

**NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Minutes**

**Slatington, PA
April 4, 2005**

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 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 4, 2005 in the middle school auditorium.

ROLL CALL Members present: Mr. Franklin D. Beers, Mr. Robert J. Cox, Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer, Mr. Raymond J. Follweiler, Jr., Mrs. Susan H. Fullas, Mr. William H. Hazzard, Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr. (7)

Members absent: Mrs. Lauren A. Ganser, Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos (arrived at 7:59 p.m.) (2)

Non-members present: Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Sr., Mrs. Lynne Fedorcha, Mr. Philip Bertolino, Mr. Robert Kern, Dr. Linda Marcincin, Mr. John Hrizuk, Mr. David Papay, Ms. Christine Stafford, Attorney Charles Stopp (Solicitor), Mrs. Laurie Newman-Mankos, Ms. Andrea Madochick, Ms. Ashley Kunkle, Ms. Jessica Fidler, and Mrs. Doneta Merkle

VISITORS Approximately 26 visitors attended the meeting, in addition to Joel Kern, reporter for The Times News and Terry Ahner, reporter for The Chronicle.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEM Mrs. Donna Kulp – Washington Township – requested permission to comment on all agenda items.

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

Student Representatives To The Board Report – The student representative report was distributed and verbally reviewed.

Federal and Other Programs Update – Mrs. Lynne B. Fedorcha
Mrs. Fedorcha distributed a written Director of Curriculum report and reported on its contents to the board.

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

Resolution - 2004-2005 Wrestling Team & Coaches
Mr. Follweiler made a motion, which was unanimously seconded by all board members, that the Board of Education adopts a resolution honoring the 2004-2005 Northern Lehigh High School Wrestling Team and Coaches. Mr. Todd Herzog, head coach, was in attendance along with several wrestling team members. (See attached resolution).

YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Fullas, Mr. Hazzard, Mr. Green (7)
NAY: None (0)

Dr. Sham acknowledged the district's school psychologists in honor of School Psychologist's Day which was celebrated on April 1, 2005.

Dr. Sham announced that the district received the Department of Agriculture Single Audit Report. The review indicated that the district is in compliance.

He presented Matt Green with a plaque on behalf of the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit for serving the district for 27 years as a school board member in the Northern Lehigh School District.

Dr. Sham announced that there would be a special public meeting to discuss Act 72 on April 20 in the middle school auditorium.

Executive Session An Executive Session of the Whole Board was held for personnel items at 6:30 p.m. prior to the meeting and for negotiations discussion after the meeting.

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

Appointment Michelle Jones* (Pending Verification of Clearances)
Non-Instructional Assignment: Special Education Learning Support Aide in the middle school, replacing Jessica Jones, who resigned.
Salary: \$9.17 Per Hour/6 ½ Hours Per Day/5 Days Per Week
Effective Date: March 21, 2005
*60 Day Probationary Period

Substitutes Instruct-ional Approve the following substitute teachers for the 2004-2005 school year at the substitute teacher rates of \$70.00 for 1-10 non-consecutive days; \$80.00 for 11-20 non-consecutive days; and \$90.00 for 21+ non-consecutive days:

Lori King – Elementary
Brenda D. Pascoe – All Subject Areas

Resignation-Retirement Accept the resignation of Patricia Gilbert, Administrative Secretary in the Central Administration Office, effective August 4, 2005. This request is in conjunction with her intent to retire from the district after 28 years of service.

YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Fullas, Mrs. Geronikos
Mr. Hazzard, Mr. Green (8)
NAY: None (0)

POLICY Mrs. Geronikos made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Beers, that the Northern Lehigh School District Board of Education approves the following policy items:

Conferences Approve the request of Michele Dotta to attend a conference on April 20, 2005 in Allentown. Expenses for this conference include \$135.00 for registration, \$6.00 for travel, \$12.00 for meals for a total approximate cost of \$153.00 plus the cost of a substitute for one day and will be paid for through Safe and Drug Free Schools funds.

Approve the request of Kristie Croll to attend a K-6 Literacy Academy sponsored by the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit on August 10, 11, 12, 2005. Expenses for this conference include \$200.00 for registration and will be funded through Title I funds.

Board Policy 2nd Reading Approve revisions to existing school board policy #802 – Operations – School Organization, as presented after second reading.

Approve revisions to existing school board policy #117 – Programs – Homebound Instruction, as presented after second reading.

Approve revisions to existing school board policy #202 – Pupils – Attendance of Nonresident Students, as presented after second reading.

Approve revisions to existing school board policy #808 – Operations – Food Services, as presented after second reading.

Approve revisions to existing school board policy #217 – Pupils – Graduation

Requirements, as presented after second reading.

POLICY
(Con't.)

Approve to adopt new school board policy #200 – Pupils – Enrollment in District, as presented after second reading.

Approve to replace existing school board policy #201 – Pupils – Admission of Students, with new PSBA recommended policy #201, as presented after second reading.

YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Fullas, Mrs. Geronikos
Mr. Hazzard, Mr. Green (8)

NAY: None (0)

**CURRICU-
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TION**

Mr. Follweiler made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fullas, that the Board of Education approves the following Curriculum and Instruction items:

Social Studies
Textbook
Series

Approve the purchase of grade 3-6 social studies textbook series, *Scott Foresman Social Studies 2005* with titles: Grade 3: *World Communities*, Grade 4: *PA and Regions of the US*, Grade 5: *The United States*, and Grade 6: *The World*, to replace a variety of texts including: *Understanding Communities* by Laidlaw, 1981, *Pennsylvania USA* by Silver Burdett 1996, *Pennsylvania Today and Yesterday* by Silver Burdett 1985, and *America Yesterday and Today* by Scott Foresman 1991. The series is aligned with PA Academic Standards for History, Geography, RWLS, Math, and Civics and supports our elementary social studies curriculum. Over \$56,000 worth of free resource materials are being provided. The total cost of the purchase is \$37,569.35, not including shipping and handling. The money to be used is part of the 2004-2005 budget.

After School
Sewing Club

Approve the request of the middle school administration to conduct an After School Sewing Club for interested middle school students. The club would operate one day per week for approximately eight weeks beginning in April 2005. There will be no cost to the district. Students will be responsible for purchasing their own materials and Mrs. Sue Bowser, middle school Family & Consumer Science teacher, will be the adviser and will volunteer her time for this activity.

Eco Action
Club

Approve the request of the senior high school administration to conduct an Eco Action Club in the senior high school. This club will provide students with information about the environment. There will be no cost to the district to conduct this club.

YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Fullas, Mrs. Geronikos
Mr. Hazzard, Mr. Green (8)

NAY: None (0)

**OLD
BUSINESS**

Mr. Dorshimer addressed bringing an item back to the board for a vote after it was previously denied or approved. He wanted to know where the board stood with regard to this practice.

He also wanted the policy committee to look for policy with regard to who has the right to sign contracts the district enters into.

**NEW
BUSINESS**

Mr. Cox was contacted by several district residents about having citizens use the field house. He suggested that this item be placed on the Technology/Buildings & Grounds Committee agenda.

FINANCIAL

Mr. Beers made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Cox, that the Board of Education approves the following items listed under Financial:

PC Abatements Approve abatement of per capita taxes, for the residents that fall within the guidelines, as presented.

Construction 2004 A & 2004 AAA Financing Bills
Approve payment of bills from the Construction Account 2004 A and 2004 AAA Financing, as Account presented.

2004 A
& 2004 AAA
Financing
Bills
FINANCIAL
(Con't.)

Cash Management Portfolio Approve the Arthurs Lestrage Cash Management Portfolio for the month of February 2005.

Solicit Bids For Fuel Approve to authorize proper officials to solicit bids for the following supplies for the 2005-2006 school year: Unleaded Gasoline, Diesel Fuel, #2 Heating Fuel

Nine Terminal Point of Sale System Approve the purchase of a Nine (9) Terminal Point of Sale (POS) system for the Food Services Department from the low bidder Weidenhammer Systems at a cost of \$43,052.45. Funds to purchase the POS system will come from the Food Services Account.

YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Fullas, Mrs. Geronikos
Mr. Hazzard, Mr. Green (8)
NAY: None (0)

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Dorshimer shared two pieces of correspondence with the board.

INFORMATION

All board members received copies of the minutes of the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit Board of Directors meeting held on February 17, 2005, minutes of the Washington Township Board of Supervisors meeting held on February 8, 2005, minutes of the Lehigh Career & Technical Institute Joint Operating committee meeting held on February 23, 2005.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Mr. Tkach and a group of his students were in the audience observing the board meeting.

Mr. Kern acknowledged Greg Roterio who received the local Moose Youth Awareness Award. He will be competing against 58 other students nationwide and Great Britain for a national scholarship.

Mr. Cox commented that he would like to hear more of these academic achievements.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Follweiler made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Beers, that the regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh School District Board of School Directors be adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Fullas, Mrs. Geronikos
Mr. Hazzard, Mr. Green (8)
NAY: None (0)

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan C. Dorshimer
Secretary

ATTEST: _____ President
Mathias J. Green, Jr.