

**NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Board Minutes**

**Slatington, PA**  
**June 8, 2009**

**PURPOSE**

The regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors was called to order by the President, Mr. Edward E. Hartman, at 7:35 p.m. on Monday, June 8, 2009 in the boardroom located in the Slatington Elementary School.

**ROLL CALL**

Members present: Mr. Donald H. Dengler, Mr. Raymond J. Follweiler, Jr., Mrs. Lauren A. Ganser, Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos, Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr., Mrs. Donna M. Kulp, Mr. Gregory S. Williams, Mrs. Sandi L. Young, Mr. Edward E. Hartman (9)

Members absent: None (0)

Non-members present: Mr. Donald Allen, Mr. Jeffrey Bachman, Mrs. Jill Chamberlain, Mr. Greg Derr, Mrs. Lynne Fedorcha, Mr. John Hrizuk, Dr. Linda Marcincin, Mr. Jeremy Melber, Mr. Michael Michaels, Mrs. Laurie Newman-Mankos, Mrs. Karen Nicholas, Mr. Michael Showak (Student Rep.), Atty. Charles Stopp (Solicitor), Atty. Keith Strohl (Solicitor's Office) Ms. Taylor Trapp (Student Rep.), Mrs. Aileen Yadush, and Mrs. Sherri Molitoris.

**VISITORS**

Approximately six visitors attended the meeting, in addition to Terry Ahner, reporter for The Times News and Channel 13 News.

**APPROVE MINUTES**

Mr. Follweiler made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Ganser, that the minutes of the regular school board meeting held on May 11, 2009 and the special school board meeting held on May 28, 2009 be approved and ordered filed.

YEA: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mrs. Kulp, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Young, Mr. Hartman (9)

NAY: None (0)

**SPECIAL BOARD of REPORTS**

Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit – Mr. Donald H. Dengler reported that Mrs. Groller was appointed as the Assistant Executive Director. They also were introduced to two students who were apart of the Transition Academy.

Lehigh Career and Technical Institute – Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos stated she attended the recent award ceremonies. Many Northern Lehigh students received local, state and national awards.

Legislative Report – Mr. Gregory S. Williams stated the Senate Education Committee voted unanimously (11-0) for a bill that would halt any movement on the Graduation Competency Exam unless the legislature voted for them. 46 states, including Pennsylvania, signed onto a plan endorsed by the United States Education Secretary, to draft common standards for the entire country on education items. Mr. Williams and Mr. Hartman attended the Spring Legislative Meeting. There were 4 legislatures from the House that attended the meeting and neither of them had anything to say on the progress of the state budget.

SB 101, which would drastically raise the penalties for any Sunshine Law violations, has passed the full Senate and will now move to the House.

A republican senator from Lancaster County is calling for a three year halt on the prevailing wage law for construction projects, labeling it an unnecessary tax burden for tax payers.

Lehigh Carbon Community College – Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr. reported that applications to attend the community college are up approximately 50%. Then Board of Trustees has elected Mr. Green as their chairmen for the upcoming year.

**Committee Reports and/or Meetings**

Minutes of the Policy/Education meeting held on June 1, 2009 was distributed.

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Minutes of the Technology Buildings and Grounds meeting held on June 3, 2009 was distributed.

Minutes of the Finance Committee meetings held on June 3, 2009 was distributed.

Student Representatives to the Board Report

Mr. Michael Showak and Mrs. Taylor Trapp distributed their written student representative report and verbally reported on its contents.

Mr. Hartman thanked Mr. Showak for his years of service to Northern Lehigh School Board as a student representative.

Federal and Other Programs Update – Mrs. Lynne B. Fedorcha stated that grant allocations for the 2008-2009 school year totaled \$1,170,382 in addition to the Science It's Elementary Grant that provides the district with training and science kits and Healthy Tools that provides software for tracking health issues. She further reported on the ESL student assessment, the revision of the ESL program to align with new regulations, PSSA individual reports and Slatington Elementary is entering into a pilot program called SWEBS (School Wide Effective Behavior Support). She also reported that the high school English department has completed their performance objective maps, the Science department has completed their content maps, Wellness and Fitness has also completed their eligible content maps. These groups will be writing and realigning their courses with the standards.

Mr. Hartman thanked Mrs. Fedorcha on behalf of the Board for her years of service to the district.

Business Manager's Report – Mr. Jeremy G. Melber addressed the board on items that are on the board agenda for this evening which include, bills for payment and insurance renewals. He addressed the board concerning Worker's Compensation and the possibility of changing to SDIC to carry our Worker's Compensation Insurance. The district must be voted in to be allowed to have insurance coverage with them. The district did get the preliminary approval to submit an application. Southern Lehigh and LCTI are currently using this group. If we receive approval the district will save at least \$20,000. He also received notification from PDE that the district will receive Homestead/Farmstead Exclusion for the 2009-2010 tax year. Northern Lehigh's allocation is \$948,929. The budget is also on for approval at a .6 mil increase over last school year. There is also a Resolution on the Addendum for the intent to Issue Bonds/Notes to finance projects. He addressed the board concerning this motion and the need for it if the district wishes to receive reimbursement from the bond for the fees they are going to be incurring for architects.

Mr. Derr addressed the board concerning Provident Energy and the reduction in energy costs and being ready when the rate cap comes off for electricity. Mr. Melber presented a power point presentation addressing the ESCO financing and the offset from the energy savings that the district would be realizing. He also talked about refinancing the 2004AAA Bonds that the district currently has and tying them in with this new bond issue.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Michael W. Michaels

Mr. Michaels thanked Mr. Showak for serving as Student Representative to the Board and presented him with a gift.

Dr. Marcincin introduced Mrs. Carleen Binder, 6<sup>th</sup> Sense Advisor. Mrs. Binder introduced the team members and congratulated them on a first place win this year.

Mr. Michaels thanked Mrs. Patrice Arnold for her many years of service as Elementary PTO President.

Mr. Michaels introduced Mr. Justin Molitoris, newly appointed Student Board Representative for the 2009-2010 school year.

Mr. Hartman stated that the board was in executive session prior to tonight's regular school board meeting to discuss personnel issues.

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

Change of Status	Stephen Shuey From: Half Time Art Teacher – Senior High School To: Full Time Art Teacher – Senior High School Salary: \$41,700 (Step 2 Bachelors on the 2009-2010 CBA, Salary Schedule) Effective: August 26, 2009
Appointments Administrative	Susan Bahnick Assignment: Food Service Director Salary: \$47,000 Effective: July 1, 2009
Substitute Non-Instructional	Approve the following individual as a substitute aide for the 2008-2009 school year at the 2008-2009 substitute rate as approved on the Supplementary Personnel Salary Schedule:  Ryan Mayberry
Computer Technician Agreement	Approve to incorporate the position of Computer Technician into the Clerical Salary and Benefit Agreement effective July 1, 2009. Mr. Haas petitioned the Board in January 2009 to be apart of the Clerical Agreement according to language in the current Computer Technicians Agreement.
Appointment Non-Instructional	Jane Wentz* Assignment: High School Administrative Secretary, replacing Janice Merkel who retired Salary: \$33,299 (Level I on the 2008-2009 Clerical Salary Schedule) Effective Date: June 26, 2009 <b>*60 Day probationary period ending August 24, 2009</b>
Resignation/ Retirement Steve Drake	Accept the resignation of Stephen Drake from his position as High School Technology Education Teacher, effective the end of the work day, June 16, 2009. At this time he will begin his retirement form the Northern Lehigh School District after 28 years of service.
Ellen Drake Teacher, retirement form	Accept the resignation of Ellen Drake from her position as Middle School Social Studies effective the end of the work day, June 16, 2009. At this time she will begin her the Northern Lehigh School District after 20 years of service.
Appointment Instructional	Rebecca Druker* Assignment: High School English, replacing Eric Schmidt who was administratively transferred to Librarian Salary: \$41,500 pro-rated (Step 1 Bachelors on the 2009-2010 CBA Salary Schedule) Effective: August 26, 2009 <b>*Pending Verification of Clearances</b>  YEA: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mrs. Kulp, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Young, Mr. Hartman (9) NAY: None (0)

**POLICY** Mr. Williams made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Kulp that he Board of Education approves the following policy items:

Board Policy First Reading	Approve school board policy #248 – Pupils – Unlawful Harassment, as presented after first reading.  Approve school board policy #249 – Pupils – Bullying/Cyberbullying, as presented after first reading.
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Approve school board policy #348 – Administrative Employees – Unlawful Harassment, as presented after first reading.

Approve school board policy #448 – Professional Employees – Unlawful Harassment, as presented after first reading.

Approve school board policy #548 – Classified Employees – Unlawful Harassment, as presented after first reading.

Approve new Faculty Laptop Policy, as presented after first reading.

Student year. Approve Justin Molitoris as Student Representative to the Board for the 2009-2010 school year.

School Board Rep. - Justin to the Molitoris board until June 2010. Justin has been appointed as the junior representative to the board and will serve from September 2009 through June 2010. Taylor Trapp will serve as the senior representative

Group List Policy 707 In accordance with School Board Policy #707, approve the list of organizations and their appropriate group designation as presented by the Director of Support Services.

Homebound It is recommended that the Board of Education grant homebound instruction for a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade student, Student No. 1990179, for five hours per week, effective June 2, 2009 and continuing for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year.

Student Parent Handbook Changes Approve the changes to the Elementary School Student-Parent Handbook as presented.

Approve the changes to the Northern Lehigh High School Student-Parent Handbook as presented.

Approve the changes to the Northern Lehigh Middle School Student-Parent Handbook as presented.

Agreement Of Sponsorship Approve the Agreement of Sponsorship To Attend Another Pennsylvania Community College for Emily Kehm, in accordance with the guidelines established under Policy #912. Beginning in the Fall of 2009 she will be a fulltime student at Northampton Community College to pursue her course of study in Funeral Services.

YEA: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mrs. Kulp, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Young, Mr. Hartman (9)

NAY: None (0)

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

Summer Reading Program Approve to authorize the administration to employ nine elementary teachers at a stipend of \$1,800 per teacher (approximate total \$16,200) and one Reading Specialist Supervisor at a stipend of \$1,500, to conduct a Title I Summer Reading Camp for Title I eligible K-2 students based on data and teacher recommendation. The Reading Camp will be conducted in the Slatington

Elementary August 7, 2009. School from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Monday through Friday from July 20 to August 7, 2009. Expenses for this program will be paid for through the ACT portion of the PA-Pact Grant.

MS Office 2007 Textbooks Approve the purchase of *MS Office 2007* textbooks to replace *MS Office 2003 textbooks*. We will now be instructing our students in Office 2007 in which previously hard-to-find features are now easier to explore. We already have the Office 2007 software and the Technology Department will be installing this in the HS Computer labs. We will continue to use *Microsoft Office 2003* for non-instructional purposes. The cost of 225 books is \$18,668.75. This is part of the 2009-2010 Curriculum and Instruction budget.

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Accounting Textbooks	Approve the purchase of Accounting textbooks - <i>Century 21 Accounting Advanced</i> and <i>Century 21 Accounting Multicolumn Journal</i> . Both books are published by South-Western/Cengage Learning, 2008 copyright. These texts will replace worn out accounting books by the same publisher with a 2000 copyright. The total cost of 42 books with software support is \$4917 plus shipping and handling. (Exam view and lesson view software is being provided without charge.) This purchase is part of the 2008-2009 Curriculum and Instruction budget.
Consumer Life Skills Textbooks	Approve the purchase of Consumer Life Skills text <i>Manage Your Personal Finances</i> authored by Joan Ryan, published by South-Western/Cengage Learning, 2008 copyright. The book replaces <i>Introduction to Business</i> , also published by South-Western in 1997. The cost of 60 textbooks is \$3,795 plus shipping and handling and is part of the 2008-2009 Curriculum and Instruction budget.
Professional Development Committee	Appoint the following list of people as members of the Northern Lehigh Professional Development Committee:  Jennifer Ortiz and Deb Bower – Parent Representatives Lori Vernon – Business Representative Lynne Fedorcha – Community Representative
Title I, Title II, Schools Title V and Drug-Free Schools & Communities Act 2009-2010	Approve to authorize proper officials to execute contracts for Title I, Title II and Drug-Free and Communities Acts for the 2009-2010 school year.  Mr. Williams stated that he would like to be the board representative to the Professional Development Committee.  YEA: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mrs. Kulp, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Young, Mr. Hartman (9) NAY: None (0)
<b><u>FINANCIAL</u></b>	Mr. Green made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Dengler, that the Board of Education approves the following financial items:
List Of Bills	Approve the Following List of Bills: General Fund month of May Athletic Fund month of May Refreshment Stand Fund month of May Cafeteria Fund month of May
Financial Reports	Approve the Following Financial Reports: General Fund months of May NLMS Student Activities Account month of May NLHS Student Activities and Scholarship Account for the month of April
Insurance Broker 2009-2010	Appoint Hilb, Rogal and Hamilton Company (HRH) Palley Simon Associates as the district insurance broker for Property, Casualty, Liability and Worker's Compensation insurance for the 2009-2010 school year.
Maintenance Machine Agreement	Approve a maintenance agreement for the 2009-2010 school year with Allentown Sewing Outlet. The agreement covers sewing machines located as follows:

Sewing Machines Middle School – 14 machines at \$30.00 per machine plus parts and a one time \$10.00 fuel charge = \$430.00

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District Insurance Packages Award insurance coverage for the 2009-2010 school year to the following companies:

Commercial Package and Automobile (Vehicle Liability, General Liability Property Insurance and Boiler and Machinery) Graphic Arts (UTICA) National Insurance Company - \$59,492. The premium is an increase of \$2,494 over last year's rate.

Commercial Umbrella Liability Insurance – North River Insurance Company - \$15,504.00. There is no increase over last year's rate.

School Leaders Error and Omissions Liability – National Union Fire Insurance Company - \$12,569. The premium is a decrease of \$662.00 over last year's rates.

Workers' Compensation Coverage – School Boards Insurance Company – estimated premium of \$84,379, approximately a \$10,942 increase. This amount is an estimated total, final cost on actual payroll figures.

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Financial Institution Depositories Authorize the following financial institutions to act as approved depositories for school district funds and or temporary investments. The Northern Lehigh School Board further authorizes the following financial institutions to transfer funds on deposit to any other bank for the credit of the Northern Lehigh School District. The Board further authorizes the Business Manager and/or Superintendent to enter into agreements, supplements or amendments to agreements to implement the foregoing operations for the 2009-2010 school year.

Commerce Bank of Pennsylvania  
Wachovia National Bank  
East Penn Bank

Prudential-Bache Government Securities Trust  
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT)

Bill Payment July Approve to grant permission to the business office to pay construction, insurance, and utility bills that are scheduled for payment during the month of July as required by contract. There is no scheduled board meeting in July.

Delinquent Per Capita Tax Collector Approve the appointment of Statewide Tax Recovery as the delinquent per capita tax collector for the 2009-2010 school year.

Remco–Café Equip Mnt Provider Approve Remco, Inc as a preventative maintenance service provider for the cafeteria equipment in all four buildings at a cost of \$3,965.75. This is an increase of \$170.75 over last year.

Mid-Penn Student Accident school Insurance Appoint Mid-Penn Insurance Associates as the 2009-2010 Student Accident and Athletic Insurance Carriers. The renewal rate is \$6,904, an increase of \$739 over last year, to include all interscholastic sports, band and cheerleading. Voluntary school coverage is \$22.00 for the time rate and \$88.00 for the 24-hour rate, no increase in rate from 2008-2009.

Board Secretary & Treasurer Bonds Approve to renew the following expiring bonds for the 2009-2010 fiscal year through HRH Pally Simon Associates:

A \$50,000 Board Secretary Bond for the term of July 1, 2009 to July 1, 2010 at an annual premium of \$175.00.

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A \$50,000 Board Treasurer Bond for the period July 1, 2009 to July 1, 2010 at an annual cost of \$269.00.

Cal-First Computer Upon final approval of the Proposed Final 2009-2010 Budget as presented at the May 11, 2009 board meeting, approve the lease of the following items from California First Leasing Corporation

Lease Agreement 18201 Von Karman Ave, Suite 800, Irvine CA 92612 for \$45,000.00 per year with a lease term of 36 months and a one dollar (\$1) buyout option at end of the lease agreement:

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Laptops, Carts and Data Projectors for Middle School  
Laptops and Data Projectors for High School  
Interactive White Boards and Data Projectors for Peters Elementary

Grand Prix Excavation PE Paving Award the Peters Elementary Paving Project bid to Grand Prix Excavation at a cost of \$185,408.00.

Guaranteed Energy Award Provident Energy's recommendation to appoint CM3 Building Solutions for the Guaranteed Energy Savings Project under the Guaranteed Energy Savings Act, pending solicitor's review of Savings Act proposal.

School Dentist Approve to appoint Dr. Harry Schleifer of Professional Dental Associates as the school dentist for the 2009-2010 school year at the quoted fee of \$1.00 per dental exam needed.

School Physician Approve to appoint Dr. Nicole Sully and Dr. Amy Steigerwalt of Parkland Family Health Center as school physicians for the 2009-2010 school year. The fee for grade level physicals will be \$20.00 per physical needed. Consultant services will be provided at no charge.

Football Game Physician Approve to appoint OAA Orthopedic Specialists to provide football game physicians for the 2009-2010 school year at a quoted fee of \$75.00 per regular season game and 85.00 per post-season game. There is no increase over last year's fee.

Rescind Fuel Bid Rescind the motion awarding fuel bids of Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel and No. 2 Heating Oil Transport Delivery to CHH Inc.

Award Fuel 2009 Bids Petroleum Traders Approve the awarding of fuel bids to the following companies with a contract period of July 1, to June 30, 2010:

**DIESEL FUEL** – Awarded to Petroleum Traders at a cost of .0974 (normal blend) per gallon over rack rate on date of delivery and .05 (winterization additive) per gallon over rack rate on date of delivery.

**#2 GRADE FUEL OIL TRANSPORT DELIVERY** – Awarded to Petroleum Traders at a cost of .0777 per gallon over rack rate on date of delivery.

Homestead/Farmstead Resolution Approve the following Homestead/Farmstead Resolution, as presented. **(Attachment)**

**NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**2009 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution**

**RESOLVED**, by the Board of School Directors of the Northern Lehigh School District, that homestead and farmstead exclusion real estate tax assessment reductions are authorized for the school year beginning July 1, 2009, under the provisions of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act (part of Act 50 of 1998) and the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006), as follows:

1. **Aggregate amount available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction.**  
The following amounts are available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction for the school year beginning July 1, 2009:
  - a. **Gambling tax funds.** The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has notified the School District that PDE will pay to the School District during the school year pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.505(b), as a property tax reduction allocation funded by gambling tax funds, the amount of \$945,932.98.

- b. **Philadelphia tax credit reimbursement funds.** PDE has notified the School District that PDE will pay to the School District during the school year pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.324(3), as reimbursement for Philadelphia tax credits claimed against the School District earned income tax by School District resident taxpayers, the amount of \$2,996.13.

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- c. **Aggregate amount available.** Adding these amounts, the aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction is \$948,929.11.
2. **Homestead/farmstead numbers.** Pursuant to Act 50, 54 Pa. C.S. § 8584(i), and Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.341(g)(3), the County has provided the School District with a certified report listing approved homesteads and approved farmsteads as follows:
    - a. **Homestead property number.** The number of approved homesteads within the School District is 3,836.
    - b. **Farmstead property number.** The number of approved farmsteads within the School District is 36.
    - c. **Homestead/farmstead combined number.** Adding these numbers, the aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads is 3,872.
  3. **Real estate tax reduction calculation.** The school board has decided that the homestead exclusion amount and the farmstead exclusion amount shall be equal. Dividing the paragraph 1(e) aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction of \$948,929.11 by the paragraph 2(c) aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads of 3,872 (before considering the assessed value of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads having an assessed value below the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate assessed value reduction amount to be established as the homestead and farmstead exclusion amount), the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is \$245.07.

Based on calculations provided by the School District Business Office from the best available information and carefully evaluated by the School Board, considering the assessed value of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads having an assessed value below the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate assessed value reduction amount to be established as the homestead exclusion and the farmstead exclusion amount, an additional aggregate amount of \$3,571.20 will be available during the school year for real estate tax reduction applicable to approximately 3,840 homesteads and farmsteads, resulting in an additional real estate tax reduction amount available for each homestead and farmstead of \$0.93. Adding this additional amount to the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate tax reduction amount of \$245.07, the final maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is \$246.00.

4. **Homestead exclusion calculation.** Dividing the paragraph 3 maximum real estate tax reduction amount of \$246.00 by the School District real estate tax rate of 62.873 mills (.062873), the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a homestead exclusion for each approved homestead is \$3,912.65, and the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a farmstead exclusion for each approved farmstead is \$3,912.65.
5. **Homestead/farmstead exclusion authorization – July 1 tax bills.** The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved homestead within the School District shall reflect a homestead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of: (a) the County-established assessed value of the homestead, or (b) the paragraph 4 maximum real estate assessed value reduction of \$3,912.65. The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved farmstead within the School District shall reflect an additional farmstead exclusion



real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of: (a) the County-established assessed value of the farmstead, or (b) the paragraph 4 maximum real estate assessed value reduction of \$3,912.65. For purposes of this Resolution, "approved homestead" and "approved farmstead" shall mean homesteads and farmsteads listed in the report referred to in paragraph 2 above and received by the School District from the County Assessment Office on or before May 1 pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.341(g)(3), based on homestead/farmstead applications filed with the County Assessment Office on or before March 1. This paragraph 5 will apply to

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tax notices issued based on the initial tax duplicate used in issuing initial real estate tax notices for the school year, which will be issued on or promptly after July 1, and will not apply to interim real estate tax bills.

Capital Project  
Bond Issue

Approve the following Intent to Issue Bonds or Notes Resolution, as presented. **(Attachment)**

**NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Lehigh and Northampton Counties Pennsylvania**

**RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS OR NOTES  
TO FINANCE A CAPITAL PROJECT OR PROJECTS AND  
TO ALLOCATE A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS THEREOF  
TO THE PAYMENT OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURES TO BE MADE  
PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS OR NOTES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of School Directors (the "Board") of this School District (the "School District") contemplates undertaking a capital project or projects that will consist of planning, designing, acquiring, constructing and furnishing additions and renovations to the Slatington Elementary School building as well as administrative facilities of the School District (the "Projects"); and

**WHEREAS**, the School District contemplates incurring debt in an estimated amount up to \$20,000,000 in connection with the Projects, such debt to be evidenced by tax-exempt general obligation bonds or notes of the School District (the "Obligations"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board contemplates that it may be necessary or appropriate to pay certain costs and expenses of the Projects from money held in accounts within the General Fund of the School District, that may be available temporarily for such purposes before the Obligations are issued, but it is not the present intent of the Board that such General Fund money be used as the permanent source of money to pay the costs of the Projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and related tax regulations impose certain restrictions upon the use of proceeds of tax-exempt obligations to reimburse the issuer for costs and expenses previously paid, unless the issuer has made a declaration of official intent to reimburse itself for such costs and expenses before they are paid or within 60 days after they are paid.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. The Board hereby expresses its intent to proceed with the Projects and to issue the Obligations in an aggregate principal amount currently estimated not to exceed \$20,000,000 to provide permanent financing for the Projects; provided, however, that for purposes of economy, the Board may elect to combine the costs of the Projects with the costs of other capital projects or the refunding of outstanding bonds or notes of this School District for purposes of financing.

2. The Board hereby declares its reasonable expectation that proceeds of the Obligations shall be allocated to reimburse the General Fund for expenditures made for and toward costs and expenses of the Projects prior to the issuance of the Obligations, including (if applicable) any costs and expenses of the Projects paid out of the General Fund within the past 60 days and any preliminary costs and expenses of the Projects that are eligible for reimbursement under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code and applicable regulations cited below.

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3. The Board hereby declares that this Resolution shall constitute a "declaration of official intent" within the meaning of Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations promulgated by the Internal Revenue Service under Section 150 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Bond Issue Authorize the Business Manger to perform a bond issue for the Northern Lehigh ESCO  
project ESCO Project financing in the amount of \$2,360,000.00.

Recall/  
of Reissue Authorize the Business Manager to Recall and Re-Issue the 2004AAA Bonds in the amount  
2004AAA \$1,894,893.00, only if savings are to exceed an amount authorized by the business manager.  
Bond

YEA: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mrs. Kulp,  
Mr. Williams, Mrs. Young, Mr. Hartman (9)  
NAY: None (0)

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Mr. Williams handed out information from PSBA to all board members.  
Mr. Williams distributed the CLIU ballots and asked that everyone complete them and hand them to Mrs. Molitoris.

**INFOR-  
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Minutes of the Lehigh Carbon Community College Board of Trustees meeting held on April 2, 2009 was distributed

Minutes of the Lehigh Career & Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee meeting held on April 22, 2009 and the LCTI Director's Report for May 2009 were distributed

Minutes of the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit 21 Board of Directors meeting held on April 20, 2009 was distributed.

will also Mrs. Geronikos said that the Bigs and Littles Program was a big success. It will be continued into  
need for their classrooms the fall by funding from grants and the Education Foundation. The Education Foundation  
be giving grants to one teacher in each building to purchase items they  
to start the school year.

**ADOPTION  
2009-2010  
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BUDGET**

Mr. Dengler, made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Ganser, that the Board of Education approves to adopt a budget for the Northern Lehigh School District for the 2009-2010 school year in the amount of \$28,958,961.00.

1. A 62.873 mill (or \$6.2873 per \$100 of assessed valuation) tax on Real Estate for both Lehigh and Northampton Counties. An increase of .6 mills over 2008-2009.
2. A \$5.00 Resident Per Capita Tax, taxable on 18 year olds and over based on Section 679 of the School Code of 1949. No change from 2008-2009.
3. Taxes under Act 511 with no changes from 2008-2009:
  - a. A 1% Earned Income Tax shared equally with coterminous municipalities.
  - b. A Realty Transfer Tax shared equally with the coterminous municipalities.
  - c. A \$5.00 Resident Per Capita Tax taxable on residents age 18 and over.

- d. A \$5.00 Local Service Tax (formerly Emergency and Municipal Services Tax)

ROLL CALL:

YEA: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Kulp, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Young, Mr. Hartman (8)

NAY: Mr. Green (1)

Motion carried.

**ADJOURN-  
MENT**

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

YEA: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mrs. Kulp, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Young, Mr. Hartman (9)

NAY: None (0)

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory S. Williams  
Secretary

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ President  
Edward E. Hartman