



AGENDA

For The
Board of School Directors
Of The



Northern Lehigh School District



Regular Meeting
Monday, December 4, 2017
7:30 P.M.

Northern Lehigh School District
Administration Office Board Room
1201 Shadow Oaks Lane
Slatington, PA 18080

Executive Session
Administration Office
Conference Room
6:45 PM

**NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Regular School Board Meeting
 Monday, December 4, 2017
 Northern Lehigh Administration Building
 Board Room
 7:30 P.M.**



- I. A. By notice of the President, Board Members are advised that all 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 November 13, 2017.
- B. Special School Board Meeting held on November 20, 2017.

III. SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS

- A. Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit Mrs. Gale N. Husack
- B. Lehigh Career and Technical Institute Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha
- C. Legislative Report Mrs. Debra L. Bower
- D. Lehigh Carbon Community College Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr.
- E. Committee Reports and/or Meetings
 - Approve School Board Committee Meeting Calendar for 2018 (Attachment #1)
- F. Student Representatives to the Board Report..... Ms.Tori Csanadi
Mr. Preston Kemery
- G. Solicitor's Report Attorney Charles Stopp
- H. Business Manager's Report Mrs. Rhonda Frantz
Mrs. Sherri Molitoris
 - Act 1 Tax Levy Resolution
- I. Federal and Other Programs Update Mrs. Karen A. Nicholas
 - Maker Space Presentation – Mary Frank, Krystle Tiedeman
- J. Superintendent's Report Mr. John W. Corby
 - No January Committee Meetings
- K. An executive session will be held at 6:45 p.m. in the Administration Office Conference Room.

V. CONFERENCES**VI. POLICY****A. Board Policy Second Reading**

1. Approve school board policy #150 – Programs – Title I Comparability of Services, as presented after second reading. (Attachment #2)
2. Approve school board policy #845 – Operations – Identification Badge, as presented after second reading. (Attachment #3)

VII. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**VIII. OLD BUSINESS****IX. NEW BUSINESS****X. FINANCIAL**

- A. Approve the Following List of Bills:
1. General Fund months of November & December 2017
 2. Cafeteria Fund month of December, 2017
 3. Refreshment Stand month of November, 2017
 4. Capital Projects month of October, 2017
- B. Approve a donation to the Slatington Public Library for the 2017-2018 school year in the amount of \$5,000.00. This amount is budgeted for the 2017-2018 school year.
- C. Act 1 Tax Levy Resolution

**NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2006, the Pennsylvania legislature passed Act 1 of Special Session 2006, entitled the "Taxpayer Relief Act" (hereinafter "Act 1");

WHEREAS, Act 1 requires school districts to limit tax increases to the level set by an inflation index unless the tax increase is approved by voters in a referendum or the school district obtains from the Department of Education or a court of common pleas certain referendum exceptions;

WHEREAS, Act 1 does, however, allow a board of school directors to elect to adopt a resolution indicating that it will not raise the rate of any tax for the support of the public schools for the following fiscal year by more than its index, provided this resolution must be adopted no later than 110 days prior to the date of the election immediately preceding the upcoming fiscal year;

WHEREAS, the Northern Lehigh School District index for the 2018-2019 fiscal year is 3.2%;

WHEREAS, the Northern Lehigh School District Board of Directors has made the decision that it shall not raise the rate of any tax for the support of the Northern Lehigh School District for the 2018-2019 fiscal year by more than its index.

AND NOW, on this 4th day of December, 2017, it is hereby **RESOLVED** by the Northern Lehigh School District (hereinafter "District") Board of Directors (hereinafter "Board") the following:

1. The Board certifies that it will not increase any school district tax for the 2018-2019 school year at a rate that exceeds the index as calculated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.
2. The Board certifies that it will comply with the procedures set forth in Section 687, of the Pennsylvania Public School Code (hereinafter "School Code"), 24 P.S. §6-687, for the adoption of its proposed and final budget.
3. The Board certifies that increasing any tax at a rate less than or equal to the index will be sufficient to balance its final budget of the 2018-2019 fiscal year.
4. The Administration of the District will submit the District's information on a proposed increase in the rate of a tax levied for the support of the District to the Pennsylvania Department of Education on the uniform form prepared by the Pennsylvania Department of Education no later than five days after the Board's adoption of this Resolution.
5. The Administration of the District will send a copy of this Resolution to the Pennsylvania Department of Education no later than five days after the Board's adoption of this Resolution.
6. The Board understands and agrees that by passing this Resolution it is not eligible to seek referendum exceptions under Section 333(f) of Act 1 and is not eligible to request approval from the voters through a referendum to increase a tax rate by more than the index as established for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.
7. Once this Resolution is passed, the Administration of the District is not required to comply with the preliminary budget requirements set forth in paragraphs (a) and (c) of Section 311 of Act 1. Provided, however:
 - (a) The Board understands and agrees that, upon receipt of the information submitted by the District as set forth in paragraphs 4 and 5 above, the Pennsylvania Department of Education shall compare the District's proposed percentage increase in the rate of the tax with the index.
 - (b) Within ten days of the receipt of this information, the Pennsylvania Department of Education shall inform the District whether its proposed tax rate increase is less than or equal to the index.
 - (c) If the Pennsylvania Department of Education determines that the District's proposed increase in the rate of the District's tax exceeds the index, the District is subject to the preliminary budget requirements as set forth in paragraph (a) and (c) of Section 311 of Act 1.

XI. LEGAL

Approve to appoint the law firm of Steckel & Stopp as solicitors for the Northern Lehigh School District for 2018. The hourly rate will be \$129.00 per hour for general services, litigation related services will be \$147.00 per hour, and the hourly rate for staff will be \$100.00 per hour. All rates represent a \$2/hour increase over last year's rates. Further approve the retainer fee for 2018 at \$2,050.00. There is no increase over last year's rate.

XII. CORRESPONDENCE

XIII. INFORMATION

- A. Minutes of the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21 Board of Directors meeting held on October 16, 2017.

XIV. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

XV. ADJOURNMENT