

NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Minutes

Slatington, PA
May 7, 2001

- PURPOSE** The regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh School District Board of School Directors was called to order by the President, Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha, on Monday, May 7, 2001, at 8:01 p.m. in the auditorium of the senior high school.
- ROLL CALL** Members present: Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer, Mrs. Jane J. Escott, Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos, Mrs. Sheryl A. Giles, Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr., Mr. Jason M. Newhard, Mrs. Lynn C. Sechler, Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha (8)
- Members absent: Mr. Robert J. Cox (1) (Arrived at 9:35 p.m.)
- Non-members present: Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Sr., Mrs. Lynne B. Fedorcha, Dr. Brian Gessner, Mr. Christopher Iacobelli, Dr. Linda Marcincin, Mrs. Karen Nicholas, Mr. John Hrizuk, Mr. David Papay, Mr. Robert Mack, Mr. Brian Geiger, Mr. Bernard Rockovich, Atty. Charles Stopp (Solicitor), Mrs. Doneta J. Merkle, Ms. Pamela Grammes
- VISITORS** Approximately twelve visitors attended the meeting, in addition to Sharon Minnich, reporter for The Times News.
- SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS** Lehigh Career and Technical Institute -- Mrs. Lynn C. Sechler
Mrs. Sechler gave her report for the month, highlighting the LCTI School Budget, LCTI Articles of Agreement which will be revisited at an upcoming LCTI meeting, VICA Competition winners from Northern Lehigh High School.
- Carbon-Lehigh Intermediate Unit -- Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer
Mr. Dorshimer gave his report for the month highlighting several items from the CLIU Board of Directors meeting.
- Committee Reports and/or Meetings A Policy/Education Committee meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. prior to the school board meeting. Mrs. Sechler informed the board that one of the items before the policy committee is a review of Parliamentary Procedure. The committee felt that the entire board should review these revised procedures and address any concerns they may have to the policy committee.
- All board members received the minutes of the Technology/Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting held on April 11, 2001.
- Legislative Report -- Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos
Mrs. Geronikos reported that she attended the District 8 Legislative meeting and the topic of discussion was cyber charter schools. She shared this information on cyber charter schools with the entire board stating it can become very costly to school districts to fund these programs. She highlighted some items in the proposed federal education budget for 2002.
- Federal and Other Programs Update -- Mrs. Lynne B. Fedorcha
Mrs. Fedorcha distributed a written report to the board.
- Superintendent's Report -- Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Sr.
Dr. Brian Gessner, high school principal, asked to board to please take some time to review the various graduation projects on display at the meeting.
- Dr. Brian Gessner recognized Christopher Mills, Taw Wingfield, and Jonathan Kuntz who were VICA Skills America Winners and John Gross, Travis Tkach and Brett Hudson football players who were college scholarship winners that were present at the meeting.
- Supt.'s Dr. Gessner informed the board of some changes the high school will be undertaking for

Report
(Con't.) Student Council Elections.

Dr. Sham announced that May 7 -11 is National Teacher Appreciation Week.

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

Appointment Andrea Thomson*
Assignment: Special Education Aide – Slatington Elementary School
Replacing Lori Vernon, who resigned.
Salary: \$8.38 -- 6 ½ Hours Per Day/5 Days Per Week
Effective Date: April 16, 2001
*60 Day Probationary Period

Substitutes Approve the following substitute secretary at the 2000-2001 substitute rate of \$6.25 per hour:
Non-
Instructional Ardith J. Erle

Approve the following substitute aide at the 2000-2001 substitute rate of \$6.25 per hour:

Donna Meixsell

Substitute Appoint Steven Zong, Temporary Vacancy Replacement teacher in the junior high school, as a
Secondary Substitute Secondary Saturday Detention Monitor for the junior/senior high schools for the
Saturday remainder of the 2000-2001 school year, effective May 5, 2001. He will work on an as-need basis,
Detention working Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for the remainder of the 2000-2001 school calendar
Monitor year that warrants detention coverage at a salary of \$50.00 for each Saturday worked.

Resignation- Accept the resignation of David Papay as Senior High Student Council Advisor at the end of the
SH Student 2000-2001 school year.
Council
Advisor

Co-Curricular Appointments for 2001-2002

Head Boys' Basketball Coach – Richard Oertner - \$6164.00
Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach – Richard Mantz - \$4006.00
Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach – Dennis Rehrig - \$4006.00
Head Girls' Basketball Coach – David Redline - \$6164.00
Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach – Jason Reinhard - \$4006.00
Head Wrestling Coach – Todd Herzog - \$6164.00
Assistant Wrestling Coach – Brent Herzog - \$4006.00
Assistant Wrestling Coach – Glenn Serfass – \$4006.00
Cheerleader Advisors – Lil Borger & Lisa Kern - \$2724.00 (Shared Stipend)
Sr. High Winter Intramural – Winter Track - Bryan Geist - \$722.00
Sr. High Winter Intramural – Weightlifting - Steve Hluschak - \$722.00
Sr. High Winter Intramural – Weightlifting – James Tkach - \$722.00
Sr. High Scholastic Scrimmage – Denise Turoscy - \$722.00
Debate Advisor – Scott DeLong - \$1236.00

Leave Without Debra Siglin, Slatington Elementary fifth grade teacher, requests permission to take a day without
Pay – Debra pay on May 4, 2001. Her request will not be considered a precedent for future requests per
Siglin correspondence received from the Northern Lehigh Education Association.

PERSONNEL (Con't.)

Summer Approve to employ ten (10) regular and two (2) alternate summer custodial/maintenance employees to

Custodian/
Maintenance
Employees work from June 11, 2001 through August 31, 2001. Rate per hour is \$5.15.

YEA: Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard,
Mrs. Sechler, Mr. Fedorcha (8)

NAY: None (0)

POLICY

Motion made by Mrs. Sechler, with a second made by Mrs. Geronikos, that the Board of Education approve the following items listed under Policy:

Conferences Approve the request of Suzanne Gower to attend the CESTA(Commonwealth Excellence in Science Teaching Alliance) conference at Messiah College from July 22-25, 2001. Expenses include \$125.00 for registration, \$45.00 for travel, for a total cost of \$170.00. This request was approved by the district's Continuing Professional Education Committee.

Approve the request of Dr. Nicholas Sham to attend the 2001 Superintendents' Technology Leadership Conference in Hershey from July 23 to 26, 2001. Expenses include \$290.00 for registration, \$48.00 for travel, \$600.00 for lodging, for an approximate cost of \$938.00.

Approve the request of Laurie Newman to attend the Pennsylvania Association of School Board Officials Workshop entitled "Simplifying Special Education Issues: A Guide to Understanding the Program" on April 25, 2001 in Allentown. Expenses include \$109.00 for registration and will be paid for through IDEA funds.

Approve the request of Marjorie Hennes to attend a conference entitled "Shaking in Shadows – Assessment, Intervention and Treatment of Anxiety and Depressive Disorders in Adolescents sponsored by Foundations of Behavior Health in Horsham, PA on May 18, 2001. Expenses include \$55.00 for registration, \$45.00 for travel for a total cost of \$100.00 and will be paid for through IDEA funds.

New Board
Policy – 2nd
Reading Approve new school board policy #706.1 Disposal of Surplus Property, Obsolete Equipment, and Real Estate, as presented after second reading.

NLMS
Student
Activities Fund
Statement Approve the Northern Lehigh Middle School Student Activities Fund Statement for the month of March 2001.

Attendance -
Non-Resident
Student In accordance with School Board Policy #202, approve the request of a 10th grade student attending Northern Lehigh High School, whose living arrangements have been changed, to remain in attendance for the remainder of the 2000-2001 school year.

Student
Representatives
To The Board Appoint Nicholas Sander as a Student Representative to the Board for the 2001-2002 school year. Nicholas has been elected as the junior representative to the board and will serve from September 2001 through June 2002. Pamela Grammes will continue to serve as the senior representative to the board until June 2002.

Homebound
Instruction Grant homebound instruction for an 11th grade student, Student No. 02-69570, for five hours per week, effective May 7, 2001 and continue until June 12, 2001.

YEA: Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard,
Mrs. Sechler, Mr. Fedorcha (8)

NAY: None (0)

**CURRICULUM
AND INSTRU-
TION**

Motion made by Mrs. Giles, with a second made by Mr. Green, that the Board of Education approve the following items listed under Curriculum and Instruction:

2001-2002 Common Calendar Approve the Northern Lehigh School District 2001-2002 Proposed School Calendar, as presented.

Dwight D. Eisenhower Mathematics and Science Education Act project in science and mathematics as proposed and coordinated by the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21. The project will allow teachers from Northern Lehigh School District, and other school districts as well, to attend I.U. in-service conferences in science and mathematics. The cooperative moneys will pay for presenter fees, materials, substitute fees, mileage and lunch.

Summer Band Approve a tuition fee of \$25.00 per student for a six-week elementary summer band program and Camp also approve a stipend of \$900.00 for summer band program director Terry Jenkins for the summer of 2001.

YEA: Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mrs. Sechler, Mr. Fedorcha (8)

NAY: None (0)

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Sechler announced that during the past month she had an opportunity to visit the high school and observe some of the classes and she was very pleased with what she saw.

FINANCIAL

Motion made by Mr. Dorshimer, with a second made by Mrs. Sechler, that the Board of Education approve the following financial items:

PC Abatements Approve abatement of per capita taxes for the resident(s) that fall within the guidelines as presented.

Construction Bills Approve payment of bills from the Construction Account.

Walnutport Real Estate Tax Rebates For April 2001 Approve a refund for overpayment of Walnutport Real Estate Taxes for the property owners as listed for the month of April 2001.

Portfolio Summary Approve the Arthurs Lestrange Cash Management Portfolio Summary for the month of March 2001.

Purchase Of Peters Elem. Sign Approve the purchase and placement of a school sign at the Peters Elementary School. The elementary Parent Teacher Association will reimburse the district for all costs.

Change Request project to install a 6'0" x 7'4" double door from the cafeteria addition into the faculty dining room at a cost of \$3417.00.

FINANCIAL (Con't.)

Award Bids H.S. Asbestos Removal \$113,800.00. Accept and approve the recommendation of Environmental Abatement Associates, Inc. to award the bid for removal of asbestos-containing materials from designated areas of the Northern Lehigh Middle School to the lowest responsible bidder, Wyoming S. & P. Inc., of Wilkes-Barre, PA with a base bid of \$113,800.00.

Various Approve the awarding of bids for general supplies, art supplies, lumber supplies and industrial arts Supplies as presented.

MetroCall Service Agmt. Approve renewal of a service agreement with MetroCall. Their fee for the 2001-2002 school year will be \$29.85 per month for three pagers plus an additional fee of \$.18 a month for three pagers for the Federal

Universal Service Fund. This reflects an increase of \$2.52 over last year's fee.

Simplex Time Recorder Co. Agreement Approve renewal of a service agreement with Simplex Time Recorder Company for fire alarm monitoring services for the 2001-2002 school year at all four buildings for \$1440.00. This total reflects an increase of \$42.00 over last year's agreement.

Altronics Security System Agreement Approve renewal of a service agreement with Altronics Security System for basic monitoring and supervised openings and closings for all four buildings for the 2001-2002 school year at a cost of \$2,235.00. This total reflects a \$ 44.00 increase over last year's agreement.

J.C. Ehrlich Agreement Renew an agreement for pest control with J.C. Ehrlich Co., Inc. according to the following monthly rates, beginning July 1, 2001 and ending on June 30, 2002. This is a total cost of \$2196.00 or a decrease of \$468.00 over last year's rates.

Peters Elementary School \$588.00 Annually	Junior High School - \$ 564.00 Annually
Senior High School - \$564.00 Annually	Slatington Elementary School - \$480.00 Annually

Budgetary Transfers Approve budgetary transfers within the 2000-2001 budget to cover purchase of a striper for the Athletic Field.

Approve budgetary transfers within the 2000-2001 budget to cover expenses for new computers.

Appoint Auditors Appoint the firm of Gorman & Freeh, Certified Public Accountants, to perform the annual audit, without the Annual Financial Report, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001. Their fee for the engagement is \$13,600, and includes the cost of the General Fund Audit (\$10,400), the Earned Income Tax Audit (\$1,150), and the Single Audit (\$2,050). Their renewal fee is an increase of \$800.00 for the General Fund, \$75.00 for the Earned Income Tax Office, and \$100.00 for the Single Audit. The total fee for the Single Audit is necessary for compliance with the Single Audit Act of 1996.

Info Only The 2001-2002 Lehigh Career and Technical Institute Budget was distributed. Action will be taken at the next board meeting.

YEA: Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mrs. Sechler, Mr. Fedorcha (8)

NAY: None (0)

INFORMATION

All board members received a copy of the minutes of the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit Board of Directors meeting held on March 19, 2001.

All board members received a copy of the minutes of the Lehigh Carbon Community College Board of Trustees meeting held on April 5, 2001.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Doug Keichel informed board members that he was present representing NLYAA Soccer and offered his congratulations to the VICA and football students honored at the meeting.

SUMMARY PRESENTATION OF THE 2001-2002 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Mr. Bernard Rockovich, business manager, presented the board with a summary of the 2001-2002 Northern Lehigh School District Preliminary Budget.

**ADJOURN-
MENT**

Motion made by Mr. Cox, with a second made by Mr. Dorshimer, that the regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of Education be adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

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

NAY: None (0)

Respectfully submitted,

Lori H. Geronikos
Secretary

ATTEST: _____ President
Gary S. Fedorcha