

NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting
Board Minutes

Slatington, PA
June 13, 2011

PURPOSE The regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors was called to order by the President, Mr. Edward E. Hartman, at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, June 13, 2011 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, Mrs. Susan Bahnick, Mr. Greg Derr, Ms. Heather Heiney (Student Rep.), Mr. John Hrizuk, Dr. Linda Marcincin, Mr. Eugene Marks, Mr. Jeremy Melber, Mr. Michael Michaels, Mr. Justin Molitoris (Student Rep.), Mrs. Karen Nicholas, Mr. Paul Rearden, Attorney Charles Stopp (District Solicitor), Ms. Mary Kay Williamson, Mrs. Aileen Yadush and Mrs. Sherri Molitoris.

VISITORS Approximately three visitors attended the meeting, in addition to Terry Ahner, reporter for The Times News.

APPROVE MINUTES Mr. Follweiler made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Fedorcha that the minutes of the regular school board meeting held on May 9, 2011 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)

Mr. Hartman stated that under Personnel Letter I is being pulled from this evenings agenda.

SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit – Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha reported the minutes from the meeting are attached to the agenda and Board Briefs are at your seat.

Lehigh Career and Technical Institute – Mrs. Geronikos reported that LCTI is very busy preparing for graduation. She stated that she had the pleasure of meeting one of Northern Lehigh's Justin Malaska, who is a student in small engines at LCTI and his co-op employer. She many Northern Lehigh students have received job placement after their vocational training. LCTI student built house #31 goes up to public auction on Saturday, June 18th. The house is located in Schnecksville. PDE has restructured LCTI to be a non-comprehensive school district. More information will come in the future. In the past they have been rated as a comprehensive school district but now is viewed as a non-comprehensive school district and many changes will be occurring because of this change in classification.

Legislative Report – Mr. Gregory S. Williams reported on no resolution to the State budget. He stated that the House will be talking about the Economic Furlough Bill and the Bill that would eliminate any Act I exceptions tomorrow. He turned the floor over to Mrs. Geronikos who was able to make a regional meeting that Mr. Williams was unable to attend. Mrs. Geronikos stated that in Senate Bill 1 there is a lot of private endeavors with public money and it crosses over the constitutionality. If certain aspects of the current Bill are voted for, out will come the and money. She said the big discussion was on budgets and cutting of educational programs and laid make ends meet. She stated that she was proud to be able to say that we cut no no one off.

Lehigh Carbon Community College – Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr. shared the concept with the Board of LCCC selling their radio license. He stated that the program will continue but broadcasting over the air will not happen. They are in the process of coming up with a value for

the cost of the license. LCCC has a non-commercial license which means they can not go out and solicit commercials for people to pay revenue and make money. If that was the case, the license would

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probably be worth millions of dollars. Secondly, he stated that they are in the process of forming a new oversight committee. The committee will consist of Board Members, Superintendents and a few Business Managers to get together and discuss ideas for funding at the college to make funding fair. LCCC is sponsored by the local districts where as other community colleges are sponsored by the county government. The county government levels one mileage rate for everyone throughout the county and then they send students proportionate to their population which would be a lot fairer to Northern Lehigh because we spend a lot larger portion of our sending students there then other district's are because of the week value of our mill compared other school districts.

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Committee Reports and/or Meetings

Minutes of the Technology/Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting held on June 6, 2011 were distributed.

Minutes of the Technology/Building and Grounds Committee Meeting held on June 8, 2011 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 Charles Stopp forwarded a DVD to the district concerning texting while driving. He also stated that there is an assessment appeal concerning the property that was once White's Christmas Tree Farm. A few months ago it was purchased by the Antioch Church in Philadelphia. A church that is regularly used for religious services and such land around it as is necessary to support it can be determined to be tax exempt from real estate taxes. In this case, the assessment appeal was filed back in March. There is a hearing coming up on Thursday and the church is filing for an exemption for all the parcels including the land which has no building on it and is unused currently. In order to qualify for an exemption one must already regularly use the property for religious purposes. The county changed their procedures over the last year or so, whereas the County use to take a more proactive approach on these things, now days is letting the taxing authorities take the lead. The Solicitor's Office will continue to monitor this issue.

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Federal and Other Programs Update – Mrs. Karen A. Nicholas talked about the purchasing of eReaders for use in the Slatington Elementary School. Paula Margraf from Head Start has been in contact with Mrs. Nicholas to see if the district was contemplating continuing their collaboration with Head Start. Ms. Margraf would like to have the information by July 1 so she can plan for staff and instructional materials for the program.

Business Manager's Report – Mr. Jeremy G. Melber stated on the agenda for approval this month is district insurances, the Homestead/Farmstead Resolution and the 2011-2012 Final Budget. He stated that the only change from the Preliminary Budget is an increase from \$350,000 for technology server upgrades to \$600,000 which was offset by revenue from the Long Term Technology Fund Balance.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Michael W. Michaels

Mr. Michaels thanked Justin Molitoris for his outstanding service to the community and the Board of Education as Student Representative for the past two years. Mr. Michaels presented him with a gift of appreciation for his years of service to the Board of Education.

Mr. Michaels invited all Board members to Baccalaureate on Thursday, June 16 at 7PM in the High School Auditorium and Graduation on Friday, June, 17 at 7PM at Bulldog Stadium, weather permitting.

Mr. Michaels stated that with deep regrets the Board of Education will be accepting the resignation of Mrs. Aileen Yadush from her position as High School Principal this evening.

Mr. Hartman stated that the next Board Meeting will be held in the new District Office Board Room On August 8, 2011 at 7:30PM.

Mr. Hartman reported that an executive session was held prior to tonight's meeting to discuss personnel issues.

PERSONNEL

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

Administrative Transfer- Instructional	EdithAnn Fella From: 1 st Grade Teacher Peters Elementary School To: Elementary Intervention Coordinator – Peters Elementary Salary: \$76,400 (Step 17M on the 2011-2012 CBA Salary Schedule) no change in salary Effective: August 22, 2011
	Timothy Weaber From: 5 th Grade Teacher Slatington Elementary School To: Technology Teacher Grades 3-6/District-wide Technology Mentor Salary: \$65,800 (Step 15M on the 2011-2012 CBA Salary Schedule) no change in salary Effective: August 22, 2011
	Janet Bashore From: 2 nd Grade Peters Elementary To: 1 st Grade Peters Elementary replacing Joanne Perich who retired Salary: \$52,350 (Step 8M on the 2011-2012 CBA Salary Schedule) no change in salary Effective: August 22, 2011
	Kelly Kromer From: 6 th Grade Teacher Slatington Elementary School To: Guidance Counselor Peters Elementary School replacing Linda Thompson who retired Salary: \$55,200 (Step 11M on the 2011-2012 CBA Salary Schedule) no change in salary Effective: August 22, 2011
	Melissa Binder From: Middle School Teacher To: 4 th Grade Slatington Elementary School, replacing Patricia Bollinger who retired Salary: \$48,500 (Step 5B+24 on the 2011-2012 CBA Salary Schedule) no change in salary Effective: August 22, 2011
	Kristin Hubbs From: Middle School Teacher To: 3 rd Grade Slatington Elementary School, replacing Andrea Fella who retired Salary: \$48,800 (Step 6B+24 on the 2011-2012 CBA Salary Schedule) no change in salary Effective: August 22, 2011
	Todd Herzog From: Middle School Teacher To: 6 th Grade Slatington Elementary School, replacing Suzanne Tobing who retired Salary: \$73,850 (Step 17B+24 on the 2011-2012 CBA Salary Schedule) no change in salary Effective: August 22, 2011

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Jeremy Battista
 From: Middle School Teacher
 To: 6th Grade Teacher Slatington Elementary, replacing Kelly Kromer who was administratively transferred
 Salary: \$44,180 (Step 4B on the 2011-2012 CBA Salary Schedule) no change in salary
 Effective: August 22, 2011

Donna Marushak
 From: Middle School Teacher
 To: 5th Grade Teacher Slatington Elementary, replacing Ralph Williams who retired
 Salary: \$76,400 (Step 17M on the 2011-2012 CBA Salary Schedule) no change in salary
 Effective: August 22, 2011

Everly Kesack
 From: Special Education Teacher Slatington Elementary
 To: Special Education Teacher Peters Elementary
 Salary: \$43,980 (Step 3B on the 2011-2012 CBA Salary Schedule) no change in salary
 Effective: August 22, 2011

Tanya Simms
 From: Health & Physical Education Teacher High School
 To: Health & Physical Education Teacher High School and Slatington Elementary
 Salary: \$52,350 (Step 8M on the 2011-2012 CBA Salary Schedule) no change in salary
 Effective: August 22, 2011

Rachel Reiter
 From: Music Teacher High School & Middle School
 To: PSSA Coach Middle School
 Salary: \$44,180 (Step 4B on the 2011-2012 CBA Salary Schedule) no change in salary
 Effective: August 22, 2011

Deanna Quay
 From: Chemistry Teacher High School
 To: Chemistry and German Teacher High School
 Salary: \$54,350 (Step 9D on the 2011-2012 CBA Salary Schedule) no change in salary
 Effective: August 22, 2011

Non-Instructional Tina Novitsky
 From: Cook's Helper High School
 To: Head Cook High School
 Salary: \$16.84 per hour/5 ½ Hours Per Day/180 Student Days per year plus additional cleaning days as needed (2009-2013 Educational Support Personnel Association CBA)
 Effective: August 22, 2011

Connie Check
 From: Cook's Helper Middle School
 To: Head Cook Middle School

Salary: \$16.84 per hour/5 ½ Hours Per Day/180 Student Days per year plus additional cleaning days as needed (2009-2013 Educational Support Personnel Association CBA)

Effective: August 22, 2011

PERSONNEL**(cont.)**

Appointments- Instructional	Kara Solt Assignment:	Temporary Professional Employee 1 st grade Peters Elementary replacing EdithAnn Fella who was administratively transferred
	Salary:	\$43,780 (Step 2B on the 2011-2012 CBA Salary Schedule)
	Effective:	August 22, 2011
	Jessica Gold Assignment:	Temporary Professional Employee 4 th Grade Slatington Elementary replacing Karen Haberern who retired
	Salary:	\$47,600 (Step 2B+24 on the 2011-2012 CBA Salary Schedule)
	Effective:	August 22, 2011
	Michael Strohl Assignment:	Temporary Professional Employee 5 th Grade Slatington Elementary Teacher replacing Timothy Weaber who was administratively transferred
	Salary:	\$43,780 (Step 2B on the 2011-2012 CBA Salary Schedule)
	Effective:	August 22, 2011
MS Reading Coaches	The following list of teachers will serve in the capacity of Middle School Reading Coaches on an as needed basis.	
	Michelle Raber Jason Reinhard Lori Wolfe Rick Eckhardt	
Family Medical Leaves	Approve the request of employee #3380 to take a Family Medical Leave beginning on or about June 28, 2011. The employee will be using vacation days in conjunction with the Family Medical Leave. Employee's intention is to return to their current position upon medical release from their attending physician.	
Resignations R. Druker	Accept the resignation of Rebecca Druker from her position as High School English Teacher, effective August 31, 2011.	
C. Flaherty	Accept the resignation of Caitlin Flaherty from her position as Special Education Aide in the Slatington Elementary School effective June 10, 2011. Mrs. Flaherty has accepted a position outside of education.	
I. Chlebove	Accept the resignation of Ian Chlebove from his position as Assistant Wrestling Coach for the 2011-2012 school year.	
Co-Curricular Appointments 2011-2012	Jackie Leslie* *Pending Verification of Missing Personnel Items	Assistant Girls Basketball Coach \$4,469.03
Assistant school Athletic duties Director J. Tout	Approve the appointment of Joseph Tout as Assistant Athletic Director for the 2011-2012 year at a stipend of \$3,500.00. He will assist the Athletic Director in all Athletic Director and responsibilities and will be responsible for athletic fund raising activities.	

Employment of Termination C. Frey Approve the termination of Cynthia Frey, High School Cook's Helper, effective the close business May 19, 2011.

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Substitute-Instructional Approve the following substitute teachers for the 2011-2012 school year at the 2011-2012 substitute teacher rates as approved on the Supplementary Personnel Salary Schedule:

Patricia Bollinger – Elementary
Andrea Fella – Elementary
Karen Haberern - Elementary
Erwin Prutzman – Secondary Business Education

Resignation A. Yadush Accept the resignation of Aileen Yadush from her position as High School Principal effective the end of the work day June 30, 2011. Mrs. Yadush has accepted a position with another school district.

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

Board reading. Policy-First Reading Approve school board policy #619 – Finances – District Audit, as presented after first reading.

Approve school board policy #601 – Finances – Fiscal Objectives, as presented after first reading.

Approve school board policy #210.1 – Pupils – Possession/Use of Inhalers/Epinephrine Auto-Injectors, as presented after first reading.

Use of Facilities Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Grant permission, according to Board Policy #707, for the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor to use the district's parking lot facilities on Sunday, October 23, 2011 for their inaugural Delaware & Lehigh Heritage Marathon and Half Marathon. They anticipate participants will begin arriving between the hours of 6:00AM-9:00AM.

Student Board Representative Approve Anthony Connell as Student Representative to the Board for the 2011-2012 school year. Anthony has been appointed as the junior representative to the board and will serve from September 2011 through June 2012. Heather Heiney will serve as the senior representative to the board until June 2012.

List of Organizations Policy #707 In accordance with School Board Policy #707, approve the list of organizations and their appropriate group designation as presented by the Director of Support Services.

Agreement Of Sponsorship Approve the Agreement of Sponsorship To Attend Another Pennsylvania Community College for Shane Ehrich, in accordance with the guidelines established under Policy #912. Beginning in the Fall of 2011 he will be a fulltime student at Northampton Community College to pursue his course of study in Architecture.

Student-Parent Handbook Changes

Approve the changes to the High School Student-Parent Handbook as presented.

Approve the changes to the Elementary School Student-Parent Handbook as presented.

Approve the changes to the Middle School Student-Parent Handbook as presented.

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

NAY: None (0)

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Mrs. Geronikos made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Williams, that the Board of Education approves the following curriculum and instruction items:

Pre-K Head Start portion Program

Upon final approval of Governor Corbett's budget and the restoration of the Accountability Block Grant funds, and furthermore those funds being enough to sustain the district's portion of the Pre-K Head Start Program at Peters Elementary School, the Board of Education approves that the ABG funds be used to reinstate the Pre-K Head Start Program for the 2011-2012 school year.

Title I & Title IIA-2011-2012

Approve to authorize proper officials to execute contracts for Title I and Title IIA for the 2011-2012 school year.

CLIU #21 Notice of Adoption of Policies, Procedures & Use of Funds

Approve to adopt the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit's Notice of Adoption of Policies, Procedures and Use of Funds by School District for submission with the 2011-2012 IDEA B, Section 611 project application, as presented.

PATH PA Treatment & Healing Center Agreement

Approve to authorize proper officials to enter into an agreement between the Northern Lehigh School District and the PATH PA Treatment & Healing Center for the purpose of furnishing educational services for disruptive students for the 2011-2012 school year. Daily tuition rate is \$50.09.

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

Mrs. Yadush introduced the new Student Representative, Anthony Connell.

FINANCIAL

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

Financial Reports

Approve the Following Financial Reports:
 General Fund May 2011
 NLMS Student Activities Account month of May 2011
 NLHS Student Activities and Scholarship Acct for the month of May 2011

List of Bills

Approve the Following List of Bills:
 General Fund month of May & June 2011
 Cafeteria Fund month of May 2011
 Athletic Fund month of May 2011
 Refreshment Stand month of May 2011
 Construction Fund month of May 2011

Summer Band Camp	Approve a tuition fee of \$30.00 per student for a six-week elementary summer band program and also approve a stipend for summer band program director, Camille Vernarr. Ms. Vernarr's stipend will be equal to the amount collected for student participation but will not exceed \$1,000.00. There is a \$5.00 increase over last year. The summer band program will run on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from July 5, 2011 to August 11, 2011.						
Budgetary Transfers	Approve budgetary transfers for the 2011-2012 school year including any budgetary transfers for the end of year audit.						
HRH Palley Simon Ins. Broker <u>FINANCIAL</u> <u>(cont.)</u>	Appoint Hilb, Rogal and Hamilton Company (HRH) Palley Simon Associates as the district insurance broker for Property, Casualty, Liability and Worker's Compensation insurance for the 2011-2012 school year.						
District Insurances	<p>Award insurance coverage for the 2011-2012 school year to the following companies:</p> <p>Commercial Package and Automobile (Vehicle Liability, General Liability Property Insurance and Boiler and Machinery) Graphic Arts (UTICA) National Insurance Company - \$58,848. The premium is an increase of \$397 over last year's rate.</p> <p>Commercial Umbrella Liability Insurance – North River Insurance Company - \$15,810.00. There is no increase over last year's rate.</p> <p>School Leaders Error and Omissions Liability – National Union Fire Insurance Company - \$12,569. There is no increase over last year's rates.</p> <p>Workers' Compensation Coverage – School Boards Insurance Company – estimated premium of \$61,137.00, approximately a \$4,642.00 increase. This amount is an estimated total, final cost based on actual payroll figures.</p>						
District Financial the Institutions the	<p>Authorize the following financial institutions to act as approved depositories for school district funds and or temporary investments. The Northern Lehigh School Board further authorizes following financial institutions to transfer funds on deposit to any other bank for the credit of Northern Lehigh School District. The Board further authorizes the Business Manager and/or Superintendent to enter into agreements, supplements or amendments to agreements to implement the foregoing operations for the 2011-2012 school year.</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">First Niagra</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Prudential-Bache Government Securities Trust</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wells Fargo National Bank</td> <td>Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Commerce Bank of Pennsylvania</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	First Niagra	Prudential-Bache Government Securities Trust	Wells Fargo National Bank	Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT)	Commerce Bank of Pennsylvania	
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Wells Fargo National Bank	Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT)						
Commerce Bank of Pennsylvania							
Payment of bills Bills In is no July	Approve to grant permission to the business office to pay construction, insurance, and utility that are scheduled for payment during the month of July as required by contract. There scheduled board meeting in July.						
Statewide Delinquent Per Capita Tax Collector	Approve the appointment of Statewide Tax Recovery as the delinquent per capita tax collector for the 2011-2012 school year.						
Student Accident & Athletic for Insurance Carrier	Appoint First National Insurance Agency, LLC as the 2011-2012 Student Accident and Athletic Insurance Carriers. The renewal rate is \$11,393.00, to include all interscholastic sports, band and cheerleading. Voluntary school coverage is \$22.00 for the school time rate and \$88.00 the 24-hour rate.						
Board Secretary & Treasurer Bonds	<p>Approve to renew the following expiring bonds for the 2011-2012 fiscal year through HRH Palley Simon Associates:</p> <p>A \$50,000 Board Secretary Bond for the term of July 1, 2011 to July 1, 2012 at an annual</p>						

2011-2012 premium of \$175.00.

A \$50,000 Board Treasurer Bond for the period July 1, 2011 to July 1, 2012 at an annual premium cost of \$269.00.

California First Leasing Corporation Upon final approval of the Proposed Final 2011-2012 Budget as presented at the May 9, 2011 board meeting, approve the lease of the following items from California First Leasing Corporation Corporation 18201 Von Karman Ave, Suite 800, Irvine CA 92612 for \$61,000.00 per year with a lease term of Computer 36 months and a one dollar (\$1) buyout option at end of the lease agreement:

Leasing

Laptop & Desktop Computers – Slatington Elementary
Data Projectors – Slatington Elementary
Interactive Whiteboards or their equivalent – Slatington Elementary

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Wired & 2011 Wireless Networking Equipment IntegraOne Upon final approval of the Proposed Final 2011-2012 Budget as presented at the May 9, board meeting, approve to purchase the wired and wireless networking equipment from IntegraOne, 7248 Tilghman Street, Suite 120, Allentown, PA 18106, for the total cost of \$385,685.07 and Professional Services not to exceed \$30,000.

Lift Gate District Box Truck Authorize administration to move forward with purchasing and installation of a lift gate on the district box truck in order to satellite food to Slatington Elementary School during the construction process. Further plans are to satellite food to the Middle School upon completion of the new kitchen facility at Slatington Elementary. The cost of the lift gate is not to exceed \$4,205.00.

Environmental Consultants include all buildings in Spots, McCoy Approve the contract with SSM (Spots, Stevens & McCoy) Group, Inc for consulting (AHERA, Right-to-Know, MSDS, and IAQ Testing) to the amount of \$7,000.00 for the 2011-2012 school year, \$6,855.00 for the 2012-2013 Stevens & school year and \$7,315.00 for the 2013-2014 school year.

School Dentist Approve to appoint Dr. Harry Shleifer of Professional Dental Associates as the school dentist for the 2011-2012 school year at the quoted fee of \$1.00 per dental exam needed.

School Physician Approve to appoint Dr. Nicole Sully and Dr. Amy Steigerwalt of Parkland Family Health Center as school physicians for the 2011-2012 school year. The fee for grade level physicals will be \$20.00 per physical needed. Consultant services will be provided at no charge.

Football Game Physician Approve to appoint OAA Orthopedic Specialists to provide football game physicians for the 2011-2012 school year at a quoted fee of \$100.00 per regular season game, an increase of \$25 over last year's rates, and \$125.00 per post-season game, an increase of \$40.00 over last year's rates.

Fuel Bids Approve the awarding of fuel bids to the following companies with a contract period of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012:

DIESEL FUEL – Awarded to Inergy Propane, LLC (Farm & Home Oil Co.) at a cost of \$.02450 (normal blend) per gallon over rack rate on date of delivery and an additional \$.04 (winterization additive) per gallon over rack rate on date of delivery.

#2 GRADE FUEL OIL TRANSPORT DELIVERY – Awarded to Petroleum Traders Corporation at a cost of \$.0294 per gallon over rack rate on date of delivery.

#2 GRADE FUEL OIL TANKWAGON DELIVERY – Awarded to Inergy Propane, LLC (Farm & Home Oil Co.) at a cost of \$.02450 per gallon over rack rate on date of delivery.

UNLEADED GASOLINE – Awarded to Isobunkers, LLC at a cost of \$.2300 per gallon over rack rate on date of delivery.

Homestead/
Farmstead
Resolution

Approve the following Homestead/Farmstead Resolution, as presented.

NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
2011 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution

RESOLVED, by the Board of School Directors of the Northern Lehigh School District, that homestead and farmstead exclusion real estate tax assessment reductions are authorized for the school year beginning July 1, 2011, under the provisions of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act (part of Act 50 of 1998) and the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006), as follows:

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1. **Aggregate amount available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction.** The following amounts are available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction for the school year beginning July 1, 2011:
 - a. **Gambling tax funds.** The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has notified the School District that PDE will pay to the School District during the school year pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.505(b), as a property tax reduction allocation funded by gambling tax funds, the amount of \$945,122.30.
 - b. **Philadelphia tax credit reimbursement funds.** PDE has notified the School District that PDE will pay to the School District during the school year pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.324(3), as reimbursement for Philadelphia tax credits claimed against the School District earned income tax by School District resident taxpayers, the amount of \$4,006.84.
 - c. **Aggregate amount available.** Adding these amounts, the aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction is \$949,129.14.
2. **Homestead/farmstead numbers.** Pursuant to Act 50, 54 Pa. C.S. § 8584(i), and Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.341(g)(3), the County has provided the School District with a certified report listing approved homesteads and approved farmsteads as follows:
 - a. **Homestead property number.** The number of approved homesteads within the School District is 3,853.
 - b. **Farmstead property number.** The number of approved farmsteads within the School District is 32.
 - c. **Homestead/farmstead combined number.** Adding these numbers, the aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads is 3,885.
3. **Real estate tax reduction calculation.** The school board has decided that the homestead exclusion amount and the farmstead exclusion amount shall be equal. Dividing the paragraph 1(e) aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction of \$949,129.14 by the paragraph 2(c) aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads of 3,885 (before considering the assessed value of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads having an assessed value below the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate assessed value reduction amount to be established as the homestead and farmstead exclusion amount), the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is \$244.31.

Based on calculations provided by the School District Business Office from the best available information and carefully evaluated by the School Board, considering the

assessed value of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads having an assessed value below the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate assessed value reduction amount to be established as the homestead exclusion and the farmstead exclusion amount, an additional aggregate amount of \$3,809.00 will be available during the school year for real estate tax reduction applicable to approximately 3,857 homesteads and farmsteads, resulting in an additional real estate tax reduction amount available for each homestead and farmstead of \$0.89. Adding this additional amount to the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate tax reduction amount of \$244.31, the final maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is \$245.20.

- 4. **Homestead exclusion calculation.** Dividing the paragraph 3 maximum real estate tax reduction amount of \$245.20 by the School District real estate tax rate of 64.373 mills (.064373), the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a homestead exclusion for each approved homestead is \$3,809.00, and the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a farmstead exclusion for each approved farmstead is \$3,809.00.

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- 5. **Homestead/farmstead exclusion authorization – July 1 tax bills.** The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved homestead within the School District shall reflect a homestead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of: (a) the County-established assessed value of the homestead, or (b) the paragraph 4 maximum real estate assessed value reduction of \$3,809.00. The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved farmstead within the School District shall reflect an additional farmstead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of: (a) the County-established assessed value of the farmstead, or (b) the paragraph 4 maximum real estate assessed value reduction of \$3,809.00. For purposes of this Resolution, “approved homestead” and “approved farmstead” shall mean homesteads and farmsteads listed in the report referred to in paragraph 2 above and received by the School District from the County Assessment Office on or before May 1 pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.341(g)(3), based on homestead/farmstead applications filed with the County Assessment Office on or before March 1. This paragraph 5 will apply to tax notices issued based on the initial tax duplicate used in issuing initial real estate tax notices for the school year, which will be issued on or promptly after July 1, and will not apply to interim real estate tax bills.

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

CORR-ESPONDENCE

The Board of Education received a letter from Mr. Brian Schell retiring his position as Head Softball Coach.

The Board received a thank you letter from the Community Center for allowing them to use the district facilities to hold evening activities.

INFORMATION

Minutes of the Lehigh Career & Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee meeting held on April 27, 2011 were distributed.

Minutes of the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21 Board of Directors meeting held on April 18, 2011 were distributed.

Minutes of the Lehigh Carbon Community College Board of Trustees meeting held on April 7, 2011 and May 5, 2011 were distributed.

ADOPTION OF GENERAL FUND FINAL BUDGET

Mr. Fedorcha made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Williams, that the Board of Education adopts the general fund final budget of the Northern Lehigh School District for the 2011-2012 school year in the amount of \$28,787,461.00.

A 64.373 mill (or \$6.4373 per \$100 of assessed valuation) tax on Real Estate for both Lehigh and Northampton Counties. No increase of mills over 2010-2011.

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of

A \$5.00 Resident Per Capita Tax, taxable on 18 year olds and over based on Section 679 the School Code of 1949. No change from 2010-2011.

Taxes under Act 511 with no changes from 2010-2011:

- a. A 1% Earned Income Tax shared equally with coterminous municipalities.
- b. A Realty Transfer Tax shared equally with the coterminous municipalities.
- c. A \$5.00 Resident Per Capita Tax taxable on residents age 18 and over.
- d. A \$5.00 Local Service Tax (formerly Emergency and Municipal Services Tax)

RECOMMENDATION That the Board of Education adopts the 2011-2012 Northern Lehigh School District Budget.

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

NAY: None (0)

Mr. Williams thanked his fellow colleagues for approving the motion to continue with the Head Start Program if funding is reinstated in the State Budget.

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 8:03 p.m.

YEA: Mr. Fedorcha, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Kulp, Mr. Williams, Mr. Hartman (8)

NAY: None (0)

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory S. Williams
Secretary

ATTEST: _____ President
Edward E. Hartman