

**NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Board Minutes**

**Slatington, PA**  
**September 13, 2010**

**PURPOSE** The regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors was called to order by the President, Mr. Edward E. Hartman, at 7:35 p.m. on Monday, September 13, 2010 in the Middle School Auditorium.

**ROLL CALL** Members present: Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha, Mr. Raymond J. Follweiler, Jr., Mrs. Lauren A. Ganser, Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos, Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr., Mrs. Natalie J. Green, Mrs. Donna M. Kulp, Mr. Gregory S. Williams, Mr. Edward E. Hartman (9)

Members absent: None (0)

Non-members present: Mr. Donald Allen, Mr. Jeffrey Bachman, Mrs. Susan Bahnick, Mrs. Jill Chamberlain, Mr. Greg Derr, Ms. Heather Heiney (Student Rep.), Mr. John Hrizuk, Dr. Linda Marcincin, Mr. Jeremy Melber, Mr. Michael Michaels, Mr. Justin Molitoris (Student Rep.), Mr. Eugene Marks, Mrs. Karen Nicholas, Mr. Paul Rearden, Ms. Heather Rehrig, Atty. Keith Strohl (Solicitor), Mrs. Mary Kay Williamson, Mrs. Aileen Yadush and Mrs. Rhonda Frantz.

**VISITORS** Approximately Fifty Three visitors attended the meeting, in addition to Terry Ahner, reporter for The Times News, The Morning Call and Channel 13 News.

**APPROVE MINUTES** Mrs. Ganser made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Fedorcha, that the minutes of the regular school board meeting held on August 9, 2010 be approved and ordered filed.

YEA: Mr. Fedorcha, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Kulp, Mr. Williams, Mr. Hartman (9)

NAY: None (0)

**SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS** Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit – Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha reported that the minutes from the meeting are attached to the agenda.

Lehigh Career and Technical Institute – Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos reported that LCTI has now been accepted with full accreditation as a technical institute. In the future LCTI will begin offering classes that other trade schools offer. As this program grows, the hopes are that students will be able to go to LCCC for college courses and go to LCTI for their technical course and as it grows and funding becomes available the hope is to work in cooperation with Bloomsburg University for bachelors degree in technical areas through LCTI. There will be extra benefits for the Lehigh County sending school districts in regards to tuition and other areas. She further stated that LCTI approved Dr. Hornberger's salary increase. She stated that \$40,000 of his salary comes from the state because he works as an advisor for the State of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Fedorcha asked if the sending districts will have a vote on LCTI and becoming a technical institute.

Mrs. Geronikos stated that the sending districts will be able to vote on this. The logistic of this is still being worked out. She stated that LCTI needed to get the accreditation approval prior to bringing it to the boards.

Legislative Report – Mr. Gregory S. Williams reported that on September 30 the guidelines for child nutrition expire and the new guidelines are currently being worked on. He stated that if Mrs. Bahnick happens to see anything that will be an undue burden to the district she should let the Board know.

Lehigh Carbon Community College – Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr. reported that the technical institute is a joint venture between LCCC and LCTI. At this point in time the district's taxpayers are responsible for paying for a portion of a student's education beyond 12<sup>th</sup> grade. He stated that if you are a student at Tamaqua Area School District for two years, the Morgan Foundation pays for two full

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years of LCCC at the Tamaqua campus. Another foundation called the Scheller Foundation will pick up years three and four at Bloomsburg, Kutztown or East Stroudsburg University. So if you graduate from Tamaqua Area High School you can get four years of free college tuition because of these agreements that have been worked out. LCCC is trying to do the same thing with college with respect to this program. It is not in place yet but from the colleges prospective, years one and two will be paid for as they currently are but years three and four would be run similar to our non-credit program.

Committee Reports and/or Meetings

Minutes of the Policy/Education Committee Meeting held on September 7, 2010 were distributed.

Minutes of the Community Relations Committee Meeting held on September 7, 2010 were distributed.

Minutes of the Technology Buildings and Grounds Committee Meetings held on September 8, 2010 were distributed.

Minutes of the Finance Committee Meetings held on September 8, 2010 were distributed.

Student Representatives to the Board Report

Mr. Justin Molitoris and Ms. Heather Heiney distributed their written student representative report and verbally reported on its contents.

Solicitor's Report – Attorney Keith Strohl passed information to Mr. Michaels concerning a recent court of common pleas case dealing with disclosure of electronic communication (e-mails) kept on an employee's personal computer.

Federal and Other Programs Update – Mrs. Karen A. Nicholas reported that all buildings within the school district made AYP. Currently she stated that we are using webinars to learn about PVAAS and e-metrics. Administrators, along with small teams of teachers, will be making trips to the IU to gain more information about PVAAS and e-metric which is the system used for data analysis. Mrs. Nicholas stated for the public what Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) is.

Business Manager's Report – Mr. Jeremy G. Melber stated on the agenda for approval this evening are bills and per capita abatements/exonerations. Mr. Melber stated that Northern Lehigh's new Basic Ed Subsidy number for the 2010-2011 school year was increased by about \$70,000. Mr. Melber distributed a financial analysis for Northern Lehigh for the second phase of financing for the Slatington Elementary Renovation project. Mr. Melber gave a brief power point presentation on this information.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Michael W. Michaels

Atty. Keith Strohl swore in new Student Representative to the Board, Heather Heiney.

Mr. Michaels reminded all school board members and administration that next months board meeting will be held on October 11, 2010 at LCTI.

All board members received a Third Day Enrollment Report, a book with a copy of all district contracts and agreements in it and a book with the individual and district goals for the 2010-2011 school year. These goals were rolled out at various committee meetings over the last few weeks.

Mr. Michaels stated that opening of school last week went very well. Preparation by administration made this an easy transition for all students into the new school year.

He stated that there are pamphlets in the rear of the auditorium listing all the various district projects accomplished this summer, as well as, previous years.

Mr. Hartman stated that the board was in executive session prior to tonight's regular school board meeting to discuss personnel issues.

**PERSONNEL** Mr. Williams made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Ganser, that the Board of Education approve to remove from the table the motion to rescind the appointment of Richard Oertner as Head Basketball Coach.

YEA: Mr. Fedorcha, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Kulp, Mr. Williams, Mr. Hartman (9)

NAY: None (0)

Rescind Co-Curricular Appointment 2010-2011 Mrs. Kulp made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Williams that the Board of Education rescind the appointment of Richard Oertner from his position as Head Boys Basketball Coach for the 2010-2011 school year which was originally approved at the April 12, 2010 board meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** Richard Oertner – Slatington Borough– thanked the board for allowing him to speak this evening. He stated that this has been a very long month and a half. He has done a lot of thinking. He stated that nothing close to this incident has ever happened before. He is dedicated to this school and the student athletes. He loves coaching basketball and hopes to remain as head coach. He hopes the board is able to weight the pluses and experience which clearly outweigh this one mistake he made. He is still hopeful this can be resolved in another way than him losing his basketball job. He will work hard to justify your cause. He has talked to players a lot about commitment and he has committed to this program for many years and hopes that the commitment will last for many years to come. He again apologized for placing the board in a position to make such a tough decision. He is just hopeful that the board can look at the overall picture beyond this single incident and allow him to retain his position as basketball coach.

Mary Surdovel – Slatington Borough – stated that she heard the heartfelt apology that Coach Oertner had given. However, she feels the board needs to evaluate the safety of our children in the classroom, outside the classroom and everywhere. She believes it is only fair to the students and community to rescind his appointment as coach.

Arthur George – Slatington Borough – He appreciated the opportunity to say a few words this evening. He will try to keep it as brief as he can but in light of the fact that this is going to be a one time opportunity prior to the board passing their vote he feels it is important for both himself and all the other basketball parents here tonight who feel very passionate about this topic and his comments might be a bit long in nature. He is a long timer when it comes to parents involved in the program. He stated that he sent a letter to all board members that was originally sent to Mr. Michaels back in July, hoping to have a conversation with him. Mr. Michaels returned his phone call soon after receiving it and they had a lengthy conversation. He appreciated Mr. Michaels' professionalism and courtesy for calling him back that day. The letter explained that he had two sons that have gone through the basketball program, one currently in the program and another one on the way. He explained that he had 10 years of experience watching Coach Oertner handle the Northern Lehigh Basketball Program and it's players and he could speak of first hand observations. In late July a mistake was made and everyone involved recognizes that. Coach Oertner immediately apologized to everyone and anyone that would listen. Since then time has been in limbo. Coach Oertner's role as head coach has been in limbo; the players understanding who their head coach is going to be for the next basketball season has been in limbo; the entire program has been in limbo. There has been a lot of media coverage. At the same time all of Northern Lehigh's opponents have been moving forward for the coming year. Parents and players of the basketball program realize there was a mistake made. There is no debate there. They are also united about another thing, which is they would like Coach Oertner to remain as head coach for the Northern Lehigh Basketball program. The unified result in keeping him as head coach comes from the parents of players who entrust the safety of there sons to Coach Oertner as well as being tax paying citizens of the Northern Lehigh School District. Tonight there will be a vote taken, a vote that will decide Coach Oertner's future and is also a vote that will impact my son and will impact the sons of the parents who are all a part of the bulldog basketball family. This team, our children, all of us parents will be impacted personally. Before you take this vote he only thinks it is fair and important to take a look at Coach Oertner's record. Now before anybody jumps to conclusions, he is not talking about wins and losses

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or the multiple championships won. The issue at hand is of safety and risk. Coach Oertner has been head coach of the basketball program for over 10 years. Unlike some other programs, his players will tell you that his seasons are much longer than late fall to early spring. He runs a year round voluntary work out program and he is with our sons throughout the fall, winter, spring and summer. To say he is in regular contact with the bulldog basketball players for a good part of time over that 10 year time period is not a stretch. He would like to break that down a little bit because those 10 years equate roughly to a time period of 3,650 days. He has observed the program for that long and it is fair to say that Coach Oertner had regular contact with these basketball players encompassing all those days and years. Unfortunately there was the July 28<sup>th</sup> incident that a mistake was made. That mistake on the road lasted approximately 5 minutes and again he is in no way minimizing the error. Looking at his record of safety, you have a coach with no problems being in charge of kids for 3600 days in 10 years but he made a one time mistake and it brings us to today. He has been cited for two traffic summary offenses. I'm sure you read that publicly in the newspapers just like coach himself found out. He received the two traffic summary citations in the mail. The Board, he understands, received many phone calls, letters and e-mails since this issue began. He has heard that by far the majority was positive in nature, supported Coach. These communications were from current players, parents, past players, friends of Coach and he even heard that referees and opposing coaches have sent correspondences. Think about that, opposing coaches and referees. This should tell you a little something and speak volumes about the regard for Coach Oertner and his program and also the positive reputation he has built for the Northern Lehigh School District. Looking forward, what is the risk of keeping this coach with a 10 year plus history at Northern Lehigh? Anyone can create conservative liability and insurance scenarios that would raise all the red flag "what ifs." But this is where you as a board member have to take into consideration his past record, what is the past performance of this individual when it comes to safety. It is also important for the board to put aside these liability "what ifs" and get down to something that seems to be missing here quite possibly, it is what I call a human factor. Human factor is when your gut feeling and your judgment comes into play. Do you really believe that Coach Oertner will be involved in any incident even remotely similar to this ever again? He watched Coach Oertner address the board at last month's board meeting, certainly you see the humility he has experienced and how badly he wants to retain his position and that's where your own personal judgment comes in. As you render your vote on Coaches' future tonight, please understand this, the vote impacts these kids and younger kids currently coming through the program. It will impact the son's of the parents here tonight and those that were also here at last month's meeting and are a part of our Bulldog Basketball Program. We support Coach Oertner and we hope you do as well. Thank you for your time.

Edward Ziegler – Washington Twsp – He stated that this is the most people he has ever seen at a board meeting. Normally there is 2 or 3, sometimes 4 or 5, never a crowd like this. He asked the ones that are in support of Coach Oertner to rise and show their support for Coach Oertner. Many of you may know me, some of you may not, and some of you may know my son who was involved in a motorcycle accident. It will be two weeks on Wednesday. He is in Lehigh Valley Hospital with head injuries, broken ribs, broken shoulder. He will be there for a very long time. He is not a graduate of Northern Lehigh, he lived in Parkland at the time and his children graduated from there. Please keep him in your prayers.

Michael Hoffman, Jr. – Washington Twsp – He is here to represent Northern Lehigh Basketball Team as one of its senior members for the upcoming season. To open he would like to look at Coach Oertner's success on the basketball court. In just 10 years he has a record of 462 wins and only 98 losses, compiling a winning percentage which is second best in school history. Coach Oertner's teams have qualified for the district 11 playoffs for 9 of his 10 seasons. He has led Northern Lehigh to the Colonial League West Division Championships 4 times and the North Division Championship once. He has won the overall Colonial League Championship three times in the past four years and has the first District 11 Championship for Northern League Basketball, both girls and boys combined, since the famous 1954 iron man team. His coaching staff has over 70 years combined coaching experience all at Northern Lehigh but those on the court statistics mean very little in comparison to the relationships he has with his players. Coach sets a

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great example for us. In just 10 years of coaching only one player has not gone to college. If you ask any of the players, Coach Oertner is quite a demanding coach but he only challenges us because he wants us to succeed. This is obvious through the various philosophies he shares with us; here is one fine moment in his coaching career. At a fall open gym back when he was entering his sophomore year, Coach Oertner sat the team down and asked them "Do you all know who Wally Pipp is?" He looked around the room and he could tell that no one had ever heard of Wally Pipp. Coach proceeded to ask, "If you don't know who Wally Pipp is, do you know who Lou Gehrig is?" Of course everyone has heard of the great first baseman of the New York Yankees. Coach then told the story that goes something like this; Wally Pipp was the starting first baseman of the Yankees and went out to town one night during the season. Pipp decided to sit out the next day due to lingering effects of his night out. The manager had no choice but to put in Gehrig and he excelled. Not much was heard of Wally Pipp after this incident. Coach Oertner instilled traits in his players by this simple story. First you always have to try your hardest because you never know who will beat you out for a spot, be it on the basketball court, in the classroom, or in the professional workplace. Second, you never know who you will beat until you go head to head and lastly, if you excel at what you do you will be remembered. That was just one of the many stories we have heard from Coach, each one instilling at least one useful value, many with more. It is possible to say that without Coach and his philosophies the basketball program would not have been successful in the past 10 years. Thankfully Northern Lehigh was a perennial contender in the Colonial League and District 11, however, there is definitely more to Coach than his stories. Coach has been more than generous to his players. He has treated them to many post Saturday practice breakfasts and summer lunches. He has gone out of his way so his players, can get off the court and enjoy countless memorable times with their fellow basketball players and coaches. These are some of the times he will never forget with his fellow athletes and for that he is privileged to have such an awesome coach who somehow has learned to perfectly balance the joys of playing basketball with the seriousness that accompanies success. Next he would like to look at the Northern Lehigh School District beliefs from the district website and then put feedback on each statement in regards to Coach Oertner. "We believe all students can learn and succeed." Coach Oertner has not only helped us to succeed on the basketball court but also in the classroom and in life. "Positive attitude and self-esteem enhance the learning process." His positive attitude has led to the development of their self esteem. "Learning is a lifelong process." Coach Oertner has admitted his error in judgment and definitely has learned from it. (end of tape) "The educational system has a role as a support center for student and community social services." Coach Oertner is also a support center. In 10 years of coaching, only one player has not gone to college. "Student achievement and motivation are enhanced by quality learning environment." Coach has made them all motivated to achieve one goal, a lifetime goal of enjoyment, good times, and no regrets. "The community and education systems are your interdependent." The community has stuck behind the basketball program with Coach Oertner at the helm, and without Coach in our education system, it is not helping our kids. "Ongoing staff development is essential to quality learning." Learning is a lifelong process. Coach can still learn and develop just like his players. "Communication skills are essential to success." Clearly there has been miscommunication between the school district and Coach and Coach has instilled good communication skills within us. In summary, based upon his strong feelings, he came here to support Coach Oertner. Although Mr. Hoffman is not a star player by any means for Northern Lehigh, Coach has gone out of his way to help him succeed on the basketball court and in life. He truly believes that Northern Lehigh could not ask for a better individual as its basketball coach. Thank you.

John (Jack) Bechtel – Slatington Borough – He is not here to question Coach Oertner's commitment to the program or his ability to succeed in basketball. He questions his judgment at times. He does not think this is an individual instance. He thinks over the years he has displayed poor judgment in the way he handles the team, his player and the press. He stated that he e-mailed all board members over the weekend. His biggest thing is that the district has a superintendent that if the board does not follow through with his recommendation, the board is putting his respect and judgment at question. As the leader of the school district, he feels the board needs to support the superintendent.

Mrs. Ganser wanted to make the community aware that the people who are leading this district are not to be blamed for the difficult situation that Mr. Oertner's poor judgment has

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put them in. As a Board they have all struggled over the last 5-6 weeks as well because of the incident which caused them to questions Mr. Oertner's future as the varsity basketball coach. The board is not here to hash over his winning or losing record as a coach but instead to insure that the safety of our kids in the district will never be jeopardized. We all make mistakes and Mr. Oertner has admitted his mistake and we all get second chances. Sometimes the crime has to fit the punishment; punishment has to fit the crime. We all must look at every single aspect of this entire situation. That is what she is hoping her fellow board members will do with this difficult vote tonight.

**ROLL CALL:**

YEA: Mr. Fedorcha, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Kulp, Mr. Williams, Mr. Hartman (6)

NAY: Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green (3)

Motion carried.

Mr. Hartman stated that he hopes for everyone's sack, the players especially, that we can all come together to work this out. The issue is always one of safety for the children. It is the primary reason the Board sits up here, to make sure these kids receive a quality education and a safe education.

Mr. Follweiler made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Williams, that the Board of Education approves the following personnel items:

Administrative Transfer	Joan DeSousa From: To: Salary: Effective:	Slatington Elementary Special Education Aide High School One-on-One Aide for student #1390034, position will exist as long as student resides in the district \$11.47/Per Hour/6 ½ Hours Per Day/5 Days Per Week (2008-2012 Educational Support Staff Memorandum of Understanding) August 30, 2010
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Co-Curricular Appointments 2010-2011	Susan Bachman Elizabeth Ache Patricia Ingles Eric Di Fulvio	Elementary Scholastic Scrimmage Freshman Class Advisor Freshman Class Advisor Assistant Boys Soccer Coach	\$ 428.65 \$ 615.93 \$ 615.93 \$2,720.55
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Co-Curricular Volunteers 2010-2011	Patrice Arnold Dianna Hoch LeAnn Hoch	HS Dance Team Advisor HS Dance Team Advisor HS Dance Team Advisor
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Substitute Middle School Administrative Detention Supervisor	Approve to appoint Kim Wagner as the Substitute Administrative Detention Supervisors in the middle school for the 2010-2011 school year. Mrs. Wagner will work from 2:20 p.m. to 3:20 p.m. on any Monday or Wednesday that warrants substitute detention coverage. Salary will be \$20.00 per hour worked.
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Salary Adjustments	Acknowledge the following teachers who have completed the requirements per the Collective Bargaining Agreement that would entitle them to a salary increase for the 2010-2011 school year:
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Lauren Schuster	From: Step 2B To: Step 2B+24
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Jennifer Butz	From: Step 4B To: Step 4B+24
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Jillian Mlynek

From:

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Family  
Medical  
Leave

Approve the request of employee #345 to take a Family Medical Leave effective September 15, 2010 for her own medical reasons. She will be using 11 accumulated sick days and possibly a week of vacation in conjunction with the Family Medical Leave. She plans to return to her current teaching position upon release from her physician on or about October 29, 2010 barring no unforeseen circumstances.

Approve the request of employee #240 to take a Family Medical Leave beginning on or about October 30, 2010 for the birth of her second child. She plans to return to her current teaching position upon exhaustion of her 12 week Family Medical Leave which will be on or about January 24, 2011.

Unpaid  
Leaves Of  
Absence  
C. Flaherty

Approve the request of Caitlin Flaherty, Slatington Elementary Special Education Aide, to take an unpaid leave of absence beginning on September 7, 2010. Upon the exhaustion of 12 weeks of unpaid leave she is requesting an additional 12 weeks in accordance to school board policy #539 Uncompensated Leave. Ms. Flaherty is requesting these leaves in order to complete her student teaching obligations and receive her degree in elementary education. She anticipates her student teaching assignment will end approximately December 3, 2010.

Resignation  
D. Lobach-  
Berger

Accept the resignation of Donna Lobach-Berger from her position as a Special Education Aide in the Slatington Elementary School Education effective the end of the work day, September 7, 2010.

Fall Play/  
Musical  
Artistic  
Director  
S. Shuey

Approve Stephen Shuey as Artistic Director for the Fall Play/Spring Musical for the NLHS Student Theater Group. Stipend for the Artistic Director will be \$1,500 to be paid out of the HS Student Activities Account. The Artistic Director will be responsible for and overseeing all persons involved with set design and construction, costuming, lighting, sound, etc. as determined by the HS Principal and Production Director.

Substitute-  
Instructional

Approve the following substitute teachers for the 2010-2011 school year at the 2010-2011 substitute teacher rates as approved on the Supplementary Personnel Salary Schedule:

Andrea Eberhardt – Chemistry  
Megan Heffelfinger – Elementary  
Nathan Hunsicker\* – Elementary  
Kristen Kentner – Elementary & English 7-9  
Michael Kistler\* – Business Education/Technology K-12  
Erin Knecht\* – English  
Robert Naugle – Math  
Carly Nevill\* – Elementary & Math 7-9  
Nancy Ord - Elementary  
Ashlynn Rumble\* – Elementary  
Margaret Tully – Family & Consumer Science  
Annette Benedetto – CLIU Guest Teacher  
Michael Dee – CLIU Guest Teacher  
Jamie Farber – CLIU Guest Teacher  
Jo Lynn Gazo – CLIU Guest Teacher  
Earl Kunkel – CLIU Guest Teacher  
Roderick Lowe – CLIU Guest Teacher  
Seth McLaughlin – CLIU Guest Teacher  
Theresa Oliveira – CLIU Guest Teacher  
Patricia Passick – CLIU Guest Teacher  
Dennis Pearson – CLIU Guest Teacher  
Michael Roth – CLIU Guest Teacher  
Daniel Shea – CLIU Guest Teacher  
Patricia Sottolano – CLIU Guest Teacher  
Keith Strohl – CLIU Guest Teacher  
Alicia Trinkle – CLIU Guest Teacher  
Asimo Tsilikoudis – CLIU Guest Teacher

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Randall Utsch – CLIU Guest Teacher  
**\*Pending Verification of Missing Documents**

Non-Instructional Approve the following individuals as substitute secretaries/aides for the 2010-2011 school year at the 2010-2011 substitute rate as approved on the Supplementary Personnel Salary Schedule:

Diana Detweiler\*  
 Lisa Hydro\*  
 Janice Wasilkowski\*  
**\*Pending Verification of Clearances**

Approve the following individuals as substitute cafeteria workers for the 2010-2011 school year at the 2010-2011 substitute rate as approved on the Supplementary Personnel Salary Schedule:

Diana Detweiler\*  
 Lisa Hydro\*  
 Janice Wasilkowski\*  
**\*Pending Verification of Clearances**

Approve the following individuals as substitute custodians for the 2010-2011 school year at the 2010-2011 substitute rate as approved on the Supplementary Personnel Salary Schedule:

Travis Diehl  
 Jeffrey Hausman  
 John Swiatkowski\*  
**\*Pending Verification of Clearances**

YEA: Mr. Fedorcha, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Kulp, Mr. Williams, Mr. Hartman (9)  
 NAY: None (0)

**CONFERENCE**

Mrs. Kulp made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Green, that the Board of Education approves the following conference items:

Heather Rehrig – Association of School Psychologists of PA Fall 2010 Conference – October 20-22, 2010 – State College, PA – Registration: \$295.00, Lodging: \$167.50 – Total Approximate Cost: \$462.50 – Funding: School Psychologist Budget

Karen Nicholas – PASCD 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Learning Is Forever – November 21-23, 2010 – Hershey, PA – Registration: \$343.00, Lodging: \$293.04, Travel: \$70.00, Meals: \$33.00 – Total Approximate Cost: \$739.04 – Funding: Curriculum and Instruction Budget

YEA: Mr. Fedorcha, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Kulp, Mr. Williams, Mr. Hartman (9)  
 NAY: None (0)

**POLICY**

Mr. Follweiler made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Geronikos, that the Board of Education approves the following policy items:

Field Trip Gifted Support Students – Slatington Elementary School Grades 5 & 6 – PA Renaissance Faire, Cornwall, PA – October 8, 2010 – Funded by CLIU #21

Non-Resident Students Approve the request of the parents of a second grade student at Peters Elementary School, who are moving into Slatington Borough, to allow their student to begin the 2010-2011 school year in Northern Lehigh School District in accordance with school board policy #202. Settlement on the house they will be purchasing is scheduled for September 13, 2010.

YEA: Mr. Fedorcha, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Kulp, Mr. Williams, Mr. Hartman (9)  
 NAY: None (0)



**NEW  
BUSINESS**

Mr. Williams made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Follweiler, that the Board of education approves the following new business item:

Summary  
Offense  
Notices

Approve to designate and authorize the following administrators to sign summary offense notices for district students for the 2010-2011 school year:

Mr. Paul Rearden, Jr. – Peters Elementary School Principal  
Dr. Linda Marcincin – Slatington Elementary School Principal  
Mrs. Jill Chamberlain – Middle School Principal  
Mrs. Aileen Yadush – High School Principal  
Mr. Donald Allen – High School Assistant Principal

YEA: Mr. Fedorcha, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Kulp, Mr. Williams, Mr. Hartman (9)  
NAY: None (0)

**FINANCIAL**

Mr. Fedorcha made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Follweiler, that the Board of Education approves the following financial items:

List of  
Bills

Approve the Following List of Bills:  
General Fund months of August & September  
Cafeteria Fund month of August  
Construction Fund month of August  
Capital Reserve months of August  
Athletic Fund months of August

Per Capita  
Abatement/  
Exonerations

Approve abatement/exoneration requests of per capita taxes, for the residents that fall within the guidelines, as presented.

Close  
Class of  
2010 Acct

Approve the request of the senior high school to close the Class of 2010 account in accordance with the Student Activities Account guidelines. The account balance is \$1,180.17 and the Class of 2010 is recommending that the funds be distributed into the After Graduation Party Account.

YEA: Mr. Fedorcha, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Kulp, Mr. Williams, Mr. Hartman (9)  
NAY: None (0)

**CORR-  
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DENCE**

Mr. Williams shared a few thank you cards that they received from groups of teachers for the recent breakfast that was held.

Mr. Williams stated that PSBA will be having their legislative policy council in Hershey. It is Thursday October 14<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Williams will not be able to attend and wanted to know if anyone had an interest in going and wanted to be our district's voting delegate. If anyone is interested in attending they should let Mr. Williams know within the next day or so.

**INFOR-  
MATION**

Minutes of the Lehigh Carbon Community College Board of Trustees meeting held on July 1, 2010 and August 5, 2010 were distributed.

Minutes of the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit 21 Board of Directors meeting held on July 19, 2010 were distributed.

Minutes of the Lehigh Career & Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee Meeting held on June 23, 2010 were distributed.

Mrs. Geronikos said the Northern Lehigh Education Foundation has received another grant which will be used for the Bigs and Littles program again this year at Peters Elementary.

Mrs. Ganser stated that with the decision this evening on Coach Oertner's position we had many students that were in attendance and are now disappointed. She asked that we provide counseling services for these students because we have basically rocked their world. She knows

that school is all about academics but it is also about athletics as well and she believed they will need some support form the district.

Mr. Green asked if at the next meeting we could have microphones and a sound system up and running. It is difficult to hear when people from the public are speaking.

Mr. Michaels and his wife, donated a book to the Peters Elementary School Library. The book is entitled "*If I Ran the Zoo*" by Dr. Seuss.

**ADJOURN-  
MENT**

Mr. Follweiler made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Fedorcha, that the regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh School District Board of School Directors is adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

YEA: Mr. Fedorcha, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Kulp, Mr. Williams, Mr. Hartman (9)

NAY: None (0)

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory S. Williams  
Secretary

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ President  
Edward E. Hartman