

NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Minutes

Slatington, PA
October 14, 2002

PURPOSE

The regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors was called to order by the President, Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha, at 7:35 p.m., on Monday, October 14, 2002 in the gymnasium located in the Slatington Elementary School.

Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos assumed the duties of Acting Secretary in the absence of Mrs. Jane J. Escott.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Mr. Robert J. Cox, Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer, Mrs. Lauren A. Ganser, Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos, Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr., Mr. Jason M. Newhard, Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha (7)

Members absent: Mrs. Jane J. Escott, Mrs. Sheryl A. Giles (2)

Non-members present: Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Sr., Mrs. Lynne B. Fedorcha, Mr. Philip C. Bertolino II, Mr. Christopher Iacobelli, Dr. Linda Marcincin, Mrs. Karen Nicholas, Mr. John Hrizuk, Mr. Robert Mack, Mr. Brian Geiger, Mr. Bernard Rockovich, Ms. Laurie Newman, and Mrs. Doneta J. Merkle

VISITORS

Approximately 23 visitors attended the meeting, in addition to Sharon Minnich, reporter for TheTimes News.

**APPROVE
MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Newhard, with a second made by Mrs. Geronikos, that the minutes of the regular school board meeting held on September 9, 2002 and the regular school board meeting held on September 16, 2002 be approved and ordered filed.

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green,
Mr. Newhard, Mr. Fedorcha (7)

NAY: None (0)

**SPECIAL
BOARD
REPORTS**

Committee
Reports
And/or
Meetings

All board members received a copy of the minutes of the Technology/Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting held on October 2, 2002.

Legislative Report -- Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos
Mrs. Geronikos reported on current legislative issues.

Federal and Other Programs -- Mrs. Lynne B. Fedorcha
Mrs. Fedorcha distributed information on the PSSA scores for reading and mathematics.

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

Dr. Sham touched on the following:

1. The significance of reconfiguration to balance class sizes.
2. Updated the board with regard to the Middle School Project stating that the project will be essentially finished on October 23, 2002. There may still be some punch list items to be completed, but each of the sub-contractors indicated that the project would be complete.

Executive
Session

An Executive Work Session was held at 6:30 p.m. preceding the meeting to discuss personnel and negotiation issues. A short executive session was also held after the meeting.

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

Appointment Gail Barilla Temporary Vacancy Replacement Teacher
Instructional Assignment: Special Education Learning Support
Grade 6 – Slatington Elementary School
Replacing Michelle Dotta who was granted a Child Rearing Leave of Absence.
Salary: \$37,000.00* (Pro-Rated) (Appendix A – Step 1 Masters) on the 2001
2002 Collective Bargaining Agreement Salary Schedule)
Effective Date: On or about December 3, 2002 (Note: Beginning October 21, 2002,
Mrs. Barilla will be a day-to-day substitute teacher for Mrs. Dotta until she goes
on contract).
Termination Date: On or about April 11, 2003

**Salary will be adjusted to reflect the terms and conditions of the new collective bargaining agreement when reached.*

Special Area Approve to appoint Christine Koder as the Special Contact Area Person – Social Studies
Contacts - for the 2002-2003 school year at a stipend of \$1400.00.
Chris Koder

Debra Siglin & Approve to appoint Debra Siglin and Susan Mendes as Special Contact Area Persons –
Sue Mendes Science for the 2002-2003 school year. They will share the stipend of \$1400.00.

Substitutes Approve the following substitute teachers for the 2002-2003 school year at the substitute
Instructional 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:

Charles Kelley, Jr. – All Subject Areas
Malissa Amorim – Social Studies

Non- Approve to employ the following individual as a substitute secretary, substitute aide, substitute
Instructional cafeteria worker, and substitute custodian for the 2002-2003 school year at the substitute rate of
\$7.25 per hour: Lora Burrige

Unpaid Approve to appoint Tim Senko as an unpaid volunteer ski club advisor for the
Volunteers 2002-2003 school year. **(Pending Verification of Clearances)**

Tim Senko Approve to appoint Robert Hughes as an unpaid volunteer boys basketball
Robert Hughes coach for the 2002-2003 season. **(Pending Verification of Clearances)**
Peter Reese

Approve to appoint Peter Reese as an unpaid volunteer boys basketball
coach for the 2002-2003 season. **(Pending Verification of Clearances)**

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green,
Mr. Newhard, Mr. Fedorcha (7)

NAY: None (0)

POLICY

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

- Conference Approve the request of Nancy Rehrig, to attend a Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials conference at the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit on November 19, 2002. Expenses for this conference, entitled "Elements of Purchasing" include \$135.00 for registration, \$6.00 for travel for a total cost of \$141.00 and was included in the 2002-2003 district budget.
- NLMS Student Activity Acct. Statement Approve the Northern Lehigh Middle School Student Activities Account Fund Statement for the month of September 2002.
- Board Policy #449 Early Retirement Incentive Policy 2nd Reading Approve to revise School Board Policy #449 – Early Retirement Incentive Policy, as amended after second reading.
- Field Trip Approve the following field trip: Middle/High School Ski Club – Five-Six Day Visit Ski Trip – Blue Mountain Ski Area – To Begin January 5, 2003 – No Cost To The District – No Transportation Via District
- Homebound Instruction Grant homebound instruction for an 8th grade student, Student No. 07-74900, for five hours per week, effective October 4, 2002 and ending on November 25, 2002.
- ROLL CALL: YEA: Mr. Cox, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mr. Fedorcha (6)
NAY: Mr. Dorshimer (1)
Motion carried.
- NEW BUSINESS**
- A motion was made by Mr. Green, with a second made by Mr. Newhard, that the Board of Education approve to accept the 2002-2008 Northern Lehigh School District Strategic Plan, as presented.
- YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mr. Fedorcha (7)
NAY: None (0)
- Memo Of Understanding Regarding Educational Support Staff A motion was made by Mr. Dorshimer, with a second made by Mr. Cox, that the Board of Education approve a Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Educational Support Staff (Aides) for 2002-2003, 2003-2004 and 2004-2005, as presented.
- YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mr. Fedorcha (7)
NAY: None (0)
- FINANCIAL** A motion was made by Mr. Dorshimer, with a second made by Mr. Cox, that the Board of Education approve the following financial items:
- Pay General Fund Bills Approve payment of General Fund bills for the month of September 2002, as presented.

FINANCIAL

(Con't.)

Pay Cafeteria Approve payment of Cafeteria Fund bills for the month of September 2002, as presented.
Fund Bills

Approve Resolution & Limited Joint Tax Agreement Approve the resolution and the limited joint tax collection agreement for real estate and per capita taxes with Slatington Borough. The current agreement is being revised to allow the school district to act as the tax collector. This revision is in line with the newly passed Act 2002-14, to wit. 72 P.S. Section 5511.4b.

Real Estate Tax Refund Approve a \$99.32 real estate tax refund to Jason Schleicher, 8352 Deer Road, Slatington, PA 18080. Mr. Schleicher is due a refund because his mortgage company incorrectly overpaid the 2002-2003 tax bill.

Change Order Approve the change order from Hollenbach Construction, Inc. for painting of the ceiling, CMU wall, exposed structural steel in ceiling, ductwork, metal clothing racks, metal windows, and metal door frames in the middle school; D-101, D-103, D104, D-106, D-107, D-108, D-113, D-114, D-114, D-117, and D-118 (Girls and Boys Locker Room Areas) at a total cost of \$22,146.

Amend Motion A motion was made by Mr. Dorshimer, with a second made by Mr. Cox, that the Board of Education amend the previous motion and pull from the agenda, for further clarification, approval of a \$331.35 real estate tax refund to Glencrest Realty Company, 6000 Glencrest Road, Slatington, PA 18080-3060. Glencrest Realty paid the 2002-2003 tax bill even though a trailer was removed from the lot effective 7-1-2002. This item will be brought back to the board at a later date.

Vote On Amendment YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mr. Fedorcha (7)
NAY: None (0)

Vote On Main Motion YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mr. Fedorcha (7)
NAY: None (0)

Mr. Dorshimer stated that the school code requires that the athletic department should be supplying the board with a monthly financial statement. He requested that this report be supplied to the board monthly on a regular basis.

INFORMATION

All board members received a copy of the minutes of the Lehigh Carbon Community College Board of Trustees meeting held on September 5, 2002.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Newhard, with a second made by Mrs. Geronikos, that the regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors be adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mr. Fedorcha (7)
NAY: None (0)

Respectfully submitted,

Lori H. Geronikos
Temporary Secretary

ATTEST: _____ President
Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha