

NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting
Board Minutes

Slatington, PA
June 11, 2018

PURPOSE The regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors was called to order by the President, Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha, at 7:32 p.m. on Monday, June 11, 2018, in the Administration Office Board Room.

ROLL CALL Members present: Mr. Robin T. Distler, Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr., Mrs. Michelle M. Heckman, Mrs. Gale N. Husack, Mr. Robert J. Keegan, Jr., Mr. David J. Roberts, Mrs. Kristie D. Wilk, and Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha (8)

Members absent: Mrs. Donna M. Kulp (1)

Non-members present: Mrs. Susan Bahnick, Mrs. Jill Chamberlain, Mr. Greg Derr, Mrs. Michele Dotta, Mrs. Rhonda Frantz, Mr. John Hrizuk, Mr. Preston Kemery (Jr. Rep.), Mr. Paul Leonzi, Mr. Matthew Link, Mr. Eugene Marks, Mrs. Sherri Molitoris, Mrs. Tanya Simms, Dr. Tania Stoker, Attorney Keith Strohl (Solicitor's Office) and Mr. Robert Vlasaty.

VISITORS Approximately fourteen visitors attended the meeting, in addition to Terry Ahner, reporter for The Times News.

APPROVE MINUTES Mr. Keegan made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Husack, that the minutes of the regular school board meeting held on May 14, 2018, be approved and ordered filed.

YEA: Mr. Distler, Mr. Green, Mrs. Heckman, Mrs. Husack, Mr. Keegan, Mr. Roberts, Mrs. Wilk, and Mr. Fedorcha (8)

NAY: None (0)

SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS

Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit – Mrs. Husack reported that one event the IU sponsors over the summer to support special children, is the annual golf tournament on June 19, 2018 at the Old Homestead golf course. If you are interested in playing, they are still accepting golf teams.

Lehigh Career and Technical Institute - Mr. Fedorcha reported that LCTI celebrated the Class of 2018 with Senior Recognition Night at the PPL Center on May 31, 2018.

Legislative Report – Mrs. Heckman reported that the Senate Safe2Say program is going to the House for approval. The attorney general's office would administer the program which would take anonymous reports of dangerous activities or threats of violence in schools. Keeping students safe was a goal of the bipartisan legislation that was endorsed by the House Education Committee. The first measure would allow public school entities, such as school boards, to go into private executive sessions for school safety discussions. The second measure would allow school entities to conduct one school security drill per year, per building, in place of a monthly fire drill. Approved by the House Judiciary committee regarding vaping and nicotine products in schools, House bill 2268 amends the crime code to add nicotine products and nicotine delivery products as a ban on school property. Legislators are also working on the budget which is due June 30, 2018.

Lehigh Carbon Community College – Mr. Green reported that the Softball team was recognized at the last meeting for being District and Regional Champions, and placed sixth in the nation at the NJCAA Division III National Championship tournament.

Committee Reports and/or Meetings

Minutes of the Education/Policy Committee Meeting held on June 4, 2018, were distributed.

Minutes of the Community Relations Committee Meeting held on June 4, 2018, were distributed.

Minutes of the Technology/Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting held on June 6, 2018, were distributed.

Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on June 6, 2018, were distributed.

SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS (cont.)

Student Representatives to the Board Report –Mr. Preston Kemery distributed the written student representative report and verbally reported on its contents. Mrs. Heckman added that four separate faculty members from Peters Elementary, told her how much they enjoyed having the graduates come to the building for their farewell tour. The students thought it was awesome!

Solicitor’s Report – Attorney Strohl reported that the bond sale was successful. Both Bond Counsel and Broker report that rates were more favorable than projected, and the district will recognize a savings over the last bonds of \$350,000.00. They have also added a five year call provision which will be favorable if the board would like to change financing in the future. Last week, the FBI launched a new campaign, “#ThinkBeforeYouPost. The aim is to educate the public on the consequences of posting hoax threats on social media.

Assistant to the Superintendent’s Report – Dr. Tania Stoker announced that as the school year winds down, we are busy with our summer STEAM Camp. Dr. Stoker introduced Mr. Tim Weaber, Camp Director, and Ms. Jennifer Butz, Camp Coordinator. Mr. Weaber and Ms. Butz announced that a short video promotion for the camp was placed on the website in March and within 15 days it had to be removed because capacity was met. Fifty-seven students will be attending the camp which starts on Monday, June 18 and concludes on June 28, 2018. Four of our faculty have been hired to help run the camp. Mr. Weaber and Ms. Butz gave a brief explanation of how the camp will operate and the outline of the camp. Mr. Weaber stated that an invitation is at each board members seat to attend one of the camp days to see the exciting things the camp has to offer. The Times News has been invited, and the PSEA Voice will be featuring our camp in one of their fall newsletters. Mr. Weaber thanked Neffs Bank and the Education Foundation for making the camp possible. Dr. Stoker thanked Mr. Weaber and Ms. Butz for all of their hard work.

Business Manager’s Report – Mrs. Frantz reported that the State Auditors are here. They will be auditing years 2013-2014, through years 2016-2017. We expect to see them weekly. They are currently looking at safety and security, and will then move on to financials. Mrs. Molitoris reported that the final budget for the 2018-2019 school year is on the agenda for approval, along with the Homestead/Farmstead exclusion rate which is \$268.37 per homestead/farmstead.

Superintendent’s Report - Mr. Link thanked the Class of 1968 for the donation of the slate bench that has been placed outside the High School. Mr. Link announced that we had 38 students receive just over \$129,000 worth of scholarships at our Senior Awards night. Mr. Link reported that graduation was held on Friday, June 8, 2018. It was an amazing event, from the planning and preparation leading up to the event, to the students and speakers the night of the event. Mr. Link stated he is very proud to have been part of the ceremony and even more proud of our graduates as they head out into the world.

Mr. Fedorcha thanked the faculty and students, and everyone involved for making graduation a professional experience.

Mr. Fedorcha reported that an executive session was held prior to tonight’s meeting to discuss personnel issues.

PERSONNEL Mr. Distler made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Heckman that the Board of Education approves the following personnel items:

Administrative	Sheila Steier*	
Transfer	From:	Part-time Cook’s Helper
S.Steier	To:	Full-time Second Shift Custodian
	Salary	\$13.07 per Hour; 2:30 pm – 11:00 p.m; 5 Days per Week
	Effective	June 4, 2018
	*60 Working Day Probationary Period	

Resignation S. Pender Accept the resignation of Shelly Pender from her position as Middle School Cafeteria/Hall Monitor, effective the end of the 2017-2018 school year.

PERSONNEL**(cont.)**

Appointment Non-Instructional D.DeWalt	Dawn DeWalt* Assignment Salary Effective *Pending Verification of Missing Personnel File Items *60 Working Day probationary period	Second Shift Custodian \$13.07 per Hour; 2:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m; 5 Days per Week June 4, 2018	
Family Medical Leave	Approve the request of employee #7092 to take a Family Medical Leave beginning on August 21, 2018, for the birth of a child. Employee is requesting to use accumulated sick days. Upon exhaustion of sick days, employee is requesting a two week family medical leave. Employee plans to return to her teaching position on or about September 25, 2018.		
	Approve the request of employee #6793 to take a two week Family Medical Leave beginning on or about September 6, 2018, for the birth of a child. Employee is requesting to use ten (10) accumulated sick days in conjunction with the family medical leave. Employee plans to return to his teaching position on or about September 20, 2018.		
Senior High Detention Supervisors	Approve to appoint the following list of people as Secondary Detention Monitors for the Senior High School for the 2018-2019 school year. Work will be on an as needed basis and compensation will be at a salary of \$20.00 per hour worked.		
	Elizabeth Doll		
Substitute Detention Supervisor	Approve to appoint the following person as Substitute Secondary Detention Monitors for the Senior High School for the 2018-2019 school year. Work will be on an as needed basis and compensation will be at a salary of \$20.00 per hour worked:		
	Connie Check		
Co-Curricular Appointment 2018-2019	Lori-Beth Guelcher * Pending Verification of Missing Personnel File Items	Assistant Cross Country Coach	\$2,957.00
2018-2019 Co-curricular Appointments	Motion to renew the appointments of the following Co-curricular positions for the 2018-2019 school year:		
	Michelle Raber	MS Fall Intramural Net Sports	\$ 888.00
	Michelle Raber	MS Winter Intramural Net Sports	\$ 888.00
	Michelle Raber	MS Spring Intramural Net Sports	\$ 888.00
	Randall Utsch	Majorette/Band Advisor	\$2,284.00
Summertime Maintenance/Custodial Supervisor	Motion to approve the following individual as the Supervisor for the Summertime Maintenance/custodial helpers for the summer of 2018 at a salary of \$15.00 per hour:		
	Individual to be approved retroactively, if necessary		
Summertime Maintenance/Custodial Helpers	Motion to approve the following individuals as Summertime Maintenance/Custodial helpers for the summer of 2018 at a salary of \$10.00 per hour:		
	Bryce Allen*		
	Jacob Bachman*		
	Jennifer Haas		
	Cory Hammond*		
	Two individuals to be approved retroactively, if necessary		
	* Pending Verification of Missing Personnel File Items		
HS Summer-time Helper Supervisor	Motion to approve the following individual as the Supervisor for the High School Summertime helpers for the summer of 2018 at a salary of \$15.00 per hour to be paid from the High School budget:		
	Stephen Shuey		

PERSONNEL

(cont.)

High School Summertime Helpers Motion to approve the following individuals as High School Summertime helpers for the summer of 2018 at a salary of \$7.25 per hour to be paid from the High School budget:

- Cole Hankee*
- John Kline*
- Samantha Papay*
- Courtney Trumbore*

* Pending Verification of Missing Personnel File Items

Co-Curricular Resignation 2018-2019 Accept the resignation of Mark Lavine from his position as Assistant Football Coach - \$4,936.00 for the 2018-2019 school year which was originally approved at the December 4, 2017 board meeting

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| Co-curricular. Volunteers | Tina Bilheimer | Band Advisor |
| | James Corle | Band Advisor |
| | Kim Corle | Band Advisor |
| | Rebecca Hamm | Band Advisor |
| | Jason Steigerwalt | Band Advisor |
| | Shawn Frame | Assistant Football Coach |
| | Adam Merkle* | Assistant Girls' Soccer Coach |
| | Candace Wood* | Assistant Cheerleading Coach |

*Pending Verification of Missing Personnel File Items

YEA: Mr. Distler, Mr. Green, Mrs. Heckman, Mrs. Husack, Mr. Keegan, Mr. Roberts, Mrs. Wilk, and Mr. Fedorcha (8)
NAY: None (0)

POLICY

Mrs. Wilk made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Husack, that the Board of Education approves the following policy items:

Board Policy First Reading

Approve school board policy #209.1 – Pupils – Pediculosis, as presented after first reading.

Board Policy Second Reading

Approve school board policy #105 – Programs – Curriculum, as presented after second reading.

Approve school board policy #138 - Programs – Language Instruction Educational Program for English, as presented after second reading.

Approve school board policy #202.1 - Pupils – Foreign Exchange Students, as presented after second reading.

Approve school board policy #204 - Pupils – Attendance, as presented after second reading.

Approve school board policy #239 – Pupils – Student Excusal, as presented after second reading.

Approve school board policy #308 – Employees - Employment Contract/Board Resolution, as presented after second reading.

Approve school board policy #826 – Operations – HIPAA Compliance, after second reading.

Student Representative to Board

Approve Madison Hoffman as Student Representative to the Board for the 2018-2019 school year. Madison has been appointed as the junior representative to the board and will serve from September 2018 through June 2019. Preston Kemery will serve as the senior student representative to the board until June 2019.

POLICY**(cont)**Homebound
Instruction

It is recommended that the Board of Education grant homebound instruction for a 6th grade student, Student No. 2490215 for five hours per week, effective May 18, 2018 and continuing until approximately September, 2018.

YEA: Mr. Distler, Mr. Green, Mrs. Heckman, Mrs. Husack, Mr. Keegan, Mr. Roberts, Mrs. Wilk, and Mr. Fedorcha (8)

NAY: None (0)

Mr. Link welcomed Ms. Hoffman as student representative to the board and we look forward to working with her for the next two years.

CONFERENCE

Mr. Green made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Heckman, that the Board of Education approves the following conferences:

Jon Prive - AP Language and Composition - College Board of Drew University Summer Institute - August 6-9, 2018 –Madison, NJ – Registration - \$895.00; Lodging - \$445.00; Travel - \$64.50; – Total Approximate Cost: \$1,405.40 – Funding: High School Professional Development Budget

Michelle Raber – 97th Annual PA State Association for Health, PE, Recreation & Dance Convention - November 9-10, 2018 – Seven Springs, PA – Registration - \$110.00; Lodging - \$314.00; Travel - \$249.61 – Total Approximate Cost: \$673.61 – Funding: Middle School Professional Development Budget .

Krystle Tiedeman - American Library Association Leadership Institute - August 5-9, 2018 - \$1,650.00 includes Registration, Lodging and Meals - Funding: High School Professional Development Budget.

YEA: Mr. Distler, Mr. Green, Mrs. Heckman, Mrs. Husack, Mr. Keegan, Mr. Roberts, Mrs. Wilk, and Mr. Fedorcha (8)

NAY: None (0)

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTIONFed Pograms
2018-2019

Mrs. Wilk made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Heckman, that the Board of Education approves the following curriculum and instruction items:

Approve to authorize proper officials to execute contracts for Title I, Title IIA, Title III, and Title IV for the 2018-2019 school year.

CLIU Title I
2017-2018

Approve the final agreement with CLIU #21 for Title I Services for the 2017-2018 school year in the amount of \$2,684.00.

IU #29 Title IIA
2017-2018

Approve the final agreement with IU #29 for Title IIA Services for the 2017-2018 school year in the amount of \$114.36.

YEA: Mr. Distler, Mr. Green, Mrs. Heckman, Mrs. Husack, Mr. Keegan, Mr. Roberts, Mrs. Wilk, and Mr. Fedorcha (8)

NAY: None (0)

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Green made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Distler, that the Board of Education approves the following new business items:

SPO Agreement
2018-2021

Approve the new Salary and Benefit Agreement between the Northern Lehigh School District and the School Police Officer dated August 20, 2018 - July 31, 2021.

IUP Agreement
2018-2022

Approve authorize proper officials to execute a five year Field Experience Agreement between Northern Lehigh School District and Indiana University of Pennsylvania for an Internship, Practicum, and Clinical experience program.

YEA: Mr. Distler, Mr. Green, Mrs. Heckman, Mrs. Husack, Mr. Keegan, Mr. Roberts, Mrs. Wilk, and Mr. Fedorcha (8)

NAY: None (0)

FINANCIAL

Mr. Keegan made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Heckman, that the Board of Education approves the following financial items:

Financial Reports

Approve the Following Financial Reports:

General Fund Account month of May, 2018
 NLMS Student Activities Account month of May, 2018
 NLHS Student Activities and Scholarship Account month of May, 2018
 Refreshment Stand month of May, 2018
 Cafeteria Fund month of May, 2018

List of Bills

Approve the Following List of Bills:

General Fund months of May & June, 2018
 Cafeteria Fund months of May & June, 2018
 Refreshment Stand month of May, 2018

Budgetary Transfers

Allow business office to complete budgetary transfers for the 2017-2018 end of year audit.

Willis Towers Watson Ins. Broker

Appoint Willis of Pennsylvania, Inc. as the district insurance broker for Property, Casualty, & Liability insurance for the 2018-2019 school year.

District Insurances

Award insurance coverage for the 2018-2019 school year to the following companies:

Commercial Package and Automobile (Vehicle Liability, General Liability Property Insurance and Boiler and Machinery) Graphic Arts (UTICA) Mutual Insurance Company - \$82,369.00. The premium is an increase of \$395.00 over last year's rate.

Commercial Umbrella Liability Insurance – Utica National Group - \$17,978.00. The premium is a decrease of \$13.00 over last year's rate.

School Leaders Error and Omissions Liability – National Union Fire Insurance Company - \$29,712.00. There is no change over last year's rate.

Worker's Compensation School District Insurance Consortium

Appoint School District's Insurance Consortium as the district's Workers' Compensation carrier for the 2018-2019 school year at an estimated premium of \$62,813.00, approximately a reduction of \$11,154.00. This amount is an estimated total, final cost is based on actual payroll figures.

District Financial Institutions

Authorize the following financial institutions to act as approved depositories for school district funds and or temporary investments. The Northern Lehigh School Board further authorizes the following financial institutions to transfer funds on deposit to any other bank for the credit of the Northern Lehigh School District. The Board further authorizes the Business Manager and/or Superintendent to enter into agreements, supplements or amendments to agreements to implement the foregoing operations for the 2018-2019 school year.

Key Bank, NA	Prudential-Bache Government Securities Trust
Wells Fargo National Bank	Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT)
TD Wealth	Embassy Bank
Key Bank Capital Markets	

Payment of Bills In July

Approve to grant permission to the business office to pay general fund and capital projects bills that are scheduled for payment during the month of July as required by contract. There is no scheduled board meeting in July.

FINANCIAL**(cont.)**

Board Secretary & Treasurer	Approve to renew the following expiring bonds for the 2018-2019 fiscal year through Willis of Pennsylvania, Inc.						
Bonds 2018-2019	A \$50,000 Board Secretary Bond for the term of July 1, 2018 to July 1, 2019 at an annual premium of \$175.00. A \$50,000 Board Treasurer Bond for the period July 1, 2018 to July 1, 2019 at an annual premium cost of \$269.00.						
California First Leasing Corporation Computer Leasing	Upon final approval of the General Fund 2018-2019 budget, approve the lease from California First Leasing Corporation, 18201 Von Karman Avenue, Suite 800, Irvine, CA 92612 for \$50,000 per year with a lease term of 36 months and a one (\$1) dollar buyout option at the end of the lease agreement. The lease will be used to purchase Chromebooks and charging stations for the Middle School and to replace interactive projectors in Slatington Elementary School.						
Commit Assign Fund Balance	Approve to commit and/or assign portions of the June 30, 2018 fund balance for the following purposes (actual amounts to be determined after completion of the 2017-2018 end of year audit):						
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PSERS Increase	Replacement Equipment						
Health Insurance Premiums	Long Range Maintenance						
Technology							
EduLink, Inc. Agreement	Authorize administration to enter into an agreement with EduLink Inc. for software to manage the educator evaluation process for professional staff and appropriate administrators at a cost of \$7,024.00 for the licensing fee.						
School Dentist	Approve to appoint Dr. Harry Shleifer of Broadway Family Dentistry as the school dentist for the 2018-2019 school year at the quoted fee of \$1.00 per dental exam needed.						
School Physicians	Approve to appoint Dr. Nicole Sully and Dr. Amy Gourniak of Parkland Family Health Center as school physicians for the 2018-2019 school year. The fee for grade level physicals will be \$20.00 per physical needed. Consultant services will be provided at no charge.						
Wood Shop Equipment Sale and Disposal	Grant permission to dispose of unusable wood shop equipment and accept sealed bids for the sale of wood shop equipment with a value over \$100.00. Any equipment not sold will be disposed of in accordance with Policy 706.1						
2018 Chevrolet Truck Rentschler	Award bid for a 2018 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 truck with plow, to Rentschler Chevrolet, at a cost of \$36,120.00.						
Amendment No. 1 McClure Agreement	Approve Amendment No. 1 for Middle School ceiling work to the final contract with the McClure Company for the Guaranteed Energy Savings Project. The amendment does not increase the original cost approved at the May 14, 2018 board meeting.						
Sargent Ent. Asbestos Removal	Authorize administration to enter into an agreement with Sargent Enterprises, Inc. for asbestos removal as part of the High School roofing project at a cost of \$7,500.00, to be paid from the Buildings & Grounds budget.						
Homestead/ Farmstead Resolution 2018	Approve the following Homestead/Farmstead Resolution, as presented.						

NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**2018 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution**

FINANCIAL
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RESOLVED, by the Board of School Directors of the Northern Lehigh School District, that homestead and farmstead exclusion real estate tax assessment reductions are authorized for the school year beginning July 1, 2018, under the provisions of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act (part of Act 50 of 1998) and the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006), as follows:

1. **Aggregate amount available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction.** The following amounts are available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction for the school year beginning July 1, 2018:
 - a. **Gambling tax funds.** The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has notified the School District that PDE will pay to the School District during the school year pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.505(b), as a property tax reduction allocation funded by gambling tax funds, the amount of \$946,015.80 plus an additional \$0, which was undistributed school year beginning July 1, 2018, for a total amount of \$946,015.80.
 - b. **Philadelphia tax credit reimbursement funds.** PDE has notified the School District that PDE will pay to the School District during the school year pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.324(3), as reimbursement for Philadelphia tax credits claimed against the School District earned income tax by School District resident taxpayers, the amount of \$6,353.05.
 - c. **Aggregate amount available.** Adding these amounts, the aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction is \$952,368.85.
2. **Homestead/farmstead numbers.** Pursuant to Act 50, 54 Pa. C.S. § 8584(i), and Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.341(g)(3), the County has provided the School District with a certified report listing approved homesteads and approved farmsteads as follows:
 - a. **Homestead property number.** The number of approved homesteads within the School District is 3,609.
 - b. **Farmstead property number.** The number of approved farmsteads within the School District is 23.
 - c. **Homestead/farmstead combined number.** Adding these numbers, the aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads is 3,632.
3. **Real estate tax reduction calculation.** The school board has decided that the homestead exclusion amount and the farmstead exclusion amount shall be equal. Dividing the paragraph 1(c) aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction of \$952,368.85 by the paragraph 2(c) aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads of 3,632 (before considering the assessed value of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads having an assessed value below the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate assessed value reduction amount to be established as the homestead and farmstead exclusion amount), the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is \$262.21.

Based on calculations provided by the School District Business Office from the best available information and carefully evaluated by the School Board, considering the assessed value of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads having an assessed value below the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate assessed value reduction amount to be established as the homestead exclusion and the farmstead exclusion amount, an additional aggregate amount of \$27,273.61 will be available during the school year for real estate tax reduction applicable to approximately 3,440 homesteads and farmsteads, resulting in an additional real estate tax reduction amount available for each homestead and farmstead of \$6.16. Adding this additional amount to the preliminary calculation of the maximum real

estate tax reduction amount of \$262.21, the final maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is \$268.37.

- 4. **Homestead exclusion calculation.** Dividing the paragraph 3 maximum real estate tax reduction amount of \$268.37 by the School District real estate tax rate of 21.9612 mills (.0219612) for Lehigh County and 63.9276 mills (.0639276) for Northampton County, the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a homestead exclusion for each approved homestead is \$12,220 for Lehigh County or \$4,198 for Northampton County, and the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a farmstead exclusion for each approved farmstead is \$12,220 for Lehigh County or \$4,198 for Northampton County.
- 5. **Homestead/farmstead exclusion authorization – July 1 tax bills.** The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved homestead within the School District shall reflect a homestead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of: (a) the County-established assessed value of the homestead, or (b) the paragraph 4 maximum real estate assessed value reduction of \$12,220 for Lehigh County or \$4,198 for Northampton County. The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved farmstead within the School District shall reflect an additional farmstead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of: (a) the County-established assessed value of the farmstead, or (b) the paragraph 4 maximum real estate assessed value reduction of \$12,220 for Lehigh County or \$4,198 for Northampton County. For purposes of this Resolution, “approved homestead” and “approved farmstead” shall mean homesteads and farmsteads listed in the report referred to in paragraph 2 above and received by the School District from the County Assessment Office on or before May 1 pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.341(g)(3), based on homestead/farmstead applications filed with the County Assessment Office on or before March 1. This paragraph 5 will apply to tax notices issued based on the initial tax duplicate used in issuing initial real estate tax notices for the school year, which will be issued on or promptly after July 1, and will not apply to interim real estate tax bills.

YEA: Mr. Distler, Mr. Green, Mrs. Heckman, Mrs. Husack, Mr. Keegan, Mr. Roberts, Mrs. Wilk, and Mr. Fedorcha (8)

NAY: None (0)

LEGAL

Mr. Distler made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Wilk, that the Board of Education approve the following legal items:

Expulsion
Hearing
Waiver

The Board agrees to expulsion hearing waiver for Student #1990011. Student and guardian have agreed to waive their right to a formal expulsion hearing in front of the School Board and have also agreed to disciplinary action outlined in the waiver.

YEA: Mr. Distler, Mr. Green, Mrs. Heckman, Mrs. Husack, Mr. Keegan, Mr. Roberts, Mrs. Wilk, and Mr. Fedorcha (8)

NAY: None (0)

**INFOR-
MATION**

Minutes of the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21 Board of Directors meeting held on April 16, 2018, were distributed.

Minutes of the Lehigh Carbon Community College Board of Trustees meeting held on May 3, 2018, were distributed.

Minutes of the Lehigh Career & Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee meetings held on April 25, 2018, were distributed.

**ADOPTION
OF
FINAL
BUDGET
FOR
2018-2019**

Mr. Green made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Distler, that the Board of Education approves the proposed final budget and:

It is recommended that the Board of Education adopts the general fund final budget of the Northern Lehigh School District for the 2018-2019 school year in the amount of \$34,474,274.00

- 1. A 21.9612 millage rate for Lehigh County and a 63.9276 millage rate for Northampton County.
- 2. A \$5.00 Re Resident Per Capita Tax, taxable on 18 year olds and over based on Section 679 of the School Code of 1949. No change from 2017-2018.

**ADOPTION
OF FINAL
BUDGET
FOR 2018-2019
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- 3. Taxes under Act 511 with no changes from 2017-2018:
 - a. A 1% Earned Income Tax shared equally with coterminous municipalities.
 - b. A Realty Transfer Tax shared equally with the coterminous municipalities.
 - c. A \$5.00 Resident Per Capita Tax taxable on residents age 18 and over.
 - d. A \$5.00 Local Service Tax (formerly Emergency and Municipal Services Tax)

RECOMMENDATION That the Board of Education adopts the 2018-2019 Northern Lehigh School District Budget.

Roll call.

YEA: Mr. Distler, Mr. Green, Mrs. Heckman, Mrs. Husack, Mr. Keegan, Mr. Roberts, Mrs. Wilk, and Mr. Fedorcha (8)

NAY: None (0)

Motion carried.

**ADJOURN-
MENT**

Mrs.Husack made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Wilk, that the regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh School District Board of School Directors is adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

YEA: Mr. Distler, Mr. Green, Mrs. Heckman, Mrs. Husack, Mr. Keegan, Mr. Roberts, Mrs. Wilk, and Mr. Fedorcha (9)

NAY: None (0)

Respectfully submitted,

Kristie D. Wilk
Secretary

ATTEST: _____ President
Gary S. Fedorcha