PURPOSE The regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors was called to order by the President, Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha, at 7:40 p.m. on Monday, April 1, 2002 in the auditorium of the Northern Lehigh High School.

ROLL CALL Members present: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mr. Fedorcha (8)

Members absent: Mrs. Giles (1)

Non-members present: Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Sr., Mrs. Lynne B. Fedorcha, Mr. Christopher Iacobelli, Mrs. Karen Nicholas, Mr. John Hrizuk, Mr. David Papay, Mr. Robert Mack, Mr. Brian Geiger, Mr. Bernard Rockovich, Atty. Charles Stopp (Solicitor), Mr. Jeffrey Bachman, Ms. Laurie Newman, Mrs. Doneta J. Merkle

VISITORS Approximately 15 visitors attended the meeting, in addition to Sharon Minnich, reporter for The Times News.

SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS Carbon-Lehigh Intermediate Unit -- Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer
Mr. Dorshimer highlighted several items printed in the CLIU Board Brief that was distributed to all board members.

Committee Reports and/or Meetings The minutes of the Community Relations/Volunteerism Committee meeting held on March 20, 2002 were distributed to all board members and administrators.

Legislative Report -- Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos

Mrs. Geronikos gave her report highlighting several legislative items currently active in the legislature. She informed the board that the district's new senator is, Senator James Rhodes who is the chairman of the Senate Education Committee.

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

Dr. Sham paid tribute to Mr. Ronald Borger, who recently retired as a teacher from the district after teaching for 34 years.

He announced that the April Technology/Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting has been moved from Wednesday, April 3 to Thursday, April 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the boardroom.

Executive Sessions An Executive Session was held in the high school faculty room beginning at 7:00 p.m. to discuss personnel issues. An Executive Session was also held immediately following the meeting for personnel issues.

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

Appointment-Instructional	Gail Barilla Assignment:	Extension of Temporary Vacancy Replacement Contract Special Education Learning Support Teacher, who is replacing Barbara Zambo who was replacing Cassandra Frantz who has been granted an extension of an unpaid leave of absence.
	Salary:	\$37,000 (Step 1 Masters – Pro-rated)
	Effective Date:	March 13, 2002
	Termination Date:	On or about April 30, 2002

PERSONNEL Employ the following substitute teacher for the 2001-2002 school year at the substitute teacher rates

- (Con't.) of \$70.00 for 1-10 non-consecutive days; \$80.00 for 11-20 non-consecutive days; and \$90.00 for 21+ non-consecutive days:
- Substitutes - Instructional
 Julie Smith – Elementary Education K-6
 Beth A. Trexler – School Nurse
- Non-Instructional
 Employ the following substitute instructional aide for the 2001-2002 school year at the substitute rate of \$7.25 per hour: Tina Williams
- Employ the following substitute secretary for the 2001-2002 school year at the substitute rate of \$7.25 per hour: Tina Williams
- Employ the following substitute cafeteria worker for the 2001-2002 school year at the substitute rate of \$7.25 per hour: Tina Williams
- Asst. Varsity Soccer 2003 Coach
 Approve to appoint Angela Scolaro to the position of Assistant Varsity Girls' Soccer Coach for the Spring Girls' 2003 season at a stipend of \$2500.
- Asst. Varsity Boys' Soccer Coach
 Approve to appoint Douglas Keichel to the position of Assistant Varsity Boys' Soccer Coach for Fall 2002 season at a stipend of \$2500.
- Unpaid Leave
 Approve the request of Susan Mendes to take a five-day leave of absence from May 13 to 17, 2002. Her request will not be considered a precedent for future requests per correspondence received from the Northern Lehigh Education Association.

Co-Curricular Appointments for 2002-2003*

Head Football Coach – James Tkach
 Assistant Football Coach – Samuel Bonner
 Assistant Football Coach – Steve Hluschak
 Assistant Football Coach – Dennis Rose
 Assistant Football Coach – Glenn Serfass
 Assistant Football Coach – Richard Snell
 Assistant Football Coach – Joseph Tout
 Head Cross Country Coach – David Oertner
 Assistant Cross Country Coach – Beth Case
 Head Field Hockey Coach – Mary Redline
 Assistant Field Hockey Coach – Jessica Schoenberger
 Senior High Fall Intramural – Renee Evans – Tennis
 Senior High Fall Intramural – Todd Herzog – Weightlifting/Indoor Floor Tennis
 Senior High Fall Intramural – David Redline -- Basketball
 Majorette/Band Front Director – Lauren Zielinski

**The stipend will be determined when a new Collective Bargaining Agreement is approved.*

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green,
 Mr. Newhard, Mr. Fedorcha (8)
 NAY: None (0)

POLICY

A motion was made by Mr. Dorshimer, with a second made by Mr. Cox, that the Board of Education approve the following items listed under Policy:

- Conferences Approve the request of David Clemmer to attend the PA School Librarians Association 29th Annual Conference on April 18-20, 2002 in Hershey, PA. Expenses include \$220.00 for registration, \$40.00 for meals, \$36.00 for travel, \$271.00 for lodging, \$10.00 for miscellaneous expenses, for a total cost of \$577.00 plus the cost of a substitute teacher for one day and will be paid for through Curriculum and Instruction funds.
- Approve the request of Todd Herzog, Susan Strubinger, Jane Kutney, Denise Papay, Joanne Perich, Debra Sanek, Claire Heim, Barbara Mantz, EdithAnn Fella, and Marilyn Steckel, to attend a Bureau of Education and Research conference on May 16, 2002 in Allentown. Expenses for this conference include \$135.00 each for registration, \$18.00 for travel for a total cost of \$1368.00 plus the cost of eight substitute teachers for the day and will be paid for through Title I funds.
- Approve the request of Laurie Newman to attend the 30th Annual Education Law Conference at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, PA on May 10, 2002. Expenses for this conference include \$115.00 for registration and will be paid for through IDEA funds.
- Approve the request of Terry Jenkins to attend the PA Music Educators Association Convention on April 18 and 19, 2002 in Philadelphia, PA. Expenses for this in-service conference include \$75.00 for registration, \$49.00 for travel for a total cost of \$114.00 plus the cost of a substitute teacher for one day.
- Approve the request of Debra Siglin and Susan Mendes to attend a Bureau of Education & Research conference in King of Prussia on May 7, 2002. Expenses for this conference include \$175.00 each for registration for a total of \$350.00 plus the cost of two substitute teachers for one the day.
- NLHS Student Activities Acct. Fund Statement Approve the Northern Lehigh High School Student Activities Account Fund Statement for the month of February 2002.
- YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mr. Fedorcha (8)
- NAY: None (0)
- CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION** A motion was made by Mr. Newhard, with a second made by Mr. Green, that the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors approve the Northern Lehigh School District 2002-2003 School Calendar, as presented. (See Attached)
- 2002-2003 NLSD School Calendar YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mr. Fedorcha (8)
- NAY: None (0)
- OLD BUSINESS** A motion was made by Mrs. Geronikos, with a second made by Mrs. Ganser, that the Board of Education approve to appoint Benjamin L. Pratt, Esq. to replace Harrison Sanders, Esq. as the Chief Negotiator between the Northern Lehigh School District Board of Education and the Northern Lehigh Education Association at a cost of \$85.00 per hour, which will include all work in conjunction with negotiations and will be capped at \$10,000.00 per calendar year.
- YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mr. Fedorcha (8)
- NAY: None (0)
- FINANCIAL** A motion was made by Mr. Cox, with a second made by Mr. Dorshimer, that the Board of Education approve the following financial items:
- Capital Reserve #1 Bills Approve payment of bills from the Capital Reserve #1 Account, as presented.

Construction Account Bills	Approve payment of bills from the Construction Account, as presented.								
Extended Construction Bills	Approve payment of bills from the Extended Construction Account, as presented.								
Portfolio Summary	Approve the Arthurs Lestrange Cash Management Portfolio for the month of February 2002.								
PLANCON PART I	Approve the submission of PLANCON PART I for the Northern Lehigh Middle School roof project.								
Solicit Bids For Supplies, Unleaded Gas, Diesel /Fuel & #2 Heating Fuel	Approve to authorize the proper officials to solicit bids for the following supplies for the 2002-2003 school year: <table border="0" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>General Supplies</td> <td>Industrial Art Supplies</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lumber Supplies</td> <td>Physical Education Supplies</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Art Supplies</td> <td>Diesel</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Unleaded Gasoline</td> <td>#2 Heating Fuel</td> </tr> </table>	General Supplies	Industrial Art Supplies	Lumber Supplies	Physical Education Supplies	Art Supplies	Diesel	Unleaded Gasoline	#2 Heating Fuel
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Sale Of Millrite-Powermatic	Authorize the Business Office to advertise for sale the Millrite-Powermatic metal milling machine that is located in the high school technical education room.								
Extend Transportation Contract For Two Years	Authorize a two-year extension to the transportation contract that will expire on June 30, 2002 with Laidlaw Transit Incorporated. Daily renewal rates for bus runs and the contract extension agreement are attached for review. Please note that the daily run rates will increase by 4.5% for public transportation and 4.2% for non-public transportation.								
Solicit Bids For Stage Curtains	Authorize the business office to solicit bids for the high school, middle school, and Slatington Elementary stage curtain replacements. The middle school curtain will be paid from the Construction Fund account and the high school curtain will be funded from either construction funds or the Capital Reserve #1 Fund. The Slatington curtain will be paid from the Capital Reserve #1 Fund.								
Approve Audit Firm For 2001-2002 School Year Audit	Approve the local Certified Public Accountant auditing proposal provided by Hutchinson, Gorman, & Freeh, P.C. for the 2001-2002 school year audits. The base fee is \$11,900 and the Federal Single Audit will cost an additional \$2,150. The base fee last year was \$10,400 and the single audit cost \$2,050. This is a total increase of \$1,600 or 12.86% over last year's amount. Reasons cited for the increase include GASB 34, two new bond issues, and additional lease agreements.								
Real Estate Tax Refund	Approve a \$31.49 real estate tax refund to Charles and Lynette Romig of 4919 Park Avenue, Slatington, PA 18080. The Lehigh County Assessment Office reduced the assessed value of their property from \$37,250 to \$35,750.								

FINANCIAL (Con't.)

Adjust 2001-02 General Fund Budget

Approve to adjust the 2001-2002 General Fund Budget to include the following revenues and expenses related to additional grants:

PA STATE FUNDS:

Additional Revenues

10-7150-000-204	PSSA Incentive Funding 2001-02 School Year	\$19,824
	Total Increases	\$19,824

Expenditures of Additional Revenues

10-2270-320-204-000-02	Staff Development Professional Services	\$9,912
10-2270-610-204-000-02	Staff Development Supplies	\$4,956
10-2270-890-204-000-02	Staff Development Misc. Expenses	\$4,956
	Total	\$19,824

FEDERAL FUNDS**Additional Revenues**

10-8514-000-440-000-02	Title I Revenues	\$7,792
	Total Increases	\$7,792

Expenditures of Additional Revenues

10-1490-610-440-000-02	Title I Supplies	\$7,792
	Total	\$7,792

**Budgetary
Transfer**

Approve the following budgetary transfers as presented:

FROM: 10-2750-513	\$7,500
TO: 10-2600-432-000-10-21	\$7,500

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green,
Mr. Newhard, Mr. Fedorcha (8)

NAY: None (0)

**CORRES-
PONDENCE**

All board members received copies of the minutes of the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit Board of Directors meeting held on February 21, 2002 and the minutes of the Washington Township Board of Supervisors meeting held on February 12, 2002.

**INFORM-
ATION**

Notification has been received from the Pennsylvania Department of Education of their approval of PlanCon H, Project Financing for Additions and Partial Alterations for the high school. Copies of these documents and appended materials have been entered into the official minutes of this meeting.

Notification has been received from the Pennsylvania Department of Education of their approval of PlanCon H, Project Financing for Maximum Reimbursable Formula Amount for the middle school. Copies of these documents and appended materials have been entered into the official minutes of this meeting.

Notification has been received from the Pennsylvania Department of Education that our Request for Section 1504 (Act 80) Exception for the 2001-2002 school year has been approved.

**INFORM-
ATION**

Information regarding Resolution Act 9 of 2001 was distributed to all board members.

Information regarding Technology Leadership Academies for School Board Directors was distributed to all board members.

**RECOG-
NITION
OF**

David Oertner – Washington Township – Asked whether the board was considering reconfiguring the structure of the elementary schools.

GUESTS

Richard Moser – Washington Township – Asked why is the curriculum in the two elementary schools different and would this reconfiguring increase the student-teacher ratio.

**ADJOURN-
MENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Dorshimer, with a second made by Mr. Newhard, that the regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh School District Board of Education be adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green,
Mr. Newhard, Mr. Fedorcha (8)

NAY: None (0)

Respectfully submitted,

Jane J. Escott
Secretary

ATTEST: _____ President
Gary S. Fedorcha