

NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular School Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 3, 2006
7:30 P.M.



- I. A. By notice of the President, Board Members are advised that all financial matters shall be regarded as roll call votes. The minutes should also note that Public Notice was given for this meeting in accordance with Act 84 of 1986.
- B. School Board Meeting shall proceed in accordance with School Board Policy.
- C. Pledge of Allegiance.
- D. Roll Call.
- E. Public Comment -- Restricted to Agenda Items.

II. SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS

- A. Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer
- B. Lehigh Career and Technical Institute Mrs. Sheryl A. Giles
- C. Legislative Report Mr. Gregory A. Williams
- D. Committee Reports and/or Meetings
 - Approve to appoint Julie Fehnel, Slatington Elementary fourth grade teacher, to the Community Relations Committee for 2006.
- E. Student representatives to the Board Report Ms. Jessica Fidler
Mr. Nathan Hunsicker
- F. Solicitor's Report Attorney Charles Stopp
- G. Federal and Other Programs Update Mrs. Lynne B. Fedorcha
- H. Superintendent's Report Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Sr.
 - Pennsylvania School Boards Association – January is School Board Recognition Month
- I. Executive Session will be held at 7:10 p.m. in the Superintendent's Office.

III. PERSONNEL

A. Resignation

1. Accept the resignation of Nancy Wagner from her position of Title I Aide in the Peters Elementary School, effective on or about January 20, 2006.

B. Approve the following unpaid volunteer aides in the Peters Elementary School for the 2005-2006 school year: **(Pending Verification of Clearances)**

Christine Lutz
Vicky Papay

C. Rescind Appointment

Approve to rescind the appointment of Michele Tadman as a volunteer aide in the Slatington Elementary School. There are no clearances on file for her.

- #### D. Approve the request of Thomas Trimble, district maintenance employee, to take a 12-week Family Medical Leave of Absence, effective January 8, 2006 and continuing for approximately eight weeks.

IV. POLICY

A. Board Policy – First Reading

1. Approve to revise school board policy #335 – Administrative Employees – Family and Medical Leaves, as presented after first reading. **(Attachment #1)**
2. Approve to revise school board policy #535 – Classified Employees – Family and Medical Leaves, as presented after first reading. **(Attachment #2)**

B. Conferences

1. Sheila Lanshe – PA School Counselors Association Annual Conference – March 2-4, 2006 – Lancaster, PA – Registration: \$265.00, Travel -- \$48.00, Lodging: \$49.40 – Total Approximate Cost: \$363.00 – Funding – Senior High Budget **(Attachment #3)**
2. Mary Smith – PA School Counselors Association Annual Conference – March 2-4, 2006 – Lancaster, PA – Registration: \$265.00, Lodging: \$49.40 – Total Approximate Cost: \$314.40 – Funding – Senior High Budget **(Attachment #4)**
3. Brian Geiger – 51st Annual Conference & Exhibit – Sponsored by PA Association of School Business Officials – March 7-10, 2006 – Hershey, PA – Registration: \$ 360.00, Meals: \$260.00, Travel: \$80.00, Lodging: \$400.00. Total Approximate Cost: \$1104.00 – Funding – Support Services Budget **(Attachment #5)**
4. Lynne Fedorcha – Reading Apprenticeship Winter Conference – March 2-5, 2006 – Rockville, MD – Travel: \$150.00, Meals: \$72.00, Lodging: \$328.00 – Total Approximate Cost: \$550.00 – Funding – Title IIA **(Attachment #6)**

B. Extension of Homebound Instruction

Approve to extend homebound instruction for Student # 745000, for five hours per week, effective December 22, 2005 through March 22, 2006. This student was previously granted homebound instruction on October 10, 2005.

V. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution for School Director Recognition Month – January 2006

WHEREAS, the role of locally elected school officials has served the commonwealth of Pennsylvania and local communities in meeting the needs of public education since the passage of the Free School Act in 1834; and

WHEREAS, these local boards have discharged their responsibilities to public education in a manner which has placed education in the forefront of our educational systems; and

WHEREAS, locally elected officials have distinguished themselves and their communities in this non-paid, volunteer public service commitment; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of these men and women who serve on the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors:

Franklin D. Beers
Donald H. Dengler
Bryan C. Dorshimer
Raymond J. Follweiler, Jr.
Lauren A. Ganser
Sheryl A. Giles
Mathias J. Green, Jr.
Peter A. Ruth
Gregory S. Williams

Should be recognized and appreciated by those who benefit from the workings of our public school system;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Board of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association hereby proclaims the month of January as School Director Recognition Month in this Commonwealth; and the citizens, students, teachers, and administrators of the Northern Lehigh School District seek to honor said directors for their dedication and selfless time commitment to the workings of the district,

FURTHER RESOLVE that this proclamation be communicated to all school districts, school officials and local communities in a planned program which brings visibility and awareness of the role of locally elected school officials to the citizenry of this Commonwealth and be entered into the minutes of this meeting of January 3, 2006.

VIII. FINANCIAL

- A. Approve abatements/exonerations of per capita taxes, for the residents that fall within the guidelines, as listed in **attachment #7**.
- B. Approve the Arthurs Lestrangle Cash Management Portfolio for the month of November 2005. (**Attachment #8**)

IX. LEGAL

X. CORRESPONDENCE

XI. INFORMATION

- A. Minutes of the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit 21 Board of Directors meeting held on November 21, 2005.
- B. Minutes of the Washington Township Board of Supervisors meeting held on November 9, 2005.
- C. Minutes of the Lehigh Career and Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee meeting held on October 26, 2005 and the LCTI Director's Report for December 2005.
- D. Minutes of the Borough of Slatington Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on August 15, October 17, and November 21, 2005.

XII. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

XIII. ADJOURNMENT