

NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting
Board Minutes

Slatington, PA
March 14, 2022

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PURPOSE The regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors was called to order by the President, Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr., at 7:20 p.m. on Monday, March 14, 2022, in the Northern Lehigh Middle School Auditorium.

ROLL CALL Members present: Mr. Chad Christman, Mr. Robin T. Distler, Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha, Mr. Mathias Green, Jr., Mrs. Michelle M. Heckman, Mrs. Gale N. Husack, Mr. Robert L. Kern, Jr., and Mrs. Donna M. Kulp (8)

Members absent: Mr. Robert J. Keegan, Jr. (1)

Non-members present: Mr. Matthew Link, Dr. Tania Stoker, Mr. Greg Derr, Mrs. Michele Dotta, Mrs. Nichole Fink, Mr. Bryan Geist, Mr. Frank Gnas, Mr. Eric Hill, Mr. Eugene Marks, Mrs. Sherri Molitoris, Mr. Scott Pyne, Atty. Kristine Roddick, Mr. James Schnyderite, Mr. Michael Strohl, Mr. Robert Vlasaty and Mr. Terry Ahner (Press).

VISITORS Approximately 5 visitors attended the meeting and forty-five visitors viewed the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT Ms. Natalie Snyder - Middle School Kitchen Renovation - I am concerned as to why there is now consideration to use approximately thirty-three thousand dollars out of the food service budget to purchase a conveyor dishwasher for the middle school kitchen instead of the initially proposed commercial door style dishwasher that was included in the proposal for the middle school kitchen renovation. In addition to this added cost, the middle school kitchen renovation would be eliminating one of the two commercial all-purpose milk coolers and the single deck bake pizza oven. This conveyor dishwasher alone costs sixty-seven thousand, one hundred and sixty-eight dollars. The initial one in the proposal cost nineteen thousand two hundred and seven dollars. What is the major need for this type of dishwasher? Does the elementary school and the high school have this type of dishwasher? If not, why does the middle school need it when it is one of the smaller schools in the district and why was this type not considered initially? The food service director indicated at the committee meeting on March 9 that due to changes with Congress participation in the waiver program may be decreased and due to the possibility of lower enrollment numbers in the waiver program there may be a decrease in reimbursements which will potentially impact the food service budget. When this project was initially discussed the expenditure was to be funded one hundred percent from the ESSER funds at a total cost of six hundred and fifty-five thousand four hundred and ninety dollars. This was the maximum amount allocated for the use from the ESSER funds, therefore, any additions to the project would have to come out of the food and service budget which as indicated above may become unstable in the future which will in turn ultimately impact taxpayers who are already taxed to the max and are currently struggling to right now heat their homes and put food on the table due to the rising cost of everything. I urge all of you to please look out for us taxpayers who elected you and vote against this increase and stick to what was initially proposed. This topic was not even brought up at the committee meeting held on March 9, 2022 and somehow it is now on the agenda for approval. So, if anyone wants to answer these questions and maybe open this up for discussion. I mean I would like to know where the fiscal responsibility is here. Why is there a need for this dishwasher when we didn't want that in the first place. You know, it's up to you and if you want to discuss.

PUBLIC
COMMENT
(cont.)

Mr. Link commented that the answer is absolutely, we are constantly reevaluating any facilities projects. This project is to bring the middle school kitchen up to date. Every other building in the district, every other kitchen in the district does have a conveyor system dishwasher. Initially, we were looking, we were trying to be as financially responsible with the ESSER funds that we have offered to us. Upon further evaluation, we decided that we would like to have the conveyor model here for efficiency, so that being said, we went back and said okay what change orders can we put in place to remove items that were either doubling down and were nice to have but not necessarily to have. The consensus was that the high sufficiency dishwasher was the better decision at this time. Our food services budget is healthy, we are projecting a surplus and it's appropriate to have the department that's going to be the recipient of the piece of equipment to participate in the funding of the equipment which, like you said, is a six hundred and fifty-five dollar cost up front. So, to bring about thirty-two thousand dollars out of the food services department, administratively, we thought it was a solid recommendation.

Ms. Snyder commented that my concern is that we are adding all these costs, additional costs for subscriptions, this, that, extra funds are being used and I'm just worried about the future and how things are going to play out as I think everyone should be worried about that. I mean we have the price of gas and fuel and everything that's going to be compromising everybody's situation. I own a business, I know what it's like, so I mean you're in a business and you have to understand that these things are going to collapse at some point, so I just want you all to be responsible about that, that's all.

My Link commented thank you for bringing that forward. I would just also like to add a point of clarification, some people may not realize that the food services department budget is not part of our general operating fund, it's a standalone budget which generates its own revenue separate from the tax base, so that's one of those anomalies in school budgeting.

Ms. Snyder commented thank you.

Mr. Link also commented thank you.

Mrs. Husak read the write-in comment from Katja Bender: Good evening, my name is Katja Bender and I reside at 1067 Pine Tree Dr, Slatington, PA 18080. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this written comment. I am not able to attend this evening in person, due to my responsibilities with our local Cub Scout Pack, but I am still quite interested in the ongoing activities of our board and how those affect both myself and my children who attend our schools. After reading the agenda for this evening and Attachment #28 regarding the district's role as Defendant in this case, I did some further research on my own and with the assistance of several other district parents. It appears to me that this has been going on for quite a long time and that there seems to be no end in the near future. While it does appear that NLSD is being wrongfully sued, from what I could find out, I am curious about how this legal representation is being funded. Are tax dollars that could be going towards the direct education of students being used for this? In addition, has there been a cost/benefit analysis done for this situation in the past and has that been reassessed at any point since then? The longer something like this draws on, obviously the higher the costs become. Finally, If it is determined that the benefits outweigh the potential costs, at what point would that change, if ever? Is there an option for assistance from State or Federal funding for something like this, or must the taxpayers eat the cost indefinitely? While I am not opposed to the principle of this Defense and I feel that property owners have a responsibility to the district they live in to abide by the tax regulations, I am interested in the long term financial effects this can have on our district's budget. Please clarify this situation as much as you legally are allowed, since I'm also aware that an active case can not always be fully discussed. Thank you again for your time and consideration in this matter, Katja.

Mr. Green commented that I will take that one, if I may, and first of all the easy part of the question: does the state or federal government give you any money for that, the answer is absolutely not. They could come up with a lot of mandates, but they don't give you money to cover any of them, so no, there's no extra money provided. That is the money that comes out of the general fund budget. As far as the fact that it's been an ongoing case, yes it has been. A couple of the reasons for that are the attorney switched firms, which is why we have the item on the agenda tonight. The judge who was already originally going to hear the case did not hear it for reasons I don't understand and now he is retired, so now a new judge is taking over so we're back to square one there with some of those things. I think Sherri did report on these at the committee meeting when you mentioned some of those things as to why this was going on. So, there's just been a whole plethora of things that have gone on that have just made this case drag out, in my opinion, way longer than it should have been.

**PUBLIC
COMMENT
(cont.)**

One quick response, and I can't get into details as you know, but has there been a financial analysis, yes there has been. The Board was informed of what the criteria were, what the objectives were, etc. We looked at it and I think Mr. Christman wasn't on the board, so you're free, but the rest of the board agreed unanimously at the time that yes this was something that we wanted to pursue, had to pursue and couldn't just drop it at that point in time. I can tell you every time we get involved in a legal issue like this, yes, we do sit down and most times our solicitor would be with us and we look at what attorney fees might be, what we would tend to gain if we win, or not lose if we lose, the overall ramifications of what it could cost us, etc... Then we make a decision to proceed and go forward. I can tell you that over the years there has been a few times where I kind of grit my teeth and said no, I want to go forward with this, but when you looked at it from a financial perspective, it just didn't make sense to proceed. So, yes, we do a cost analysis on every item and we did on this. I'm not sure if there is anything that has occurred since then that would change anybody's mind. I think all the facts are still the same as they were at that time. I don't know if you're listening to us streaming, if you have any kind of follow-up questions to that and you want to get in, and I assume you're taking questions or someone's taking questions tonight, yes? Is there communication?

Mr. Link commented that communication already ended at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Green commented okay that ended at 5:00 p.m., so she can't get back to us anymore, okay I wasn't sure when that ended. I hope that answers your questions and we'll go from there. So, that's why we're hiring a new firm because the attorney who initially started to do the work transferred from one office to the other and that's why we're taking on another firm tonight. Anything else? Okay.

**APPROVE
MINUTES**

Mrs. Kulp made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Christman that the minutes of the regular board meeting held on February 14, 2022, be approved and ordered filed.

YEA: Mr. Christman, Mr. Distler, Mr. Fedorcha, Mrs. Heckman, Mrs. Husack, Mr. Kern, Mrs. Kulp and Mr. Green (8)

NAY: None (0)

Motion carried.

**SPECIAL
BOARD
REPORTS**

Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit - Mrs. Husack reported in February is our off month, so we did not have a meeting in February, so I really don't have a report. Next Monday is our next meeting at 6:30 at the IU board meeting or board office if you're interested to come. That's all this evening.

Lehigh Career & Technical Institute - Mr. Fedorcha reported most of the nine districts have approved the LCTI budget, so we're moving ahead with that. We have now posted the position for our executive director who is retiring at the end of June so we're beginning to look at a search. With that search, we're finding out something that we already knew and that is that the pool is very limited. When we look at the numbers of people who are eligible to become superintendents and directors of vocational schools as well as principals, and in many cases even teachers, we're not getting the numbers anymore. It's becoming harder and harder to get children, they're not children anymore when they hit 18, but young adults who go into education are very difficult, so we're in a dilemma right now and looking for, hopefully, the right person, but we may have a long journey ahead of us. Then, once the districts vote on it, it will be ratified and put in place as our budget. Our budget here at Northern Lehigh is showing a little bit of increase. It is a good increase because what happens is our budget is based on the number of students and how it is distributed between the districts is based on a five-year average of the number of students that we send. Over the past three years we have been sending more students which again, he feels is a very good thing. There's so much to offer our children down at LCTI.

Legislative Report - Mrs. Heckman reported that PSERS issued information reminding retirees that they are now able to fill positions such as substitute teachers and bus drivers in day-to-day capacity without jeopardizing their PSERS pension. This is Act 91 of 2021 it runs through the 2023 school year since there is such a shortage of staff. Last week, the commonwealth court heard their final witness including close arguments in Pennsylvania's school funding trial that we've been following. The next stop is a series of post-trial legal filings and then they will hold oral arguments on legal issues probably at the end of the summer. A reminder that PSBA Advocacy Day is April 25th and PA Primary Election is May 17th. I will keep reminding you about both of those things for the next two months.

**SPECIAL
BOARD
REPORTS
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Lehigh Carbon Community College - Mr. Green reported that there is no report for LCCC.

Committee Reports and/or Meetings

- Minutes of the Technology/Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting held on March 9, 2022, were distributed.
- Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on March 9, 2022, were distributed.
- Minutes of the Education Committee Meeting held on March 9, 2022, were distributed.
- Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held on March 9, 2022, were distributed.
- Minutes of the Community Relations Committee Meeting held on March 9, 2022, were distributed.

Student Representatives to the Board Report - No report.

Solicitor's Report - Attorney Roddick commented that there is no report.

Business Manager's Report - Mrs. Molitoris gave a brief update, reiterated from my update this week, I was at PASBO last week for the 67th Annual PASBO Conference. I did attend two sessions on the budget for the upcoming school year. The first one was presented by PASBO. PASBO is basically taking a very cautious approach to what is currently in the governor's budget saying be cautious what you budget because they're just not sure with this being his final budget, his legacy budget, where everything's going to land when it comes to what school districts are going to get versus what all the other pots throughout the state are going to get. On the flip side of that, I attended a session with house speaker, Brian Cutler, and he told a totally different story. He said, currently, the state budget has over six billion dollars in surplus revenue in it currently and he said they are going into what is now the positive part of the months of the year. They tend to gain most of their revenues during the months of April, May and June, so he feels that the six billion dollar budget is still going to be there and that those dollars that they have which were federally funded and state surplus but has to be spent. So, he says you can count on it, but I don't know how much of it you're going to be able to count on because all of the other people also have their hands in the pot too. They want more money for this, that and everything else. So, he says when it all shakes out, it depends who has the loudest voice and who gets the most money. They're really hoping that it goes to education as Governor Wolf has always been a staunch supporter of public education and that's where he wants his final budget to lay. On the positive note, what he said he really thought we were going to have a budget prior to the end of June, he felt because the governor first if we all remember back to his first year in office it wasn't until February that we had our budget. They do not feel like he wants his end of year and finally going out of office to be not a finalized budget in a timely fashion, so they're saying we should hopefully be able to see it by early June. So, if that's the case, it's good for us as a district because I can get those revenues more tied into what we think we're going to be getting. n did a very nice job on the Governor's budget.

Assistant Superintendent's Report - Dr. Stoker gave an update on the ESSER grants. At the board's places, you have the packet of ESSER funding. I believe they're also outside at the sign-in table and it will be posted online tomorrow. ESSER One has been extended, for some time. ESSER Two, since last month, we purchased snacks for the weeda assessments that we gave in January and February. We paid salaries and benefits for our paraprofessionals and our technology integration specialists. We have also had some expenditures related to hot spots. For ESSER three grant, we have our salary for our director of educational technology curriculum and instruction and also a nurse that we have at Peters Elementary School. We began spending on the next page. Our ESSER Three-B funds, our after school programs are all starting or have started in all four of our buildings at this point, so we have begun to pay for the salaries of our teachers and paraprofessionals that are involved in those after school programs or after school tutoring programs. We've also spent some money from ESSER in learning loss and that is for our social worker that we're contracting with and also at insight which is a data warehouse platform that we're using across the district as well. So, that's what we have and have spent through February of this past year. That's all I have.

SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS (cont.)

Superintendent's Report - Mr. Link was very happy to share with the community and northern lehigh members this evening that we received a thousand dollar anonymous donation to go directly towards gas cards for our homeless families. Sometimes we have families for one reason or another who find themselves to be homeless. They are still able to attend our schools even if they are doubled up somewhere else. We move to get transportation in place for them quickly, but as you know it's not always a next morning type of arrangement to put the transportation in place, so we issue the families gas cards. This is one way that we are able to support these families and to a very generous family in the district that donated a thousand dollars towards gas cards.

I'd like to congratulate our Northern Lehigh Little Theater. I hope some of you were able to see this year's production of the 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee. I was able to see it on Sunday afternoon, it was excellent. Bravo to all of the cast, the crew, Mr. Hamm, the director, and Mr. Shuey, the art's director for the program. It was another excellent representation of what our students can do here. I'd also like to congratulate senior Matt Frame. Matt was able to place third in districts for wrestling, fifth in southeast regionals, and he was also a state qualifier. So, he had a very successful senior season not only on the football field, but also on the wrestling mats. Then finally, just a quick correction, you'll see that the draft calendar is on the agenda later this evening. You know we look at this probably a dozen times before it goes out and this morning one of our very astute administrative assistants saw that there was a mistake on it. In the top section, it lists April 6 through April 9, 2023 as being the Spring Break. Actually, down in the little box for April it is accurate there as it is April 6 through April 10, 2023. So, I would just like that correction to be included in the minutes for the Board to consider that calendar this evening. That concludes my report for this evening.

Executive Session An executive session was held at 6:00 p.m. at the Middle School Library for the purpose of personnel.

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

Resignation /Retirement Y. Miller Accept the resignation of Yazlynn Miller from her position as Cafeteria/Hall Monitor at the high school, effective March 25, 2022.

Appointment Non-Instructional Zachary Kunkle*
 Assignment: Maintenance
 Salary: \$18.49/hour
 Effective: March 21, 2022
 *60 Working Day Probationary Period

Gerald Hadinger, Jr.*
 Assignment: Cook's Helper
 Salary: \$13.50/hour for the 2021-2022 school year
 Effective: March 14, 2022
 *60 Working Day Probationary Period

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| After-School Program | Stephanie Gursky | Teacher | CBA Curr. Rate/Hr. |
| Positions - Funding through ESSER III | Michael Smith | Teacher | CBA Curr. Rate/Hr. |
| After-School Set Aside | Kimberly Deprill | Paraprofessional | Hourly Rate |
| | Lori Paules | Paraprofessional | Hourly Rate |
| | Angie Thomas | Paraprofessional | Hourly Rate |
| | Becky Adams | Paraprofessional | Hourly Rate |
| | Andrea Rosario | Paraprofessional | Hourly Rate |
| | Denise Minnich | Paraprofessional | Hourly Rate |
| | Jessica Walters | Paraprofessional | Hourly Rate |

PERSONNEL**(cont.)**

Co-Curricular Appointment 2022-2023 Motion to renew the appointments of the following Co-Curricular positions for the 2022-2023 school year:

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| Joseph Tout | Head Football Coach | \$7901 |
| Stephen Hluschak | Assistant Football Coach | \$5136 |
| Dylan Hofmann | Assistant Football Coach | \$5136 |
| Matthew Newhard | Assistant Football Coach | \$2568 |
| Zachary Merkle | Assistant Football Coach | \$2568 |
| Derek Long | Assistant Football Coach | \$5136 |
| Shawn Frame | Assistant Football Coach | \$2568 |
| Megan Leadbetter | Head Field Hockey Coach | \$5712 |
| Kassandra Beller | Assistant Field Hockey Coach | \$3173 |
| Michael Lehtonen | Head Cross Country Coach | \$4733 |
| Amanda Bariana | Assistant Cross Country Coach | \$3076 |
| John Murray | Head Boys' Soccer Coach | \$5712 |
| Jason Reinhard | Head Girls' Soccer Coach | \$5712 |
| Shelby Bailey | Assistant Girls' Soccer Coach | \$3173 |
| Todd Hertzog | Fall Intramural-Weightlifting | \$924 |
| Patrick Wanamaker | Fall Intramural-Basketball | \$924 |
| Gregory King | Fall Intramural-Baseball | \$924 |

Brandywine

Transportation
Bus Driver/
Aide

Motion to approve the following bus driver from Brandywine Transportation to transport Northern Lehigh School District students for the 2021-2022 school year:

Vernadine Jones-Link - Bus Driver
JoAnn Papay - Aide

Clerical/
Classroom
Volunteers

Approve the following unpaid volunteer secretary district-wide for the 2021-2022 school year.

Rhonda Frantz
Melissa Wagner

POLICY

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

Board Policy
First Reading

Approve school board policy #123 - Interscholastic Athletics - Programs, as presented after the first reading.

Approve school board policy #800.1 - Electronic Signatures/Records - Operations, as presented after the first reading.

Approve school board policy #707 - Use of School Facilities and Equipment - Programs, as presented after the first reading.

Approve school board policy #904 - Public Attendance at School Events - Community, as presented after the first reading.

Approve school board policy #916 - Volunteers - Community, as presented after the first reading.

Board Policy
Second
Reading

Approve school board policy #218.1 - Weapons - Pupils, as presented after the second reading.

Approve school board policy #218.2 - Terroristic Threats - Pupils, as presented after the second reading.

POLICY
(cont.)

Approve school board policy #222 - Tobacco and Vaping Products - Pupils , as presented after the second reading.

Approve school board policy #247 - Hazing - Pupils, as presented after the second reading.

Approve school board policy #249 - Bullying/Cyberbullying - Pupils, as presented after the second reading.

YEA: Mr. Christman, Mr. Distler, Mr. Fedorcha, Mrs. Heckman, Mrs. Husack, Mr. Kern, Mrs. Kulp and Mr. Green (8)

NAY: None (0)
Motion carried.

CONFERENCE

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

Michele Dotta - PAPSA 2022 Annual Conference - Virtual April 7-8, 2022 - Registration \$199.00 - Total Approximate Cost: \$199.00 - Funding: Special Education Budget.

YEA: Mr. Christman, Mr. Distler, Mr. Fedorcha, Mrs. Heckman, Mrs. Husack, Mr. Kern, Mrs. Kulp and Mr. Green (8)

NAY: None (0)
Motion carried.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

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

Affiliation Agreement

As per the recommendation of the administration, approve to authorize proper officials to execute an Affiliation Agreement between Northern Lehigh School District and Rosemont College for qualified students to participate in the fieldwork experience or student teaching experience.

2022-2023 School Calendar

As per the recommendation of the administration, approve the 2022-2023 Northern Lehigh School District Calendar, allowing administration to post the calendar upon receipt of the CLIU new teacher instruction days.

OLSDH

As per the recommendation of the administration, approve the resolution to identify Official Local School District Holidays (OLSDH) in accordance with PA School Code Section 1502.

2022-2023 CLIU Services

As per the recommendation of the administration, approve to authorize the superintendent to execute an agreement between the Northern Lehigh School District and the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21 to provide special education services for the 2022-2023 school year.

Spanish Textbooks

As per the recommendation of the administration and Education Committee, purchase a classroom set of textbooks with 1-year digital license for the High School courses, Spanish 1, 2, and 3 at a cost of \$14,770.30, funding through district Curriculum and Instruction budget.

Canvas

As per the recommendation of the administration and Education Committee, purchase Canvas Learning Management System (LMS) and related implementation and professional development service district-wide at a cost of \$14,468.75, for the 2022-2023 school year, through the 2022-23 Curriculum and Instruction budget, with subscription services funded equitably by respective buildings thereafter.

**CURRIC-
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INSTRUC-
TION**
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Mr. Kern raised one concern he has with, not necessarily the entire calendar, but would like to concentrate on our high school staff. Next year, I believe is going to be our last year in block scheduling. If anybody knows anything about block scheduling, we have a semester in the first half of the year and we have a semester in the second half of the year, so essentially our high school staff is ending one school year and us essentially starting a new school year starting the next day. Is there any time allotment in the high school calendar or calendar in general where possibly we could give our staff a chance to get ready for that second first day of school that occurs every January. I think it's essential that they have a little bit of time to finish their grading and get everything finished with the first semester and then transition right back into new, in some cases, new classes, totally new bulletin boards, new materials, setting up, essentially a whole brand new school year. So, my concern is that sometimes I don't think they have enough time to get ready. I would just like a consideration made that we give them some time to prepare.

YEA: Mr. Christman, Mr. Distler, Mr. Fedorcha, Mrs. Heckman, Mrs. Husack, Mrs. Kulp and Mr. Green, (7)

NAY: Mr. Kern (1)
Motion carried.

**NEW
BUSINESS**

Mr. Kern made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Heckman, that the Board of Education approves the following new business items:

Reappoint
T. Stoker

Approve the resolution of the Board of School Directors of the Northern Lehigh School District to reappoint Dr. Tania Stoker, Assistant Superintendent.

YEA: Mr. Christman, Mr. Distler, Mr. Fedorcha, Mrs. Heckman, Mrs. Husack, Mr. Kern, Mrs. Kulp and Mr. Green (8)

NAY: None (0)
Motion carried

FINANCIAL

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

Financial
Reports

Approve the Following Financial Reports:

1. General Fund Account month of February 2022
2. Cafeteria Fund Account month of February 2022
3. NLMS Student Activities/Clubs Accounts months of January and February 2022
4. NLHS Scholarship Account month of February 2022
5. NLHS Student Activities/Clubs Account month of February 2022

List of Bills

Approve the Following List of Bills:

1. General Fund months of February and March, 2022
2. Cafeteria Fund months of February and March, 2022

Security
Cameras

As per the recommendation of the administration, approve the purchase of four security cameras and, licenses at a cost of \$4,246.48 and installation accessories at a cost of \$294.98, funded through the PCCD Competitive Grant and the Technology Budget.

Chromebooks

As per the recommendation from the administration and Technology/Buildings and Grounds Committee, approve the purchase of 325 Chromebooks and cases at a cost of \$92,891.50, funding through the Technology Department budget.

Projectors

As per the recommendation from the administration and Technology/Buildings and Grounds Committee, approve the purchase of 26 projectors and mounting accessories at a cost of \$46,392.27, funding through the Technology Department budget.

FINANCIAL
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MS Kitchen Modification As per the recommendation of the administration, grant the Superintendent the authority to approve the Middle School Kitchen Project Scope Modification at a cost of \$32,364.00, to be funded through the Food Services Department budget.

YEA: Mr. Christman, Mr. Distler, Mr. Fedorcha, Mrs. Heckman, Mrs. Husack, Mr. Kern, Mrs. Kulp and Mr. Green (8)

NAY: None (0)

Motion carried

LEGAL

Mr. Fedorcha made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Husack, that the Board of Education approves the following legal item:

Legal Retention As per the recommendation of the administration and the Finance Committee, confirm the retention of Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C. to represent the Northern Lehigh School District with respect to claims asserted by the Atiyehs and their company, Lehigh Valley Properties, Inc.

Expulsion Hearing Waiver Approval The Board agrees to expulsion hearing waiver for Student #2690053. Student and guardian have agreed to waive their right to a formal expulsion hearing in front of the School Board and have also agreed to disciplinary action outlined in the waiver.

Settlement Agreement Approve the Settlement Agreement and Release in regards to student #2690195.

YEA: Mr. Christman, Mr. Distler, Mr. Fedorcha, Mrs. Heckman, Mrs. Husack, Mr. Kern, Mrs. Kulp and Mr. Green (8)

NAY: None (0)

Motion carried

INFORMATION

Minutes of the Lehigh Carbon Community College Board of Trustees meetings held on January 6, 2022, February 3, 2022, and President's Desk March 2022.

Minutes of the Lehigh Career & Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee meeting held on January 26, 2022.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Mr. Green recognized the guests. No one present chose to speak. No emails were received.

Mr. Green commented that the committee meetings coming up next month in finance, which was a very short one this month, we're going to start our budget, so anyone who has questions or concerns about the budget, I think there will be a lot of information shared that night, so you might want to come to that meeting and hear what the committee's saying about the budget.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Husack made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Distler, that the regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh School District Board of School Directors adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

YEA: Mr. Christman, Mr. Distler, Mr. Fedorcha, Mrs. Heckman, Mrs. Husack, Mr. Kern, Mrs. Kulp and Mr. Green (8)

NAY: None (0)

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Gale N. Husack
Secretary

ATTEST:  President
Mr. Matthias J. Green, Jr.