

NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular School Board Meeting

Monday, March 8, 2004

Slatington Elementary Boardroom

7:30 p.m.

AGENDA

I. ROLL CALL

A. By notice of the President, Board Members are advised that all votes on financial matters shall be regarded as roll call votes. The minutes should also note that Public Notice was given for this meeting in accordance with Act 84 of 1986.

B. School Board Meeting shall proceed in accordance with School Board Policy.

C. Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Roll Call.

E. Public Comment -- Restricted to Agenda Items.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING MEETINGS

A. Regular school board meeting held on February 2, 2004.

B. Regular school board meeting held on February 9, 2004.

III. SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS

A. Lehigh Career & Technical Institute. Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos

B. Carbon-Lehigh Intermediate Unit Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer

1. Approve to nominate a candidate for a position on the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit Board of Directors as a representative of the Northern Lehigh School District for a term of July 1, 2004 to June 30,2007. Mr. Dorshimer's term will expire on June 30, 2004.

C. Lehigh Carbon Community College Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr.

D. Committee Reports and/or Meetings

E. Student Representatives To The Board Report Ms. Amberly Gable
Ms. Ashley Kunkle

F. Solicitor's Report Atty. Charles Stopp

G. Legislative Report Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos

H. Federal and Other Programs Mrs. Lynne B. Fedorcha

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

- Reminder that the April 5 board meeting will be held in the Middle School Auditorium.
- 2004 CLIU School Board Conference – March 31, 2004.
- Nutrition/Second Harvest Food Bank
- Reminder Board/Administration Retreat April 2 & 3 - LCTI
- 2003 School Board Inservice Education Award
- PSBA Regional Cabinet

J. Executive Session – 6:30 p.m. – Superintendent's Office

IV. PERSONNELA. Unpaid Volunteer

Approve to appoint Jo Leigh Sponsler as an unpaid volunteer aide in Mrs. Vasquez's Life Skills Class for the 2003-2004 school year. (Pending Verification of Clearances)

V. POLICYA. Permission To Close An Account

Approve the request of the senior high school to close the Ski Club account in accordance with the Student Activity Fund Policy. There has been no activity in this club since the winter of the 1996-1997 school year. They would like to transfer this money to the Student Council Account so that it would help the entire student body.

B. Board Policy – Second Reading

1. Approve new board policy #826: Operations – HIPPA Compliance, as presented, after second reading. (Attachment #1)
2. Approve new board policy #135: Programs – Parental Permission For Research Involving Students, as presented after second reading. (Attachment #2)
3. Approve revisions to existing board policy #005: Local Board Procedures – Organization, as presented after second reading. (Attachment #3)

C. Field Trip Request

Approve the request of the senior members of the High School National Honor Society to take a 2 day trip to New York City. They will depart at 9:00 am on Thursday April 8th (snow make-up day)

and return late afternoon/evening on April 9th (school closed). This trip will entail no cost to the district and will be supervised by 3 to 4 adult chaperones. (Attachment #4)

VI. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

VII. OLD BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, No Child Left Behind (NCLB), the omnibus federal education legislation of 2002, sets laudable standards and direction for achievement for all students.

WHEREAS, elements of the legislation nonetheless are inherently flawed and set requirements which are impossible to fulfill.

WHEREAS, the federal government fails to provide the resources necessary to meet the achievement standards set forth in the legislation.

WHEREAS, the Reading School District has filed legal action in opposition to the full implementation of the legislation.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of the Northern Lehigh School District adopts this resolution in support of the legal action taken in this matter by Reading School District.

THIS RESOLUTION is entered into this 8th day of March, 2004 by the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors.

B. RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, representative governance has been the foundational principle of government in Pennsylvania and across the nation for 225 years,

WHEREAS, Boards of School Directors, locally elected, are constituted by the citizens to weigh and make informed decisions for the betterment of the education of children,

WHEREAS, of all the forms of school governance, local Boards of School Directors,

freely elected, are best positioned to determine the appropriate direction for education in this Commonwealth,

WHEREAS, an expanding number of unfunded federal and state mandates make good decision making increasingly more challenging,

WHEREAS, local Boards of School Directors have over the years demonstrated admirable foresight, restraint, and fortitude in the face of conflicting claims and special interests,

WHEREAS, all other forms of governance in education fall shallow and fail in durability in comparison to the presently existing structure,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors stands adamantly opposed to any form of referendum or similar delimitation on the capacity of the Board to act in the best, continuing interest of the students and the general citizenry.

THIS RESOLUTION is entered into this 8th day of March, 2004 by the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors.

IX. FINANCIAL

- A. Approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2004.
- B. Approve the Cafeteria Reports for the month January & February 2004. (Information Only)
- C. Approve payment of General Fund bills for the month of February and March 2004.
- D. Approve the Northern Lehigh Refreshment Stand Account / Northern Lehigh Sports Account Report for the month of February 2004. (Attachment #5)
- E. Approve the Northern Lehigh Athletic Fund Report for the month of February 2004. (Attachment #6)
- F. Approve the Northern Lehigh High School Student Activities Fund statement for the month of February 2004. (Attachment #7)
- G. State audit requirements indicate a copy of the annual salary listing for all employees must be read into the official minute book. Approve the listing for the 2003-04 fiscal year per **attachment #8**.
- H. Authorize district officials to solicit bids for general and art supplies for the 2004-05 school year if adequate materials cannot be obtained through the U.S. Communities program.
- I. Lehigh Carbon Community College 2004-2005 Budget

Approve a resolution regarding the 2004-05 Lehigh Carbon Community College budget.

Total expenditures equal \$3,985,011, an increase of \$355,080, (9.8%) over the 2003-04 budget. Northern Lehigh's enrollment is 176.8 FTE, an increase of 71.96%. Northern Lehigh's share of the total budget is \$154,019, an increase of \$27,834 or 22.06%. (Attachment #9)

J. Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit Operational and Program Services 2004-2005 Budget

Approve a resolution regarding the 2004-05 Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit Operational and Program Services budget. Total expenditures equal \$1,715,341, an increase of \$73,360, (4.5%) over the 2003-04 budget. Northern Lehigh's share remains at \$18,665, the same as the 2003-04 budget. (Attachment #10)

- K. Approve renewal of a service agreement with Altronics Security Systems for monitoring of burglar alarm system and recorded openings/closings for the 5 locations in the amount of \$2,229.25. This reflects a decrease of \$43.63 over last year's fee. (Attachment #11)
- L. Approve renewal of a service agreement with Ehrlich Pest Control for pest control service at all 4 buildings in the amount of \$3012.00. This reflects a \$0.00 increase over last year's fee. (Attachment #12)
- M. Approve renewal of a service agreement with SimplexGrinnell for monitoring of fire alarm systems at all 4 buildings in the amount of \$1,499.68. This reflects an increase of \$45.32 over last year's fee. (Attachment #13)
- N. Approve renewal of a service agreement with Progressive Telecom for four (4) pagers. Annual service fee is \$75.00 per unit or a total cost of \$300.00. This reflects a \$0.00 increase over last year's fee. (Attachment #14)
- O. Approve the contract with J. Miller and Sons, Inc. for environmental consulting (AHERA, Right-to-Know, MSDS, and IAQ Testing) to include all buildings in the amount of \$6,725.00. This reflects a \$0.00 increase over last year's fee. (Attachment #15 for additional details)

X. LEGAL

XI. CORRESPONDENCE

XII. INFORMATION

- A. Minutes of the Lehigh Carbon Community College Board of Trustees meeting held on

February 5, 2004. (Attachment #16)

XIII. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

XIV. ADJOURNMENT