

NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Minutes

**Slatington, PA
January 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 7:35 p.m. on Monday, January 13, 2003 in the boardroom located in the Slatington Elementary School.

ROLL CALL Members present: Mr. Robert J. Cox, Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer, Mrs. Jane J. Escott, Mrs. Lauren A. Ganser, Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos, Mrs. Sheryl A. Giles, Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr., Mr. Jason M. Newhard, Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha (9)

Members absent: None (0)

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

VISITORS Approximately 4 visitors attended the meeting, in addition to Sharon Minnich, reporter for TheTimes News and Dr. Clyde Hornberger, Director of the Lehigh Career and Technical Institute.

APPROVE MINUTES A motion was made by Mr. Dorshimer, with a second made by Mr. Newhard that the reorganization meeting held on December 3, 2002, the regular school board meeting held December 3, 2002, and the regular school board meeting held on December 9, 2002 be approved and ordered filed.

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Giles
Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mr. Fedorcha (9)

NAY: None (0)

SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS Legislative Report – Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos
Mrs. Geronikos gave a brief legislative report to the board with regard to appointment selections made by Governor elect Ed Rendell.

Federal and Other Programs – Mrs. Lynne B. Fedorcha
Mrs. Fedorcha continued reporting on “No Child Left Behind” and selecting highly qualified teachers. She also distributed a written Curriculum and Instruction Report.

Superintendent’s Report – Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Sr.
Dr. Sham announced that the Administrative/Board Retreat will be held on March 28 and 29, 2003 at the Lehigh Career and Technical Institute.

He gave an update on the status of The Lehigh Valley Charter School for the Performing Arts.

Executive Session An Executive Work Session was held at 7:00 p.m. preceding and following the meeting for personnel issues.

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

Appointment	Janet Ginder	Temporary Professional Employee
Assignment:		One-Quarter Home Economics Teacher in the senior high school, replacing Brenda Booz, who resigned.
Salary:		\$8,800.00* (Pro-Rated) (Appendix A – Step 1—Bachelors on the 2001-2002 Collective Bargaining Agreement Salary Schedule)
Effective Date:		January 27, 2003

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

PERSONNEL

(Con't.)

Substitutes

Approve the following substitute teacher for the 2002-2003 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: Janet Ginder – Home Economics

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Giles
Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mr. Fedorcha (9)

NAY: None (0)

POLICY

A motion was made by Mrs. Geronikos, with a second made by Mrs. Escott, that the Board of Education approve the following policy items:

Conferences

Approve the request of Judith Costa, Linda Thompson, Peggy Gallagher, Barbara Mantz and Theresa Lobach to attend a Psychoeducational Assessment Conference in Allentown on January 28, 2003. Expenses for this conference, entitled “Managing Defiant & Angry Student Behaviors” include \$99.00 each for registration, \$8.00 each for meals, \$13.80 for travel for a total cost of \$548.80 plus the cost of three substitute teachers for one day and will be paid for through Title IIA funds.

Approve the request of Deborah Geiger, Carleen Binder and Christine Koder to attend a Bureau of Education Research conference in King of Prussia, PA on February 5, 2003. Expenses for this conference include \$165.00 each for registration \$15.00 each for meals, \$36.00 for travel for a total cost of \$576.00 plus the cost of three substitute teachers for one day and will be paid for through the ESL Budget.

Approve the request of Laurie Newman to attend a Medical Education Development Services, Inc.-Professional Development Network conference in Allentown, PA on February 24, 2003. Expenses for this conference include \$165.00 for registration and will be paid for through IDEA funds.

Board Policy
2nd Reading

Approve revisions to school board policy #123 – Programs: Interscholastic Athletics, as presented after 2nd reading.

Extend
Homebound
Instruction

Approve to extend homebound instruction for a tenth grade student, Student #05-32500, who was previously granted homebound instruction from November 25, 2002 and until January 2, 2003. It is recommended that homebound instruction be extended for five hours per week for this student until February 21, 2003.

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Giles
Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mr. Fedorcha (9)

NAY: None (0)

**OLD
BUSINESS**

Dr. Sham informed the board that a survey was going to be included in an upcoming issue of the Messenger regarding full-day kindergarten. Some discussion regarding reconfiguration of the elementary schools was also conducted.

Mr. Dorshimer inquired as to where we are with regard to lock up security and utilization of the card reader system for the buildings in the district.

**NEW
BUSINESS**State Ethics
Statement Of
Financial
Interests

A motion was made by Mr. Newhard, with a second made by Mrs. Giles, that the Northern Lehigh School District Board of Directors designates Doneta J. Merkle to receive and file Form SEC-1, Statement of Financial Interests from the Northern Lehigh School District Board members and designated employees as required by law, and the Northern Lehigh School District Board of Directors require: the Superintendent, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Director of Special Education, Business Manager, Director of Support Services, District Solicitor, Elementary Principals, Middle School Principal, Middle School Assistant Principal, High School Principal, High School Assistant Principal, Technology Coordinator, Assistant Technology Coordinator, Food Services Director, and School Psychologists to file Form SEC-1, as required by the regulations of the State Ethics Commission.

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Giles
Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mr. Fedorcha (9)

NAY: None (0)

FINANCIAL

A motion was made by Mr. Cox, with a second made by Mrs. Giles that the Board of Education approve the following financial items:

Treasurer's
Report

Approve the report of the Treasurer, Mr. Cox, as presented for the months of October and November 2002.

Reports For
Capital Reserve
#1, Construction
And Technology
Funds

Approve the reports for the Capital Reserve #1 Fund, the Construction and Technology Funds for July, August and September 2002.

General
Fund Bills

Approve payment of General Fund bills, as presented, for the month of December 2002.

Athletic Fund
Report

Approve the Northern Lehigh Athletic Fund financial report, as presented, for December 2002.

Sports Account
Report

Approve the Northern Lehigh Sports Account financial report for December 2002.

Middle School
Activities Acct.
Statement

Approve the Northern Lehigh Middle School Student Activities Account Statement for the month of December 2002.

**INFORM-
ATION**

Notification has been received from the PA Department of Education of their approval of PlanCon Part I, Interim Reporting, for Change Orders R-1 and G-10. Copies of this document and appended materials will be entered into the official minutes of this meeting.

**RECOGN-
ITION OF
GUESTS**

Dr. Clyde Hornberger, immediate past president of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association presented a "Distinguished Service Award" to Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr. in recognition of twenty-five years of service on the Northern Lehigh School Board. His name will be added to the PSBA Honor Roll of School Board Service.

ADJOURN-
MENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Geronikos, with a second made by Mrs. Ganser, that the regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors be adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Giles
Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mr. Fedorcha (9)

NAY: None (0)

Respectfully submitted,

Jane J. Escott
Secretary

ATTEST: _____ President
Gary S. Fedorcha