

NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting
Board Minutes

Slatington, PA
October 9, 2023

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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 7:17 p.m. on Monday, October 9, 2023, in the Northern Lehigh Administration Building Board Room..

ROLL CALL Members present: Mr. Chad Christman, Mr. Robin T. Distler, Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha, Mrs. Rhonda Frantz, Mr. Mathias Green, Jr., Mrs. Gale N. Husack, Mrs. Donna M. Kulp, and Mrs. Natalie Snyder (8)

Members absent: Mr. Robert L. Kern, Jr. (1)

Non-members present: Dr. Matthew Link, Dr. Tania Stoker, Ms. Victoria Hanna, Ms. Jalah Cook, Mr. Todd Breiner, Dr. Lori Bali, Mr. Greg Derr, Mrs. Michele Dotta, Mr. David Jones, Mr. David Hauser, Mr. Eric Hill, Mr. Eugene Marks, Mrs. Sherri Molitoris, Mr. James Schnyderite, Mr. Michael Strohl, Atty. Kristine Roddick, and Mr. Terry Ahner (Press).

VISITORS Approximately 3 visitors attended the meeting and seventy-four visitors viewed the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT Dr. Link commented I do have the sheet and nobody signed up for any public comments this evening.

Mr. Green commented okay.

APPROVE MINUTES Mr. Distler made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Fedorcha that the minutes of the regular board meeting held on September 11, 2023, be approved and ordered filed.

YEA: Mr. Chad Christman, Mr. Robin T. Distler, Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha, Mrs. Rhonda Frantz, Mr. Mathias Green, Jr., Mrs. Gale N. Husack, Mrs. Donna M. Kulp, and Mrs. Natalie Snyder (8)

NAY: None (0)
Motion carried.

SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit - Mrs. Husack commented thank you, Mr. Green. Update on the CLIU, Dr. Greg Koons has now officially taken over. Through the board, we now receive a board summary which I'll be glad to start sending to the board as we get them now. There's a board summary, it also has some videos and ideas in there that are shown during our board meeting which is again also on the website as they record their meetings. Some highlights from the September 18th meeting, every year their opening year, they do what they call the Annie Sullivan Award. They present it to a deserving staff member and all of them are nominated by either teachers or parents or members of the community who have seen these individuals work and it exemplifies the caring involvement that they have with these students who have disabilities. So the individual who won it this year was a psychologist, Emily Zapoala. So there's a Youtube video on the IU website, you're welcome to watch it, of her being presented that award. It is all confidential, they keep it as secretive as possible. It's really a fantastic award that the IU gives to a staff member throughout the year. So, if you get a chance, I recommend going on to the IU website to go see that presentation which happens every year at their opening ceremonies. We also received an update on the extended school year. Extended school year for the IU does run from July 5th through July 27th. they did have 214 students participate in their ESY program.

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We had a handful of students in there and most of the locations, unfortunately, none are here at our site but there is Whitehall High School, Orefield Middle School, L.B. Morris in the Jim Thorpe School District, what the IU would call LAS which is Lehigh Learning and Achievement School, also Lehigh County Enhance Autism and Carbon County Enhance Autism. They all had students attend programs in their early school year. The last thing that we did approve during our September 18th meeting was the 2023-2024 organizational goals. The current four main goals that the IU is focusing on are collaboration, communication, service and commitment, and quality and economy. Dr. Koons drew attention to this year's goals which included a new communication plan and board summary. A lot of showcase around social media and what that social media plan would look like and what they would be presenting during those times. So hopefully, if you follow social media, Instagram, Facebook, those types of things, the IU does have a channel and you can see sometimes what our students are doing as well as sometimes what the IU is presenting and putting on. I'd recommend going out and taking a look to see. For the board members, if you have any questions on the IU on what's happening, anything new that you would like to ask Dr. Koons, feel free to send me an email or see me at some point in time. I do have a meeting with him the last week of October, so I will be sitting with him to go over some topics. So, staff members, if you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me and I'd be glad to be getting those addressed. Thank you.

Lehigh Career & Technical Institute - Mr. Fedorcha commented I have nothing special to highlight. You have the minutes of the meeting. I do want to say that some of our administration is going to be going to the PSBA conference this coming week and presenting. I will be representing LCTI.

Legislative Report - Mrs. Snyder commented nothing major is going on. The Senate and the House of Representatives were in session on October 2nd and they will be returning on October 16th. That's really all I have.

Lehigh Carbon Community College - Mr. Green commented speaking of legislators, I guess from LCCC I can make one point and that is, I think they have finally come to some consensus and they're releasing money to school districts, so I think we're getting some dollars from them. They are still not releasing the money to the college. Okay and what does that mean? That means we're starting to dig into our reserve accounts. We don't have that money left. It also means instead of getting, you know, this big chunk of money from the state which you can now invest at 5 and a half percent in CDs, we're losing the interest on it so it's a double whammy and guess who's paying for it? All you guys. You know all you taxpayers that are chipping in who live anywhere near LCCC, it's not a lot it's a little here and a little there. Pretty soon that's the stuff that kind of adds up. So, if you see your legislators, thank them for their hard work and we'll go from there. It's starting to hurt now because we're just digging deeper and deeper into some of those reserves and they're set aside for some other issues.

Mrs. Husack asked is that because the budget? The budget is not officially passed, is that correct for why you're not using it or?

Mr. Green commented I think the budget is passed they just, they just haven't decided how they're going to use it. You know? And they already agreed on a big number, but now they're trying to decide how they're going to follow that out. I saw something and I think more money is going to charter school and they're going to have a different way of doing that, but who knows where it's going to go.

Committee Reports and/or Meetings

- > Minutes of the Education Committee Meeting held on October 2, 2023, were distributed.
- > Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held on October 2, 2023, were distributed.
- > Minutes of the Technology/Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting held on October 2, 2023, were distributed.
- > Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on October 2, 2023, were distributed.
- > Minutes of the Extra and Co-Curricular Committee Meeting held on October 2, 2023, were distributed.

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Student Representative's Report - Ms. Victoria Hanna commented good evening everyone. It's nice to see you all again. Today, we're just going to be discussing information about how homecoming went, other events that we're planning to have in the high school, and our sports report. To start off, homecoming week was a big hit. We had the bonfire which was a success yet again. Everyone was warm around the fire. We had fall sports, the seniors being recognized, the cheerleaders and the band performed, and we also had the community supporting our vendors. We also had many students participate in our homecoming spirit week. Each day we had a day where you dress up as a certain thing. We had a minion day, we had a barbie day and it was nice to see everyone dress up and be creative for that. We also had the juniors who won the hallway decorating and their theme was Willy Wonka, so congrats to them. But, the seniors won the spirit stick at the homecoming pep rally. The homecoming pep rally was really fun and eventful. We had lots of students participating and I saw and witnessed the most aggressive musical chairs, too. We had fall sports being recognized and we had the cheerleaders do their routine. Then we had the homecoming boys on court, they did their skit and an announcement revealed the girls who are on homecoming court. Then later that evening we had the parade and there were lots of families supporting and cheering on the people that were on court and all the ambulances and fire trucks and all that stuff. Then we had the football game and Jalah will give specific information on that. We had at halftime, cheerleaders do the routine to the band and the homecoming court was presented. The king and the queen announced. The king was Jack Tosh and the queen was Zoe Edwards, so congrats to them. Our school spirit crowd in the student section has been really amazing this year and they have been loud, proud and appropriate. We've also had the homecoming dance which was very fun. This year we had the most show up since a long time with over 300 students attending. It's good to see that more students are coming and being involved in school events and everyone had fun with their dates or their friends and they were singing, dancing and all that. That's all that I have and I'll pass it on to Jalah.

Ms. Jalah Cook commented good evening, everyone. It's good to see you all here. I'm just going to get right into it, it's not that much. We have a total of 16 colleges coming to visit from September to November. The blood drive is on Wednesday, October 11th from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the high school gym. On Thursday, October 5th, the National Honor Society had a meeting with 126 eligible students to discuss what NHS is and the application process. Nature's Preservers will be having their first project of the school year and will be cleaning up the middle school courtyard on October 14th. Esports won their first tournament on Tuesday, October 3rd. Now, on to the sports report. Cross country has been doing great this year. Their league meet is October 18th at 3:45 p.m. Their district meet is Wednesday, October 25th at 2:22 p.m. Field hockey is 1 and 14 overall and 1 and 11 in leagues. They had their first win against Palisades, so we congratulate them. Boys Soccer is 5-9-2 overall and 3-7-1 in leagues. Their best record since 2014 which is a great accomplishment. Currently, they are number 3 in districts and have a possibility of going to districts. Girls Soccer is 11 and 5 overall and 7 and 5 in their league. They are number 4 in districts and qualify for districts. Football is 3 and 4 overall. They won their homecoming game against Salisbury 45-13, and they have a chance of making districts. Their senior night is October 27th at 7:00 p.m. Fall awards night is October 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. That is all I have for tonight and thank you very much.

Ms. Hanna commented and I would just like to say one more thing. Earlier this evening, the girls soccer team had their game against Catasauqua and one of our star athletes, Caitlyn Barthold, just beat the school record for having the most goals. It was originally 73 and she just made 74 goals and it will be continuing to grow. She's a junior.

Solicitor's Report - Attorney Roddick commented nothing to report.

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Assistant Superintendent's Report - Dr. Stoker commented thank you Mr. Green. Last week, we in the district office submitted a 55-question questionnaire which was information from the Pennsylvania Department of Education related to federal programs. Essentially, there were questions regarding our ESSER funding, what we've been spending the money on and it's to inform PDE's Department of Federal Programs with regard to future monitoring. So, we've submitted that questionnaire. We're just waiting to hear where that goes from here. With regard to our ESSER spending, our update for this month we have expended ESSER 1 and ESSER 2. With regard to ESSER 3, we've spent the money again on many of the things that we have over the past few months which is our technology integration specialist, salary and benefits, Kindergarten teacher, our ESSER paraprofessionals, our Director of Technology, Curriculum and Instruction, and also our hotspot fees. That's all I have.

Business Manager's Report - Mrs. Molitoris commented we had our local audit last week and the auditors should have my reports back sometime in the month of November and that will be distributed to the board when it's received. Currently, they didn't come back to me with anything or any kind of findings at this point in time.

Mr. Green commented sounds good. So, you're continuing your role of excellence?

Mrs. Molitoris commented I hope so.

Superintendent's Report - Mr. Link commented thank you, Mr. Green. This evening, Again, continuing with our commitment to sharing out data each month at each school board meeting, except for December, tonight we're going to focus on a snapshot of beginning of year data at each building level with a focus on literacy and numeracy. Then, for high school, also biology. So each principal will give a snapshot of the data that was collected pretty much the first half of December at each building level. Keeping in mind that students were assessed on everything they will be instructed on for the entire school year. Right, so it's a snapshot on their performance on the entire school year's content, even the content that they were not yet instructed in. That's why they call it the BOY, or beginning of the year, data. In February, we'll come back with the MOY, the middle of the year, data. So, Mr. Haas, thank you for queuing that up. At this point, I will hand it over to Mr. Schnyderite for the Peters Elementary School BOY, or beginning of the year, data.

Presentation of Northern Lehigh School District Beginning of Year (BOY) Data Snapshot October 9, 2023 by building Principals.

Dr. Link commented okay, thank you principals. We will revisit this particular data, the local assessments for literacy, numeracy, and biology in February. But, next year, or rather next month, the data that we will be bringing forth for the school board and the community is more of the data related to past culture and climate. Some data that our school police department is going to bring forth as well. So, data snapshots but different types of data. Then there will not be a data report at the December meeting. So we appreciate the questions, the feedback, and the concerns that you bring forth and we'll continue to work to address all of those. That concludes my report for this evening, sir.

Mr. Green commented can you get a copy of those slides for me to have, is that possible?

Dr. Link commented absolutely.

Mr. Green commented I'm sure Mr. Kern would appreciate looking at it, so I'd like to get a copy to him.

Dr. Link commented we could, yeah.

Mr. Green commented all right, thank you Dr. Link.

**Executive
Session**

Executive session was held this evening at 5:45 p.m. and I apologize for not getting here on time, but we had a lot of personnel issues that required a lot of discussion and hopefully we'll come to some conclusions and we can move forward on some issues. So again, my apologies for being late but we just ran over.

PERSONNEL

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

Resignation
/Retirement
G. Derr

With regret, accept the retirement resignation of Greg Derr from his position as Director of Support Services, effective at the end of the work day on December 21, 2023. Mr. Derr will be retiring from the Northern Lehigh School District after 17 years of service.

K. Kocis

Accept the resignation of Katlyn Kocis from her position as First Grade teacher at Peter's Elementary School, effective at the end of the day on November 22, 2023.

C. Frey

Accept the resignation of Cindy Frey from her position as Reading Specialist at Peter's Elementary School, effective at the end of the day on November 22, 2023.

P. Schmidt

Accept the resignation of Paige Schmidt from her position as Math Teacher at Northern Lehigh High School, effective at the end of the day on November 10, 2023.

J. Reichard

Accept the resignation of Jessica Reichard from her position as Paraprofessional at Northern Lehigh Middle School, effective at the end of the day on October 20, 2023.

T. Erkinger

Accept the resignation of Tina Erkinger from her position as Administrative Assistant to the Assistant Superintendent, effective at the end of the day on November 10, 2023.

Appointment -

Non- Instructional

1. Mickayla Reinstein*

Assignment: Cook's Helper
Salary: \$14.00/hour/5 hours
Effective: October 10, 2023
***60 Working Day Probationary Period**

2. Lori Rivera*

Assignment: Cook's Helper
Salary: \$14.00/hour/4 hours
Effective: October 10, 2023
***60 Working Day Probationary Period**

Appointment

Instructional

1. Jennifer Madtes Professional Employee

Assignment: Special Education Teacher
Salary: \$64,175 (Step 5 Masters on the 2023-2024 CBA Salary Schedule)
Effective: Upon Release of Current Employer

Substitutes -
Instructional

Motion to renew the appointment of the following substitute teachers for the 2023-2024 school year at the 2023-2024 substitute rate as approved on the Supplemental Personnel Salary Schedule:

Angela Everett - Elementary

Co-Curricular
Appointments
2023-2024

Allison Chruscial	National Honor Society - Shared Stipend
Raquel Hoffert	National Honor Society - Shared Stipend
Zach Williams	Middle School Asst. Boys Basketball Coach

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Renew

Co-Curricular	Shelby Bailey	MS Co-ed Soccer Coach
Appointments	Katherine Farber	Head Softball Coach
2023-2024	Scott Gerould	Assistant Track Coach
	Rajeev Gupta	MS Track & Field Coach
	Christopher Heery	Senior High Spring Intramural
	Dylan Hofmann	Assistant Track Coach
	Gerald Kresge	Head Baseball Coach
	Michael Lehtonen	Head Track Coach
	Derek Long	Assistant Track Coach
	Jason Smith	Assistant Softball Coach
	Joe Tout	Senior High Spring Intramural
	Stephen Turoscy	Assistant Baseball Coach
	Jacob Waylen	Assistant Track Coach
	Tiffany Yesik	Assistant Softball Coach

Co-Curricular

Volunteers	Allison Chruscial	Asst. Softball Coach
2023-2024	Gabryella Wilder	Asst. Softball Coach

Yearbook

Stipends
M. Siesko Approve a stipend in the amount of \$650 for creating the Peters Elementary School Yearbook for the 2023-2024 school year to be awarded to Michelle Siesko. Stipend to be funded by the Peters Elementary School budget.

M. Brown Approve a stipend in the amount of \$750 for creating the Slatington Elementary School Yearbook for the 2023-2024 school year to be awarded to Michelle Brown. Stipend to be funded by the Slatington Elementary School budget.

Krise
Transportation, Northern Lehigh School District students for the 2023-2024 school year:
Inc. Bus Drivers
and Aides
Lori Rivera

Salary
Adjustments Acknowledge the following teacher who has completed the requirements per the Collective Bargaining Agreement that would entitle them to a salary increase for the 2023-2024 school year:

Paige Schmidt
From: Step 3
To: Step 3B+24

Family Medical Leave of Absence #3540 Approve the request of employee #3540 to take a family medical leave of absence, effective on September 25, 2023. The employee is requesting a family medical leave of absence and will return on a date not to exceed twelve weeks after the exhaustion of available sick days.

YEA: Mr. Chad Christman, Mr. Robin T. Distler, Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha, Mrs. Rhonda Frantz, Mr. Mathias Green, Jr., Mrs. Gale N. Husack, Mrs. Donna M. Kulp, and Mrs. Natalie Snyder (8)

NAY: None (0)
Motion carried.

Dr. Link commented you'll notice this evening that a member of our leadership team, our administrative team, is retiring and that is Mr. Greg Derr. You know, this is kind of a cliché, that you can replace or fill the position, but you can't replace the person. That sentiment rings so true this evening. Greg has been with the district for about 17 years and I can tell you from the time that I've

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had to work with him, he's been nothing short of remarkable with his leadership over buildings and grounds and transportation. What he's done in simply leading us and making sure that our buildings have been safe during the pandemic was nothing short of a miracle. Greg, I'm going to deeply miss working with you, Mr. Derr. Thank you for everything that you have done for the school district, for the students, and really for the community at large. I wish you nothing but not having to make a thousand decisions a day moving forward, and joy and happiness and time to relax. We have you until the end of November and just thank you for everything you've done for this district.

Mr. Green commented would you like to make a speech, Greg?

Mr. Derr commented I didn't make a speech, I'm not a speech person, but I just want to say that I enjoy coming to work everyday. I'm a morning person and I never mind coming to work, honestly, at all. I never felt like I was working. I enjoy all of the people that I worked with. A lot of people that I am close with here for 17 years. We did things outside of work. But honestly, I had a great time working here, a lot of nice people here to work with, a lot of friends, but thank you for everything and all of the opportunities that I had while I worked here. You trusted me to make decisions, well a lot of decisions, but I appreciate your support through the years. Thank you.

POLICY

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

Board Policy First Reading Approve school board policy #622 - GASB Statement 34 - Finances, as presented after first reading.

Board Policy Second Reading Approve school board policy #006 - Meetings - Local Board Procedures, as presented after the second reading.

Approve school board policy #216.1 - Supplemental Discipline Records - Pupils, as presented after the second reading.

Approve school board policy #251 - Students Experiencing Homelessness, Foster Care and Other Educational Instability - Pupils, as presented after the second reading.

YEA: Mr. Chad Christman, Mr. Robin T. Distler, Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha, Mrs. Rhonda Frantz, Mr. Mathias Green, Jr., Mrs. Gale N. Husack, Mrs. Donna M. Kulp, and Mrs. Natalie Snyder (8)

NAY: None (0)
Motion carried.

**CONFER-
ENCES**

Mrs. Kulp made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Fedorcha, that the Board of Education approves the following conference items:

S. Pyne Scott Pyne - PDE SAS Institute - December 11-13, 2023 - Hershey Lodge - Hershey, PA - Registration: \$0 - Lodging: \$492.84 - Travel: \$103.49; Meals: \$75 - Total Approximate Cost: \$671.33
Funding: Assistant Superintendent's Professional Development Budget.

B. Dunham. Blasia Dunham - PDE SAS Institute - December 11-13, 2023 - Hershey Lodge - Hershey, PA - Registration: \$0; Lodging: \$0; Travel: \$103.49; Meals: \$50 - Total Approximate Cost: \$153.49
Funding: Assistant Superintendent's Professional Development Budget.

S. Beil Sue Beil - 2023 PAPBS Network and MTSS Implementers' Forum: Building Community from Science to Practice - November 1-2, 2023 - Hershey Lodge - Hershey, PA - Registration: \$85 - Lodging: \$229 - Travel: \$0; Meals: \$100 - Total Approximate Cost: \$414. Funding: Slatington Elementary Building Budget.

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S. Mengel

Suzanne Mengel - 2023 PAPBS Network and MTSS Implementers' Forum: Building Community from Science to Practice - November 1-2, 2023 - Hershey Lodge - Hershey, PA - Registration: \$85 - Lodging: \$0 - Travel: \$0; Meals: \$100 - Total Approximate Cost: \$185. Funding: Slatington Elementary Building Budget.

J. Butz.

Jennifer Butz - Pennsylvania Society of Health and Physical Education (SHAPE PA) Conference - October 26 & 27, 2023 - Spooky Nook in Manheim, PA - Registration: \$0 - Lodging: \$0 - Travel: \$97.86; Meals: \$0 - Total Approximate Cost: \$97.86. Funding: Assistant Superintendent's Professional Development Budget.

YEA: Mr. Chad Christman, Mr. Robin T. Distler, Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha, Mrs. Rhonda Frantz, Mr. Mathias Green, Jr., Mrs. Gale N. Husack, Mrs. Donna M. Kulp, and Mrs. Natalie Snyder (8)

NAY: None (0)
Motion carried.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

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

Induction Program

Approve the following teachers as helping teachers in the Northern Lehigh School District Induction Program for the 2023-2024 school year:

<u>Helping Teacher</u>	<u>Inductee</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Lynn Werley-Olesak	Jennifer Madtes	\$200.00

Kutztown Univ. Affiliation Agreement

Approve to authorize proper officials to execute an Affiliation Agreement between Northern Lehigh School District and Kutztown University for a teacher preparation program. This program allows students at Kutztown University to student teach in our district in order for them to complete their practicum hours needed for graduation.

PTS Contract

Approve to authorize proper officials to execute an Addendum Contract with PTS for building substitute teachers and per diem substitutes for the 2023-2024 school year.

Apple Tree Educ. Assoc., LLC

Approve administration to enter into an agreement with Apple Tree Educational Associates, LLC to provide school psychologist services to assist the Special Education Department, per the attached agreement to be funded through the Special Education Department.

YEA: Mr. Chad Christman, Mr. Robin T. Distler, Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha, Mrs. Rhonda Frantz, Mr. Mathias Green, Jr., Mrs. Gale N. Husack, Mrs. Donna M. Kulp, and Mrs. Natalie Snyder (8)

NAY: None (0)
Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Fedorcha made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Christman, that the Board of Education approves the following new business item:

Bucks County Intermediate Unit

As per the recommendation of the administration, approve proper officials to enter into an agreement with Bucks County Intermediate Unit to comply with the requirement, goals and to strive to accomplish the objectives of Pennsylvania's Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness (ECYEH) Program.

King, Spry, Herman, Freund & Faul

Per the recommendation of administration, approve the agreement with King, Spry, Herman, Freund & Faul, LCC for Scope of Services and Compensation Agreement to the Northern Lehigh School District through June 30, 2027.

NEW
BUSINESS
 (cont.)
 E. Hill

Per the recommendation of administration, approve the \$1,000 stipend through March of 2024 for Eric Hill for work related to child accounting not included in his current job description.

Co-Curricular
 Appendix E

As per the recommendation of the administration, approve Co-Curricular Appendix E as recommended by NLEA and Administrative Committee. This will set the base rates for all of the 2023-2024 school year.

YEA: Mr. Chad Christman, Mr. Robin T. Distler, Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha, Mrs. Rhonda Frantz, Mr. Mathias Green, Jr., Mrs. Gale N. Husack, Mrs. Donna M. Kulp, and Mrs. Natalie Snyder (8)

NAY: None (0)
 Motion carried.

FINANCIAL

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

Financial
 Reports

Approve the Following Financial Reports:

1. NLSD Investments for the month of September 2023
2. General Fund Account month of September, 2023 (Unaudited)
3. Cafeteria Fund Account month of September, 2023 (Unaudited)
4. NLMS Student Activities/Clubs Accounts months of August and September, 2023 (Unaudited)
5. NLHS Scholarship Account month of September, 2023 (Unaudited)
6. NLHS Student Activities/Clubs Account month of September, 2023 (Unaudited)

List of Bills

Approve the Following List of Bills:

1. General Fund months of September & October, 2023
2. Cafeteria Fund months of September & October, 2023
3. Capital Construction months of September & October, 2023

Abatement/
 Exoneration

Approve abatement/exoneration requests of per capita taxes, for the residents that fall within the guidelines, as presented.

Slatington
 Public Library

Approve to release the \$5,000.00 donation to the Slatington Public Library that is budgeted in the 2023-2024 school year.

Statewide Tax
 Recovery

Approve the appointment of Statewide Tax Recovery as the delinquent per capita tax collector for the 2023 tax year.

School District
 Police
 Vehicle

REVISED DURING MEETING: As per the recommendation of the administration, approve to authorize proper officials to purchase one school district police vehicle at the 2024 pricing. 2024 pricing is estimated to be a \$3,000 to \$5,000 increase over the attached COSTARS eligible quote.

School District
 Vehicle

REVISED DURING MEETING: As per the recommendation of the administration, approve to authorize proper officials to purchase two school district vehicles at the 2024 pricing. 2024 pricing is estimated to be a \$3,000 to \$5,000 increase over the attached COSTARS eligible quote.

School Health
 Agreement

As per the recommendation of the administration, approve to authorize proper officials to enter into a 2-year agreement with School Health for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years at a cost not to exceed \$11,943.68 funded by the Buildings and Grounds budget.

Transportation
 Contract

As per the recommendation of the administration, approve the transportation contract at the IRS reimbursement rate with the parent of a foster student residing in NLSD and attending a school in the Bethlehem Area School District, in accordance with the Every Student Succeeds Act.

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Mr. Green commented it is my understanding on items F and G, the cars that we had talked about originally, the 2023's, are not available. So, we'd be looking at getting 2024's at this point. So, if you want to make that change.

Dr. Link commented and just for full transparency, the vehicles that we are looking at were all purchased off the lot on Friday afternoon at the end of the day. They do not yet have the 2024 vehicles in yet. They are anticipating a price increase of anywhere from \$3,000 to \$5,000 for those same vehicles. So, administration is recommending that you vote on amended items F and G to authorize administration to purchase 2024 vehicles when they arrive so we don't continue to find ourselves in the same situation. That if we have to wait now until November, that those are also sold off the lot.

Motion to Amend

Mr. Green commented we should look for a motion to amend F and G, so we will look to approve that first.

Mr. Fedorcha made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Distler that the Board of Education approves the amended motions F and G.

YEA: Mr. Chad Christman, Mr. Robin T. Distler, Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha, Mrs. Rhonda Frantz, Mr. Mathias Green, Jr., Mrs. Gale N. Husack, Mrs. Donna M. Kulp, and Mrs. Natalie Snyder (8)

NAY: None (0)
Motion carried.

LEGAL

Mrs. Frantz made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Christman that the Board of Education approves the following legal items:

Expulsion Hearing Waiver #2890125

The Board agrees to expulsion hearing waiver for Student #2890125. Student and guardian have agreed to waive their right to a formal expulsion hearing in front of the School Board and have also agreed to disciplinary action outlined in the waiver.

#2690222

The Board agrees to expulsion hearing waiver for Student #2690222. Student and guardian have agreed to waive their right to a formal expulsion hearing in front of the School Board and have also agreed to disciplinary action outlined in the waiver.

YEA: Mr. Chad Christman, Mr. Robin T. Distler, Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha, Mrs. Rhonda Frantz, Mr. Mathias Green, Jr., Mrs. Gale N. Husack, Mrs. Donna M. Kulp, and Mrs. Natalie Snyder (8)

NAY: None (0)
Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Green commented any correspondence?

Mrs. Husack commented no, no correspondence.

INFORMATION

Minutes of the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit 21 Board of Directors meeting held on August 21, 2023.

Minutes of the Lehigh Carbon Community College Board of Trustees meeting held on August 3, 2023.

Minutes of the Lehigh Career & Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee meeting held on August 23, 2023.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Mr. Green commented any recognition of guests?

Dr. Link commented no guests.

Mr. Christman commented just real quick before we adjourn. Just for the good of the community, I just want to give a shout-out to our fall youth baseball champions. Last night, they beat Bowmanstown 3-0 for the Central Whitehall League Lehigh Championship, so shout-out to them. I know it's not in scholastic sports, so it's not in your thing. So, I just wanted to give them a special shout-out.

Mr. Fedorcha commented just a personal kind of thing, just to remind everybody to vote next month.

**ADJOURN-
MENT**

Mrs. Kulp made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Christman that the regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh School District Board of School Directors adjourned.

YEA: Mr. Chad Christman, Mr. Robin T. Distler, Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha, Mrs. Rhonda Frantz, Mr. Mathias Green, Jr., Mrs. Gale N. Husack, Mrs. Donna M. Kulp, and Mrs. Natalie Snyder (8)

NAY: None (0)

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Gale Husack
Secretary

ATTEST:

Mr. Matthias J. Green, Jr.

President