

NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting
Board Minutes

Slatington, PA
March 6, 2006

PURPOSE The regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors was called to order by the President, Mrs. Lauren A. Ganser, at 7:35 p.m. on Monday, March 6, 2006 in the gymnasium located in the Peters Elementary School.

ROLL CALL Members present: Mr. Donald H. Dengler, Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer, Mr. Raymond J. Follweiler, Jr., Mrs. Sheryl A. Giles, Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr., Mr. Peter A. Ruth, Mr. Gregory S. Williams, Mrs. Lauren A. Ganser (8)

Members absent: Mr. Franklin D. Beers (arrived at 7:45 p.m.) (1)

Non-members present: Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Mrs. Lynne B. Fedorcha, Mr. Robert Kern, Dr. Linda Marcincin, Mrs. Karen Nicholas, Mr. John Hrizuk, Mr. John Fidelibus, Ms. Christine Stafford, Attorney Charles Stopp (Solicitor), Attorney Keith Strohl (Solicitors Office) Mr. Jeffrey Bachman, Ms. Laurie Newman-Mankos, Mrs. Andrea Madochick, Mr. Nathan Hunsicker, Mrs. Doneta J. Merkle

VISITORS Approximately five visitors attended the meeting, in addition to Joel Kern, reporter for The Times News

PUBLIC COMMENT Donna Kulp – Washington Township – Requested permission to comment on any agenda item.

SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit – Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer
Mr. Dorshimer reported from the CLIU Board Brief which was distributed to all board members.

Lehigh Carbon Community College – Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr.
In light of the fact that no one made a nomination for the Trustee-At-Large seat at the community college, Mr. Green recommended that our board support Mr. Joseph J. Vogt as the Trustee-At-Large for a seat on the Board of Trustees of Lehigh Carbon Community College.

Mr. Green addressed the fact that a letter regarding the exemptions for Act 72 {where the community college would change to the new method of supporting/contributing to the community college via the portion of a mill rather than dollars per capita} has not been received from the Department of Education. He suggested that our board should not approve the Lehigh Carbon Community College Budget later on the agenda until this documentation is received.

Mrs. Ganser announced that Item D (approval of the 2006-2007 Lehigh Carbon Community College Budget) would be pulled from the agenda.

Committee Reports and/or Meetings

The minutes of the Policy/Education Committee meeting held on February 6, 2006 and the minutes of the Community Relations Committee meeting held on February 15, 2006 were distributed.

Student Representatives Report – Mr. Nathan Hunsicker distributed a written report and reviewed it with the board.

**SPECIAL
BOARD
REPORT**
(Con't.)

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

Dr. Sham introduced Mrs. Karen Nicholas, Peters Elementary principal, who showed library books that were purchased with money that was given to the district in memory of Mrs. Betty Bowers. Elizabeth (Betty) Bowers, a former teacher in the Northern Lehigh School District, taught elementary school in Walnutport and Slatington for 42 years. Betty Bowers passed away during the beginning of the 2005-2006 school year. Thanks to a donation to the Peters Elementary School library, her memory will go on for years to come. The collection of books purchased with a \$750.00 donation will carry a book plate stating, "In memory of Betty Bowers".

Dr. Sham reminded the board that a grievance hearing is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on March 15 in the Slatington Elementary boardroom prior to the regularly scheduled school board meeting.

Executive
Session

A brief Executive Session will be held in the Superintendent's Office immediately following the board meeting for personnel issues.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Follweiler made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Dengler, that the Board of Education approves the following items listed under Personnel:

Separate
Motion

Mr. Ruth requested to separate Letter C-2 and Letter D from the main motion. Mr. Follweiler and Mr. Dengler accepted Mr. Ruth's request.

Appointment
Alice
Lieberman

Alice Lieberman Temporary Professional Employee
Assignment: English As A Second Language Teacher, replacing Jodi Wieand,
who resigned.
Salary: \$39,500 (Pro-Rated) (Step 1 Masters on the 2005-
2006 NLEA Collective Bargaining Agreement Salary Schedule)
Effective Date: Upon Release from Present Employer

Resignation
Glenn
Rissmiller
AD Position

Accept the resignation of Glenn Rissmiller from his position of Athletic Director effective June 8, 2006.

Substitutes
Instructional

Approve the following substitute teachers for the 2005-2006 school year at the substitute teacher rate of \$80.00 for 1-10 non-consecutive days; \$90.00 for 11-20 non-consecutive days; \$105.00 for 21+ non-consecutive days:

Tracy Zellner – Elementary
Chris Derhammer – Special Education N-12
Jill Dogmantis – Elementary

Unpaid
Volunteer

Approve the following unpaid volunteer aide in the Peters Elementary School for the 2005-2006 school year: Sara Mankos (Pending verification of clearances)

Extend FMLA
Employee
4900

Approve to extend the Family Medical Leave of Absence for employee number 4900 for four weeks, effective March 6, 2006 and ending March 31, 2006.

YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green
Mr. Ruth, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Ganser (9)

NAY: None (0)

PERSONNEL

(Con't.)

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

Substitutes
Non-Instructional

Approve the following substitute secretary/aide for the 2005-2006 school year at the substitute rate of \$7.25 per hour: Michele Miller

Approve the following substitute cafeteria worker for the 2005-2006 school year at the substitute rate of \$7.25 per hour: Michele Miller

Substitute
Detention
Monitor -
Jody
Remaley

Approve to employ Jody Remaley, a special education aide in the Slatington Elementary School, as a substitute for the district's substitute teacher caller from February 14-16, 2006 at a stipend of \$119.64. It is further recommended to employ Mrs. Remaley as a substitute for the substitute teacher caller for any future days she may be needed for the 2005-2006 school year at a per diem rate of \$39.88.

YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green
Mr. Ruth, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Ganser (9)

NAY: None (0)

POLICY

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

Conferences

Dawn Wadsworth – Making the Grade: Successful Students, Successful Schools – Sponsored by PaTTAN – March 16-17, 2006 – King of Prussia, PA – Registration: \$100.00, Travel: \$55.00 – Total Approximate Cost: \$150.00 – Funding: Curriculum and Instruction Budget

Suzanne Mengel – Helping Children Manage Distress in an Unpredictable World – Sponsored by Project Child – April 11, 2006 – Allentown, PA Registration: \$100.00 – Funding: Safe and Drug Free Schools

Lora Krum – Pennsylvania Music Educator's Association Annual Conference – Sponsored by PMEA – March 30, 31, April 1, 2006 – Valley Forge, PA – Registration: \$85.00, Travel: \$45.00 – Total Approximate Cost: \$130.00 – Funding: Slatington Elementary Budget

Laurie Newman-Mankos – Making the Grade: Successful Students, Successful Schools – Sponsored by PaTTAN – March 16, 2006 – Hershey, PA -- Registration: \$100.00 – Funding: IDEA

Maria Pinnata – A New Idea: Opportunities in Changing Times – Sponsored by Association of School Psychologists of PA – March 8 & 9, 2006 – Harrisburg, PA – Registration: \$205.00, Travel: \$80.00, Meals: \$20.00 – Total Approximate Cost: \$305.00 – Funding: IDEA

YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green
Mr. Ruth, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Ganser (9)

NAY: None (0)

Unpaid Leave
Tim Weaber

Mr. Dorshimer made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Dengler, that the Board of Education approves the request of Tim Weaber to take a one-day leave, without pay, on April 24, 2006 to represent his church at its annual conference. His request will not be considered a precedent for future requests per correspondence received from the Northern Lehigh Education Association

YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green
Mr. Ruth, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Ganser (9)

NAY: None (0)

POLICY

(Con't.)

Table Education Motion Mr. Dengler made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Beers, that the Board of Education Motion approves to table approval of the following conferences:

Darryl Keiser – Water Analysis Workshop – Sponsored by Penn State Harrisburg – May 4 and 11, 2006 – Center Valley, PA – Registration: \$245.00 – Funding: Support Services Budget

Edward Hollenbach – Water Analysis Workshop – Sponsored by Penn State Harrisburg – May 4 and 11, 2006 – Center Valley, PA – Registration: \$245.00 – Funding: Support Services Budget

Brian Geiger – Water Analysis Workshop – Sponsored by Penn State Harrisburg – May 4 and 11, 2006 – Center Valley, PA – Registration: \$245.00 – Travel: \$20.00 – Total Approximate Cost: \$265.00 – Funding: Support Services Budget

Vote On Tabled Motion YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green
Mr. Ruth, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Ganser (9)
NAY: None (0)

Dr. Sham expressed his dissatisfaction with the tabling of these conferences since they were discussed at the Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting. He felt that if there was a problem with these conferences it should have been addressed at that time.

Mrs. Ganser stated that she was not aware that there were three people planning on going. It was her misunderstanding.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Mrs. Giles made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Follweiler, that the Board of Education approve the 2006-2007 Northern Lehigh School District School Calendar as presented. Mr. Green recommended that the words Christmas and Easter be changed on the calendar and to Winter Recess and Spring Recess.

Public Comment

Donna Kulp – Washington Township – Asked why our district does not start school before Labor Day.
YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green
Mr. Ruth, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Ganser (9)
NAY: None (0)

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Dorshimer made a statement in light of a tragic auto accident that happened to several area high school students stating that he hopes that our high school administrators look at it as a warning to try alert our students, through announcements, etc. to try to deter any type of incident like that happening to any of our students.

FINANCIAL Education

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

PC Abate-ments Approve abatements/exonerations of per capita taxes, for the residents that fall within the guidelines, as listed presented.

Cash Management Portfolio Approve the Arthurs Lestrangle Cash Management Portfolio for the month of January 2006.

Non-Reimburs- Able Construct- ion Project Approve the application for Non-Reimbursable Construction Project to be filed with PDE for the Replacement of the High School HVAC Units and A/C to gymnasium.

HVAC High School and A/C Gym
FINANCIAL
(Con't.)

Solicit Bids For Art Supplies

Authorize proper officials to solicit bids for art supplies for the 2006-2007 school year.

YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green
Mr. Ruth, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Ganser (9)

NAY: None (0)

Public Comment

Donna Kulp – Where is the money coming from to replace the HVAC units and A/C the gymnasium in the high school?

INFORMATION

The following items were distributed to all board members:

Minutes of the Lehigh Carbon Community College Board of Trustees meeting held on February 2, 2006.

Minutes of the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit 21 Board of Directors meeting held on January 19, 2006.

Minutes of the Washington Township Board of Supervisors meeting held on January 10, 2006.

Minutes of the Lehigh Career and Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee meeting held on January 25, 2005 and the LCTI Director's Report for February 2006.

Minutes of the Borough of Slatington Parks & Recreation Commission meeting held on January 20, 2006.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Follweiler made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Beers, that the regular meeting of Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors is adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green
Mr. Ruth, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Ganser (9)

NAY: None (0)

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan C. Dorshimer
Secretary

ATTEST: _____ President
Lauren A. Ganser