

NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting
Board Minutes

Slatington, PA
February 15, 2006

- PURPOSE** The regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors was called to order by the President, Mrs. Lauren A. Ganser, at 7:31 p.m. on Monday, February 15, 2006 in the boardroom of the Slatington Elementary School.
- ROLL CALL** Members present: Mr. Franklin D. Beers, Mr. Donald H. Dengler, Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer, Mr. Raymond J. Follweiler, Jr., Mrs. Sheryl A. Giles, Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr., Mr. Peter A. Ruth, Mr. Gregory S. Williams, Mrs. Lauren A. Ganser (9)
- Members absent: None (0)
- Non-members present: Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Mr. Philip Bertolino, Mr. Robert Kern (arrived at 7:40 p.m.), Dr. Linda Marcincin (arrived at 7:35 p.m.), Mrs. Karen Nicholas (arrived at 7:55 p.m.), Mr. John Hrizuk, Mr. David Papay, Mr. Brian Geiger, Ms. Christine Stafford, Mr. Jeffrey Bachman, Ms. Laurie Newman-Mankos (arrived at 7:55 p.m.), Mrs. Andrea Madochick, Mr. Nathan Hunsicker, Mrs. Doneta J. Merkle
- VISITORS** Approximately five visitors attended the meeting, in addition to Joel Kern, reporter for The Times News
- PUBLIC COMMENT** Donna Kulp – Washington Township – Requested permission to comment on any agenda item.
- APPROVE MINUTES** Mr. Dorshimer made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Beers, that the minutes of the regular school board meeting held on January 3, 2006 and the regular school board meeting held on January 18, 2006 be approved and ordered filed.
- YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Mr. Ruth, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Ganser (9)
- NAY: None (0)
- SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS**
- Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit – Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer
Mr. Dorshimer reported from the CLIU Board Brief.
- Lehigh Career & Technical Institute – Mrs. Sheryl A. Giles
Mrs. Giles reported on several personnel items and on some change orders for the LCTI modernization project. She also reported that Governor Rendell visited LCTI for the dedication of their new distribution center.
- Legislative Report – Mr. Gregory S. Williams
Mr. Williams reported on what has been happening with regard to the Senate Amendment to special session Bill 39 which is basically the reinvention of Act 72.
- Lehigh Carbon Community College – Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr.
Mr. Green briefly reviewed the LCCC budget which was distributed for review at the meeting. Don Snyder, President of the college, will be invited to a meeting (committee or board) to answer questions.
- Committee Reports &/or Meetings
Mr. Williams reported that prior to the board meeting the Community Relations committee met to set up an agenda of what the committee should do in the near future. They looked at what could be done to get more action and involvement with legislative issues. They would like to hold a meeting in April to get community members to come to the meeting and try to get them involved. This meeting will be advertised in an upcoming Messenger.

Student Representative Report – Nathan Hunsicker gave his report for the month.

**SPECIAL
BOARD
REPORTS**
(Con't.)

Superintendent's Report – Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Sr.
Dr. Sham announced that reservation forms for the All School Musical have been placed on the table for each board member.

He reminded the board that the March 6 board meeting will be held in the Peters Elementary School.

He recognized Tyler Tkach, a high school senior and football player, for his recognition by the Maxwell Club (First Runner Up for the 21st Annual Jim Henry Award) for his selfless act towards a student with autism.

An Executive Session was held at 6:30 p.m. in the Superintendent's Office and was continued after the meeting to discuss personnel and negotiations.

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

Resignation Accept the resignation of Elvin Schlegel, Jr. from his position as a special education aide in the Slatington Elementary School. This resignation is effective the last day he works in June 2006.

Volunteers Approve the following unpaid volunteer aides for the 2005-2006 school year:

Kathy Yelinek – Slatington Elementary
Angela Anderson – Peters Elementary

YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green,
Mr. Ruth, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Ganser (9)

NAY: None (0)

POLICY Mr. Dorshimer made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Dengler, that the Board of Education approves the following items listed under Policy:

Homebound Instruction Grant homebound instruction for a 10th grade student, Student #101, for five hours per week, effective February 3, 2006 and continuing until March 31, 2006.

Conferences David Papay – Discipline of Special Ed Students in PA – Sponsored by Lorman Education Services – April 21, 2006 – Allentown, PA – Registration: \$249.00 – Funding: Middle School Building Budget

Dawn Wadsworth—Association of School Psychologists of PA Conference – March 8-10, 2006 in Harrisburg, PA – Registration: \$260.00, Travel: \$60.00, Meals: \$90.00 – Total Approximate Cost: \$410.00 – Funding: IDEA

Board Policy 2nd Reading Approve to adopt new school board policy #623 – Finances – Credit Cards, as presented after second reading.

Approve revisions to existing school board policy #137 – Programs – In-Home Instruction, as presented after second reading.

Approve revisions to existing school board policy #404 – Professional Employees – Employment of Professional Employees, as presented after second reading.

1st Reading Approve revisions to school board policy #004.1 – Pupils – Student Representative to Board, as presented after first reading.

Approve revisions to school board policy #204 – Pupils – Attendance, as presented after first reading.

POLICY
(Con't.)

Approve revisions to school board policy #429 – Professional Employees – Substitute/Temporary Vacancy Replacement Compensation, as presented after first reading.

Approve new school board policy #913 – Community – Non-school Organizations/Groups/Individuals, as presented after first reading.

Public Comment Donna Kulp – Washington Township – She had a question about Policy 204 –Attendance. She wanted to know the when the process begins for sending communication home to parents for absences.

YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Mr. Ruth, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Ganser (9)

NAY: None (0)

Mrs. Giles made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Williams, that the Board of Education approves the following conference:

Conference Brian Geiger – Elements of Transportation conference – Sponsored by PASBO – April 4, 2006 – Kulpville, PA – Registration: \$125.00, Travel: \$40.00 – Total Approximate Cost: \$165.00 – Funding: Director of Support Services Budget

ROLL CALL: YEA: Mr. Beers, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Ganser (5)

NAY: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mr. Ruth (4)

Motion carried.

High Schools That Work Mr. Ruth made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Green, that the Board of Education approves to send six teachers and one administrator to the High Schools That Works Conference in Orlando, FL from July 12-15, 2006 at a cost not to exceed \$6400. Expenses for the district administrator will be paid for by Lehigh Career and Technical Institute.

Some discussion ensued regarding sending two additional math teachers to this conference. Several board members felt it would be better to send a teacher from each of the core subject disciplines.

ROLL CALL: YEA: Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Mr. Williams, Mr. Beers (6)

NAY: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Ruth, Mrs. Ganser (3)

Motion carried.

Public Comment Donna Kulp – Washington Township – Why is the administration choosing six people to go?

**CURRIC-
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TION**

Mr. Dorshimer made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Follweiler, that the Board of Education approves the following resolution to adopt the 2006-2007 Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit Plan Committee Report that was unanimously adopted by the CLIU Facilities Plan Facilities Committee on February 2, 2006.

RESOLVED: It is recommended that the Northern Lehigh School District Board of Directors approve the 2006-2007 Facilities Plan Committee Report as unanimously adopted by the CLIU Facilities Plan Committee on February 2, 2006. In addition, the Board reaffirms its commitment to the original construct of the Facilities Planning, approved November 1, 1989, which consists of a series of prioritized inquiries to be considered in determining future locations of the CLIU and school district special education classes.

YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Mr. Ruth, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Ganser (9)
 NAY: None (0)

**OLD
BUSINESS**

Mr. Ruth wanted to know where the administration was with regard to the IT Intern.

Mrs. Ganser wanted to know if it was possible to have the Board/Administration Retreat in the district instead of holding it at LCTI. She felt that it could be done more economically if we held it on our own campus. After some discussion, it was decided to hold the retreat at LCTI.

Mrs. Ganser reminded board members about the CLIU School Board Conference which will be held at the Days Inn on March 29, 2006.

Mr. Ruth wanted to know where the district stands with regard to the nitrate issue at Peters Elementary.

Mr. Beers reported that removal of the snow at the handicapped parking areas from the recent snow storm was much better than the previous storm.

**NEW
BUSINESS**

Mrs. Ganser wanted to know if Policy could be listed as a separate item on the agenda.

FINANCIAL

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

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| Treasurer's Report | Approve the report of the Treasurer, Mr. Ruth, for the month of January 2006. |
| General Fund Bills | Approve payment of General Fund bills for the months of January 2006 and February 2006. |
| NLHS Student Account Statements | Approve the Northern Lehigh High School Student Activities Account and Scholarship Fund Statements for the month of January 2006. |
| NLMS Student Account Statement | Approve the Northern Lehigh Middle School Student Activities Account Fund Statement for the month of January 2006. |
| NL Sports Accounts Finance Report | Approve the Northern Lehigh Sports Accounts Financial Report for month ended January 31, 2006. |
| NL Refreshment Stand Report | Approve the Northern Lehigh Refreshment Stand Financial Report for month ended January 31, 2006. |
| CLIU Budget For 2006-07 | Approve a resolution regarding the 2006-2007 Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit Operational and Program Services budget. Total expenditures equal \$1,939,116, an increase of \$130,239 (7.2%) over the 2005-2006 budget. Northern Lehigh's share is proposed to be \$18,056, an increase of \$108.00 from the 2005-2006 budget. |

YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Mr. Ruth, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Ganser (9)
 NAY: None (0)

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Donna Kulp – Washington Township – Thanked whoever made the 2 hour delay

**TION OF
GUESTS**

call the night before during the last snow storm.

**ADJOURN-
MENT**

Mr. Beers made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Follweiler, that the regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh School District Board of School Directors is adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green,
Mr. Ruth, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Ganser (9)

NAY: None (0)

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan C. Dorshimer
Secretary

ATTEST: _____ Principal
Lauren A. Ganser