

NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, May 6, 2002
Northern Lehigh High School Auditorium
7:30 P.M.

AGENDA

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

II. SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS

- A. Lehigh Career and Technical Institute Mrs. Sheryl A. Giles
- B. Carbon-Lehigh Intermediate Unit Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer
 - Election of CLIU Board Members (*Ballot To Be Distributed At Board Meeting*)
- C. Committee Reports and/or Meetings
 - Minutes of Finance Committee meetings held on March 25, 2002 and April 22, 2002. (*Attachment #1 & #2*)
 - Minutes of the Technology/Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting held on April 4, 2002. (*Attachment #3*)
 - Minutes of Policy/Education Committee meeting held on April 15, 2002. (*Attachment #4*)
- D. Student Representatives To The Board Report Ms. Pamela Grammes
Mr. Nicholas Sander
- E. Solicitor's Report Attorney Charles Stopp
- F. Legislative Report Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos
- G. Federal and Other Programs Update Mrs. Lynne B. Fedorcha

- H. Superintendent's Report Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Sr.
- Announce SkillsUSA-VICA District 11 2002 Skills & Leadership Gold Medal Winners
 - Lehigh Carbon Community College Ballot for Trustee At Large (*Ballot To Be Distributed At Board Meeting*)
 - Einstein Academy Charter School
- I. Executive Session for personnel issues will be held prior to the meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the high school faculty room. An Executive Session for personnel issues will also be held immediately following the meeting.

III. PERSONNEL

A. Substitutes

1. Instructional

Approve to employ the following substitute teacher for the 2001-2002 school year at the substitute teacher rates of \$70.00 for 1-10 non-consecutive days; \$80.00 for 11-20 non-consecutive days; \$90.00 for 21+ non-consecutive days:

Linda Deurer – Mentally and/or Physically Handicapped

2. Non-Instructional

Approve the following substitute aide for the 2001-2002 school year at the substitute rate of \$7.25 per hour:

Scott Case

B. Unpaid Leave

Approve the request of James Bauer, Slatington Elementary fourth grade teacher, to take a two and one half day unpaid leave of absence on May 10 (1/2 day), May 16 and May 17, 2002. He is requesting permission to take these unpaid days in conjunction with his three personal days that will be taken on May 13, 14 and 15, 2002. His request will not be considered a precedent for future requests per correspondence received from the Northern Lehigh education Association.

C. Resignations

1. Instructional

Accept the resignation of Nadeen Boykin, Reading/Language Communication Skills teacher in the middle school, effective August 31, 2002.

2. Co-Curricular

Accept the resignation of Joseph Tout from his position as Assistant Football Coach for the 2002-2003 school year.

IV. POLICY**A. Conferences Requiring Board Approval**

1. Approve the request of Mark Hoffman and Earl Snyder, district maintenance staff members, to attend a Pennsylvania School Business Officials conference in State College, PA on May 8, 2002. Expenses for this conference, entitled "Grounds Management" include \$125.00 each for registration, \$50.00 for travel, for a total cost of \$300.00.

B. New Board Policy – 1st Reading

Approve new board policy #622 – GASB Statement 34, as presented after first reading. (Attachment #5)

C. Attendance of a Non-Resident Student

Approve to permit a Peters Elementary student, whose parents are moving from the Northern Lehigh School District on May 15, 2002, to remain in attendance for the duration of this school term in accordance with School Board Policy #202.

V. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**A. Textbook Adoption**

Approve to adopt the textbooks as listed below. Money for these textbooks was included in the 2001-2002 budget. Sample texts will be available for perusal before and after the board meeting.

Title Of Book	Grade Level	Company	Copyright Date
Middle School Math Course 2 SE	Secondary	Prentice Hall	2002
Middle School Math Course 3 SE	Secondary	Prentice Hall	2002
Prentice Hall Algebra 1 SE	Secondary	Prentice Hall	2001
Prentice Hall Algebra 2 SE	Secondary	Prentice Hall	2001
Lial Trigonometry 7 th Ed. SE	Secondary	Prentice Hall	2001
Geometry Pupils Edition	Secondary	McDougal Littell	2001

VI. OLD BUSINESS**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Approve the Eagle Scout Project as proposed by Stephen D. Geiger of Troop 66 Slatington. His project is to remove trash, repair bridges and study areas, and clear and widen the path of the Northern Lehigh School District's Nature Trail. (This project will not only be a benefit to the students of NLS D but also to the residents of the community). (Attachment #6)

VIII. FINANCIAL

- A. Approve payment of bills from the Construction Account, as presented in **attachment #7**.
- B. Approve payment of bills from the Extended Construction Account, as presented in **attachment #8**.
- C. Approve a refund for overpayment of Walnutport Real Estate Taxes for the property owners as listed for the month of May 2002. (Attachment #9)
- D. Approve the Arthurs Lestrage Cash Management Portfolio for the month of March 2002. (Attachment #10)
- E. Approve to employ Pavement Maintenance Contractors, Inc. of Bath, PA to restore the district's tennis courts at a cost of \$9,436.00. Funding for this project will be taken from the Capital Reserve Account. (Attachment #11)
- F. Approve to allow CTC Associates and proper school officials to bid for the Closed Circuit TV, Door Entry Monitoring, and Proximity Card Door Access Systems for all buildings. Estimated cost for this project is \$213,640. (Note: This price does not include any door hardware or door strikes that may be necessary to use the door access system, this will be done separately). (Attachment #12)
- G. Resolution Supporting House Bill No. 621 of 2001

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Northern Lehigh School District are empowered and directed to establish, equip, furnish and maintain schools within the District; and

WHEREAS, the provision of said services requires funding by local taxation or through the state legislature; and

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 621 provides state funding to school districts which enroll students in a program or programs for students with Limited English Proficiency; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Lehigh School District supports legislation which assists local school districts in fulfilling its directives.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Northern Lehigh School District that the President of the Board and Superintendent of Schools issue this Resolution supporting

House Bill No. 621 of 2001 providing for payments to school districts with Limited English Proficiency Programs. Further, that this Resolution be forwarded to the District's

State Representative(s) and State Senator together with said Resolution being disseminated to other school districts within the Commonwealth.

Adopted by the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors this 6th day of May 2002.

H. State Subsidy Resolution

WHEREAS, the Governor's proposed Commonwealth Budget for the 2002-2003 fiscal year would increase subsidy for special education by only 1.5%; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) calculates that the proposed level of funding for special education would be only 47.1%, a decrease from 49.0%; and

WHEREAS, reductions in the portions of special education subsidy paid by the Commonwealth will require increased millage and a greater tax burden on the taxpayers of our six participating districts; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's proposed budget further detracts from the equitability of regular and special education funding in Pennsylvania.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Northern Lehigh School District request that the Pennsylvania General Assembly and the Governor adopt a Commonwealth Budget for 2002-2003 which increases the state's share of regular and special education funding across the state and for the Northern Lehigh School District.

Adopted by the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors this 6th day of May 2002.

- I. Approve the audit response and corrective action plan to the Auditor General's audit report for the years ending June 30, 1999 and June 30, 2000 as presented in **attachment #13**.
- J. Approve the Agreement of Sponsorship to Attend Another Pennsylvania Community College for Vicki Jacoby, in accordance with the guidelines established under Policy #912. Beginning in the Fall 2002 she will be a fulltime student at Northampton County Community College to pursue her course of study in Dental Hygiene. (**Attachment #14**)
- K. Approve budgetary transfers as presented in **attachment #15**.
- L. Approve the rate of \$110 per chargeable hour for legal services rendered relative to general advice and \$145 per hour for adversarial matters from Sweet, Stevens, Tucker & Katz for the 2002-03 school year. The Northern Lehigh School District is billed on an hourly basis, new fees effective July 1, 2002. (**Attachment #16**)
- M. Approve the purchase Ethernet switches for the middle school from Corporate Networking, Inc. of Worcester, PA at a cost not to exceed \$25,000 and an ATM switch from Qwest Internet Solutions of Philadelphia, PA at a cost not to exceed \$5200. Funds to be taken from the 2001AA bond.
- N. Distribution of the 2002-2003 Lehigh Career and Technical Institute School Budget.

IX. LEGAL

X. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Minutes of the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit Board of Directors meeting held on March 18, 2002.
- B. Minutes of the Lehigh Carbon Community College Board of Trustees meeting held on April 4, 2002.
- C. Minutes of the Washington Township Board of Supervisors meeting held on March 12, 2002. (Attachment #17)

XI. INFORMATION

- A. Notification has been received from the Pennsylvania Department of Education of their approval for PlanCon Part I: Interim Reporting for the middle school. Copies of these documents and appended materials will be entered into the official minutes of this meeting. (Attachment #18)

XII. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS**XIII. BUDGET DISCUSSION****XIV. ADJOURNMENT**