

**NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Regular School Board Meeting Minutes**

**Slatington, PA  
October 13, 2003**

**PURPOSE** The regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors was called to order by the President, Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha, at 7:43 p.m. on Monday, October 13, 2003 in the gymnasium located in the Slatington Elementary School.

**APPOINT  
ACTING  
SECRETARY** Mr. Jason Newhard was appointed Acting Secretary in the absence of board secretary, Mrs. Jane J. Escott and board vice-president, Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos.

**ROLL CALL** Members present: Mr. Robert J. Cox, Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer, Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr., Mr. Jason M. Newhard, Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha (5)

Members absent: Mrs. Jane J. Escott, Mrs. Lauren A. Ganser, Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos, Mrs. Sheryl A. Giles (4)

Non-members present: Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Sr., Mrs. Lynne B. Fedorcha, Dr. Linda Marcincin, Mrs. Karen Nicholas, Mr. John Hrizuk, Mr. David Papay, Mr. Robert Mack, Mr. Brian Geiger, Ms. Christine Stafford, Ms. Laurie Newman, Ms. Ashley Kunkle, and Doneta Merkle

**VISITORS** In addition to Sharon Minnich, reporter for the Times News and Terry Ahner, reporter for the Chronicle, approximately 26 visitors attended the meeting.

**APPROVE  
MINUTES** A motion was made by Mr. Dorshimer, with a second made by Mr. Green, that the minutes of the regular school board meeting held on September 2, 2003 and the regular school board meeting held on September 8, 2003 be approved and ordered filed.

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mr. Fedorcha (5)  
NAY: None (0)

**SPECIAL  
BOARD  
REPORTS** Student Representatives To The Board Report – Ms. Ashley Kunkle gave her report for the month. She also distributed a written report to all board members and administrators.

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

Dr. Sham called upon Dr. Maura Roberts who gave a Norming Project (gathering statistics for assessment purposes) PowerPoint presentation.

Executive Session An Executive Session, for personnel issues, was held in the superintendent's office beginning at 7:00 p.m.

**PERSONNEL** A motion was made by Mr. Cox, with a second made by Mr. Green, that the Board of Education approve the following personnel items:

Amend Motion A motion was made by Mr. Dorshimer, with a second made by Mr. Green, that the Board of Education approve to amend the starting salary for Jodi Ritter from Step 4 Masters to Step 4B+24 until she officially receives her Masters Degree.

Vote On YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mr. Fedorcha (5)  
Amended NAY: None (0)  
Motion

**PERSONNEL** (Con't.)

Appointments	Jodi Ritter Assignment:  Salary:  Effective Date:	Temporary Professional Employee ESL Secondary Teacher (Grades 7-12) New Position \$37,200 (Appendix A – Step 4 Bachelors+24 – On the 2003-2004 Collective Bargaining Agreement Salary Schedule) Upon Release From Present District		
Substitutes Instructional	Approve the following substitute teacher for the 2003-2004 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: Dana Ruth – Elementary			
Non- Instructional	Approve the following substitute aide for the 2003-2004 school year at the substitute rate of \$7.25 per hour: Elvin Schlegel – Instructional Aide			
Salary Adjustment	Acknowledge the following teacher who has completed the requirements per the Collective Bargaining Agreement that would entitle her to a salary increase for the 2003-2004 school year:  Laurie Nissen-Mott From: 1B \$35,800 To: 1M \$37,500			
Unpaid Volunteers	Approve the following individuals to serve as unpaid volunteer coaches for the 2003-2004 winter athletic season:  <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"><b><u>Boys Basketball</u></b> Robert Hughes Mark Mielnik Peter Reese</td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"><b><u>Girls Basketball</u></b> Courtney Wertman</td> </tr> </table>		<b><u>Boys Basketball</u></b> Robert Hughes Mark Mielnik Peter Reese	<b><u>Girls Basketball</u></b> Courtney Wertman
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Substitutes Guest Teacher Program	Approve the following substitute teachers through the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit Guest Teacher Program for the 2003-2004 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:  Suzanne Borovies – All Subject Areas Ken Burrier – All Subject Areas Kristen Edelman-Weiner – All Subject Areas Jennifer Gonzales – All Subject Areas Cordell Grove – All Subject Areas Paul Grover – All Subject Areas Jeffrey Lopez – All Subject Areas Leslie Marchut – All Subject Areas Dianne Moser – All Subject Areas Joanne Petersen – All Subject Areas Michelle Schneider-Shaw – All Subject Areas Cynthia Shipwash – All Subject Areas Samantha Sontag – All Subject Areas Elena Steidinger – All Subject Areas Iotha Swaby – All Subject Areas Sarah Tritt – All Subject Areas Melissa Troxell – All Subject Areas			
Vote On Main	YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mr. Fedorcha (5) NAY: None (0)			

Motion

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TION**

A motion was made by Mr. Dorshimer, with a second made by Mr. Cox, that the Board of Education approve to authorize proper officials to execute an agreement between the Northern Lehigh School District and the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit to provide services for special education for the 2003-2004 school year as presented.

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mr. Fedorcha (5)  
NAY: None (0)

**OLD  
BUSINESS**

Reconfigure Structure Of Elementary Schools

A motion was made by Mr. Dorshimer, with a second made by Mr. Green, that the Board of Education approve to remove from the table and authorize the administration to alter the previously approved reconfiguration structure of the elementary schools and approve to reconfigure the elementary schools beginning with the 2004-2005 school year with the Peters Elementary School housing Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 2 students, and the Slatington Elementary School housing Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6.

**PUBLIC  
COMMENT**

Kathryn Pradel, Marshell George, George Gavella, Patrice Arnold, Donna Kulp, Mr. Wesley, Sara Weiland, Mike Josephson all addressed the board with comments, opinions, and concerns.

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mr. Fedorcha (5)  
NAY: None (0)

**FINANCIAL**

A motion was made by Mr. Newhard, with a second made by Mr. Cox, that the Board of Education approve the following items listed under Financial:

Treasurer's Report

Approve the report of the Treasurer, Mr. Cox, for the month of September 2003, as presented.

Reports (Info Only)

All Board members received the September 2003 Expenditure Reports and Cafeteria, General, and Capital Reserve Fund.

General Fund Bills

Approve payment of General Fund bills for the month of September 2003, as presented.

Extended Construction Bills

Approve payment of bills from the Extended Construction Account for the month of September 2003, as presented.

NL Athletic Fund Report

Approve the Northern Lehigh Athletic Fund Report for the month of September 2003, as presented.

NL Sports Account Financial Report

Approve the Northern Lehigh Sports Account Financial Report for the month ended September 30, 2003, as presented.

Refund Of Estate Taxes

Approve the following 2003-04 real estate tax refunds to mortgage companies due to duplicate Real payment:

**Countrywide Home Loans**

Owner: unknown Parcel # unknown \$ 399.59  
(Payment for a property located in Macungie, sent to NLSLD in error.)

Owner: Mohlman, Lisa Parcel #554242887763 \$2,232.59

Approve the following 2003-04 real estate refunds to individuals due to duplicate payment:

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| a. Packard, Kyle           | Parcel #554199684104 | \$1,588.34 |
| b. Pappas, Gregory & Diane | Parcel #555073686027 | \$3,781.10 |
| c. Strauss, Ann Marie      | Parcel #555027838324 | \$1,377.50 |

**FINANCIAL** (Con't.)

**Real Estate Tax Refund** Approve a real estate tax refund for the 2003-04 tax year in the amount of \$2,905.10 to Yeswant Kademani, 1 Main Street, Walnutport. The refund is due to the assessed value being reduced from \$364,400 to \$295,300 effective July 1, 2002, but not changed in the assessment office prior to July 1, 2003 bills being issued.

**Increase Adult School Lunches** Approve to increase the price of an adult school lunch by five (5) cents, from \$2.60 to \$2.65 effective November 3, 2003.

**NLH Student Activities Acct.** Approve the Northern Lehigh High School Student Activities Account fund statement for the month of September 2003.

**NLMS Student Activities Acct.** Approve the Northern Lehigh Middle School Student Activities Account fund statement for the month of September 2003.

**Apple Power School Student Information System** Authorize proper officials to enter into an initial 4 year 8 month contract with Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit 21 to provide the Apple PowerSchool Student Information System. The 8-month period of the contract will get us in a fiscal cycle. The cost for the first year is \$15,708.00 (prorated for the 8 months) plus an additional cost of \$11,450.00 for implementation and training, for a total cost of \$27,158.00. Each year thereafter the annual cost will increase no more than 5%. After the initial 4 year 8 month term, the contract will renew at one-year intervals automatically unless either party takes action.

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mr. Fedorcha (5)

NAY: None (0)

**INFORMATION**

Mr. Fedorcha reported that reconstruction of the General Morgan bridge on Main Street in Slatington has become a two-year project. He recommended that the board draft a letter to PennDOT informing them that changing this project from a one-year to a two-year project will incur problems that our community and school district cannot handle. Dr. Sham will draft a letter and bring it back to the board for approval.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Cox, with a second made by Mr. Dorshimer, that the regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors be adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mr. Fedorcha (5)

NAY: None (0)

Respectfully submitted,

Jason M. Newhard  
Temporary Secretary

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ President

Gary S. Fedorcha