

NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting
Board Minutes

Slatington, PA
March 3, 2008

PURPOSE

The regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors was called to order by Vice-President, Mrs. Lauren A. Ganser, at 7:35 p.m. on Monday, March 3, 2008 in the multi-purpose room located in the Peters Elementary School.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Mr. Donald H. Dengler, Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer, Mrs. Lauren A. Ganser, Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos, Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr., Mrs. Donna M. Kulp, Mr. Gregory S. Williams. (7)

Members absent: Mr. Raymond J. Follweiler, Jr., Mr. Edward E. Hartman (2)

Non-members present: Mr. Donald Allen, Mr. Jeffrey Bachman, Mrs. Lisa Blank, Mrs. Jill Chamberlain, Mr. Greg Derr, Mrs. Lynne Fedorcha, Mr. John Hrizuk, Dr. Linda Marcincin, Mrs. Laurie Newman-Mankos, Mrs. Karen Nicholas, Mr. David Papay, Ms. Rachel Parisi (Student Rep.), Ms. Heather Rehrig, Mrs. Diane Ruff, Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Sr., Mr. Michael Showak (Student Rep), Attorney Keith Strohl (Solicitor's Office), Mrs. Dawn Wadsworth, Mrs. Aileen Yadush and Mrs. Sherri Molitoris.

VISITORS

Approximately eight visitors attended the meeting in addition to Terry Ahner reporter for The Times News and TV13.

APPROVE MINUTES

Mr. Dorshimer made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Williams, that the minutes of the school board meetings held on February 4, 2008 and February 11, 2008 be approved and ordered filed.

YEA: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mrs. Kulp, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Ganser (7)

NAY: None (0)

SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS

Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit - Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer talked about the Reallocation of Rooms motion for approval on tonight's agenda. These rooms are rooms that are supplied by school district's for the education of special education students. He also told the Board that there were some issues that he needed to discuss with them in executive session.

the Lehigh Career and Technical Institute - Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos spoke about the winners of DECA Competition. The following students from our district received the following awards:

Abby Bankos – Business Services Management – 5th Place
Allen Michael Gross – Sports & Entertainment Marketing – 4th Place
Danielle Dooley – Job Interview – 2nd Place
Frank Shuetrum – Material Handling & Logistics Management – 6th Place
Kayla Trotter – Material Handling & Logistics Management – 3rd Place

Mrs. Geronikos informed the Board that she will be attending the Regional 8 meeting on March 18, 2008. If anyone would like to join her they should contact Mrs. Molitoris and she will register them. She stated that she was also asked to serve on the PSBA Policy Council.

Legislative Report - Mr. Gregory S. Williams said that PSBA will be having their legislative breakfast on Friday April 25, 2008. If anyone would like to join him they should let him know. It will be held at the Troxell building in Parkland School District.

Committee Reports and/or Meetings

There will be a brief Technology/Buildings and Grounds meeting to be held at 5:00 PM on Wednesday. Immediately following this meeting there will be a Finance Committee Meeting with presentation of the 2008-2009 district budget.

SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS
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Student Representatives to the Board Report

Ms. Rachael Parisi and Mr. Michael Showak distributed their written student representative report and verbally reported on its contents.

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Solicitor's Report - Attorney Keith Strohl informed the Board that there are changes to the Right to Know/Public Records Law Act III 2008 which will go into place in January. Some significant changes are in Harrisburg there will be an Open Records Office for every agency must appoint a Right to Know Officer and under the old act if you did produce a record regularly through your business it was not considered a record. new act if you have information available in any manner, electronically or in any keep the record, it is considered a record. If the information is in three separate will have to pull from all sources to create the record.

Federal and Other Programs Update - Mrs. Lynne B. Fedorcha reported that she has submitted the letter of intent for the Pre-K Counts grant. She also reported that she was invited to speak at the National Rtl Trainer of Trainers conference. She also reported that Dr. Marcincin will be attending the National Elementary School Principals Association (NESPA) Conference and that all her expenses are being paid for by NESPA because she serves as Secretary on the Board. Lastly, she informed the Board that in April the school district will be going through a Special Education Compliance Audit.

Superintendent's Report - Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Sr.

Dr. Sham introduced Mrs. Yadush who addressed the Board on the meeting that was held with the high school science department to discuss science lab equipment that could be purchased using the funds given to the district by the Education Foundation.

Dr. Sham informed the Board that Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr. currently serves on the LCCC Board of Trustees but his term ends June 30, 2008. He asked for nominations for LCCC Board of Trustees for the term July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2014.

Dr. Sham informed the Board that Mr. Michael J. Torbert currently serves on the LCCC Board of Trustees but his term ends June 30, 2008. He asked for nominations for candidates for the LCCC Board of Trustees At-Large Seat for the term July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2014.

LCCC
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Nominations

Mrs. Geronikos made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Dorshimer, that the Board of Education appointment Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr. to serve on the LCCC Board of Trustees from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2014.

YEA: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mrs. Kulp, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Ganser (7)
NAY: None (0)

LCCC
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At-Large Seat
Nominations

Mr. Green made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Geronikos, that the Board of Education recommend Mr. Michael J. Torbert, as a candidate for the open LCCC Board of Trustees At-Large Seat from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2014.

YEA: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mrs. Kulp, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Ganser (7)
NAY: None (0)

Executive
Session

An executive session was held at 6:30 p.m. in the Teachers Lounge at Peters Elementary to discuss personnel issues.

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

Substitute Non-Instructional Approve the following as a substitute cafeteria worker for the 2007-2008 school year at the approved 2007- 2008 Supplementary Personnel Salary Schedule substitute rates:

Debra Hunter

Co-Curricular Volunteers 2007-2008 Jessica Schoenberger Assistant Track & Field Coach

Unpaid Volunteers Approve the following unpaid volunteer aide in the Peters Elementary School and/or Slatington Elementary School for the 2007-2008 school year:

Rebecka MacArthur

***Pending Verification of Clearances**

YEA: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mrs. Kulp, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Ganser (7)

NAY: None (0)

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

Approve the following high school 9th grade transition team teachers and middle states co-coordinator to attend the 16th Annual Model School Conference being held in Orlando Florida from Sunday June 22, 2008 – Wednesday June 25, 2008. This conference is apart of the Rigor and Relevance in the classroom initiative from the Project 720 Grant. Requesting for approval to spend an estimated \$7,500.00 from the Project 720 Grant for these teachers to attend this conference.

Rene Evans
Jon DeFrain
Abby Bloss
Mary Ann S.-Mattiola
Eric Schmidt
Christine Leslie

Jill Chamberlain – Student Assistance Program Training – April 8-10, 2008 – Wilkes-Barre, PA – Registration: \$375.00, Lodging, Travel: \$147.60 – Total Approximate Cost: \$522.60 – Funding: Safe and Drug Free Schools Budget

Approximate Karen Nicholas – PASA Women’s Caucus Conference 2008 – April 30 – May 2, 2008 – Hershey, PA – Registration: \$295.00, Lodging: \$392.00, Travel: \$66.45 – Total Cost: \$753.45 – Funding: Peters Elementary Principal Budget

Approximate Aileen Yadush – PASA Women’s Caucus Conference 2008 – April 30 – May 2, 2008 – Hershey, PA – Registration: \$395.00, Lodging: \$210.00, Travel: \$65.65 – Total Cost: \$670.65 – Funding: High School Principal Budget

Diane Ruff– Strengthening the Food Resource Safety Net Conference – May 20-21, 2008 – Harrisburg, PA – Registration: \$130.00, Lodging: \$120.00, Travel: \$101.00 – Total Approximate Cost: \$291.00 – Funding: Food Service Budget

YEA: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mrs. Kulp, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Ganser (7)

NAY: None (0)

POLICY

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

- Board Policy Posting Second Reading Approve new school board policy #220– Pupils – Student Expression/Distribution and of Materials, as presented after second reading.
- Field Trip 5th Grade Students – Slatington Elementary School – State Museum of Pennsylvania and
- 5th Grade Capital Building, Harrisburg, PA – April 25, 2008 – Funded by PTO and fund raising efforts
- YEA: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mrs. Kulp, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Ganser (7)
- NAY: None (0)

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Mr. Dorshimer made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Green, that the Board of Education approves the following curriculum and instruction item:

- 2008-2009 CLIU Facilities Plan Report Approve the following resolution to adopt the 2008-2009 Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit Facilities Plan Committee Report that was unanimously adopted by the CLIU Facilities Plan Committee on February 5, 2008.

RESOLVED: It is recommended that the Northern Lehigh School District Board of Directors approve the 2008-2009 Facilities Plan Committee Report as unanimously adopted by the CLIU Facilities Plan Committee on February 5, 2008. In addition, the Board reaffirms its commitment to the original construct of the Facilities Planning, approved November 1, 1989, which consists of a series of prioritized inquiries to be considered in determining future locations of the CLIU and school district special education classes.

- YEA: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mrs. Kulp, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Ganser (7)
- NAY: None (0)

FINANCIAL

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

- Cash Mngt Portfolio Approve the Arthurs Lestrangle Cash Management Portfolio for the months of January 2008.
- Resolution Delinquent Taxes Northampton County Approve the resolution directing Northampton County Tax Claim Bureau not to collect delinquent taxes. **(Attachment)**
- YEA: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mrs. Kulp, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Ganser (7)
- NAY: None (0)

**INFORMA-
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Minutes of the Lehigh Career and Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee Meeting on January 23, 2008 and the LCTI Director's Report for February 2008 were distributed.

Minutes of the Washington Township Board of Supervisors meeting held on January 8, 2008 were distributed.

Minutes of the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit 21 Board of Directors meeting held on January 21, 2008 were distributed.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Mrs. Lynne Fedorcha informed the board that the Policy Meeting in February was canceled because of weather and that the same agenda will be used for the March meeting.

Mr. Dorshimer asked if we get to the end of the year and we are going to spend \$10,000 to \$15,000 on the call out system and we only have a month to go, do we really need to spend the money? Do we have a time when this is to go into effect?

that Mr. Hrizuk said that according to contract March 15, 2008 is the start date. He further stated the total cost for the remainder of the year is \$2,439.00.

Mrs. Kulp stated that she received a document requesting information and she asked if all the information will be in by the March 15th date.

Mr. Hrizuk stated that he is hoping that we will have all the information returned and it will be in and ready to go.

Mrs. Kulp stated her understanding is that the system can be used as information to let parents know there is a field trip coming up and non-emergency information. If so, will the system call all numbers listed? She said from a work perspective, her business would not be happy if she gets phone calls about field trips and non-emergency items.

through Mr. Hrizuk stated that he is unsure. He would think that there is a way and once he goes training he will be able to answer these types of questions better.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dorshimer made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Kulp, that the regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh School District Board of School Directors is adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

YEA: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mrs. Kulp, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Ganser (7)

NAY: None (0)

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan C. Dorshimer
Secretary

ATTEST: _____ Vice-President
Lauren A. Ganser