

**NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Minutes**

**Slatington, PA
March 10, 2003**

PURPOSE The regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors was called to order by the President, Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha, at 7:35 p.m. on Monday, March 10, 2003 in the boardroom located in the Slatington Elementary School.

ROLL CALL Members present: Mr. Robert J. Cox, Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer, Mrs. Jane J. Escott, Mrs. Lauren A. Ganser, Mrs. Sheryl A. Giles, Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr., Mr. Jason M. Newhard, Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha (8)

Members absent: Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos (1)

Non-members present: Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Sr., Mrs. Lynne B. Fedorcha, Mr. Philip Bertolino, Mr. Christopher Iacobelli, Mrs. Karen Nicholas, Mr. John Hrizuk, Mr. David Papay, Mr. Brian Geiger, Mr. Jeffrey Bachman, Ms. Laurie Newman, Mrs. Doneta Merkle

VISITORS Approximately 3 visitors attended the meeting, in addition to Sharon Minnich, reporter for The Times News and Elizabeth Bartolai, reporter for The Morning Call.

APPROVE MINUTES A motion was made by Mr. Dorshimer, with a second made by Mrs. Ganser, that the minutes of the regular school board meeting held February 3, 2003 and the regular school board meeting held on February 10, 2003 be approved and ordered filed.

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mr. Fedorcha (8)

NAY: None (0)

SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS Lehigh Career & Technical Institute – Mr. Jason M. Newhard
Mr. Newhard reported that at the last JOC meeting approval was granted for the sale of bonds in excess of \$54 million. The district should be receiving information as to what our impact is going to be from that.

Lehigh Carbon Community College – Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr.
Mr. Green introduced Mr. Michael Stout, Chief Financial Officer for LCCC who summarized the Community College budget for the board.

Committee Reports and/or Meetings All board members received a copy of the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on February 24, 2003.

Superintendent's Report – Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Sr.
Dr. Sham acknowledged Ryan Hluschak's attainment of a gold medal at the State Wrestling meet. He also acknowledged the accomplishments of the entire wrestling team and coaching staff.

Dr. Sham also acknowledged the incredible accomplishments and talent of the participants in the All School Musical, "My Fair Lady".

Dr. Sham clarified some issues that were addressed at a previous board meeting with regard to the web page advisor being part of the co-curricular positions in the new Collective Bargaining Agreement. He also clarified fund raising for outside organizations stating that the board policy on fund raising states "the board prohibits the collecting of money in school or on school property by a student for personal benefit".

He reminded everyone that there would be an Administration/Board Retreat on March 28 & 29 at Lehigh Career and Technical Institute.

Dr. Sham brought the board and administration up to date with the last student and last teacher days for the 2002-2003 school year, taking into consideration days lost to snow. He did announce that these dates were subject to change, depending on the weather.

Executive Session An Executive Work Session was held at 7:00 p.m. for personnel issues. There was also a short Executive Work Session after the meeting for personnel issues.

PERSONNEL A motion was made by Mrs. Giles, with a second made by Mrs. Escott, that the Board of Education approve the following personnel items:

Resignation Bernard Rockovich Accept the resignation of Bernard Rockovich as Business Manager. Mr. Rockovich is currently excused from work with a doctor's note from February 27 through March 13, 2003. Pending approval of his doctor to return to work, on March 14, 2003 he will begin using his 16 accumulated vacation days and 1.5 personal days and terminate his employment with the district, effective April 8, 2003.

Salary Adjustment Acknowledge the following teacher who has completed the requirements, per the Collective Bargaining Agreement, that would entitle her to a salary increase for the 2003-2004 school year:

Susanne Hegedus
From: 5B+24 \$37,600 (2002-2003)
To: 6M \$39,700 (2003-2004)

Substitutes Approve the following custodial/maintenance substitute for the 2002-2003 school year at the substitute rate of \$7.25 per hour: Barry Edwards

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard,
Mr. Fedorcha (8)

NAY: None (0)

POLICY A motion was made by Mr. Dorshimer, with a second made by Mrs. Ganser, that the Board of Education approve the following items listed under Policy:

Conferences Approve the request of Lora Krum to attend the Pennsylvania Music Educator's Association conference in Hershey, PA from April 10-11, 2003. Expenses for this conference include \$75.00 for registration, \$96.00 for travel for a total cost of \$171.00 plus the cost of a substitute for two days, and has been included in the 2002-2003-district budget.

Approve the request of Jane Englert to attend the PA School Librarians Association conference on April 24 and 25, 2003 in Hershey, PA. Expenses for this conference include \$80.00 for registration, \$12.00 for meals, \$49.80 for travel, \$129.00 for lodging for a total cost of \$270.80 plus the cost of a substitute for two days and has been included in the 2002-2003 district budget.

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard,
Mr. Fedorcha (8)

NAY: None (0)

**CURRIC-
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TION** A motion was made by Mr. Cox, with a second made by Mrs. Escott, that the Board of Education approve the following items listed under Curriculum and Instruction:

2003-2004 School Calendar Approve the Northern Lehigh School District 2003-2004 Proposed School Calendar, as presented.

POLICY (Con't.)

Approve to adopt new textbooks for the senior high school for the 2002-2003 school year:

Title	Course	Publisher/Copyright	Qty	Amt. \$
<u>Families Today</u>	Family Living and Parenting (Grades 9-12)	McGraw Hill/Glencoe	30	1493.64
<i>Justification:</i>	The book is replacing <i>Married and Singles Life</i> , 1988 publishing date. This text contains PA Academic Standards-based topics, is accompanied by updated resources provided at no charge to us by the publisher, contains colorful and up-to-date illustrations and charts, and is written at a 10.4 reading level.			
<u>The American Experience</u>	English (Grade 11)	Prentice Hall, 2002	150	9543.20
<i>Justification:</i>	Through our Language Arts Curriculum Committee, we have selected the Prentice Hall Literature series, <i>Timeless Voices</i> , <i>Timeless Themes</i> . This textbook is the second of three required to update our secondary English textbooks.			

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mr. Fedorcha (8)

NAY: None (0)

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Mr. Newhard, with a second made by Mr. Green, that the Board of Education approves to allow the Palmerton School District to use Bulldog Stadium for their home track meets during the 2002-2003 season. Palmerton would be asked to provide a certificate of insurance naming Northern Lehigh School District as additionally insured. They also agree to pay for any personnel necessary to run a meet. In addition, any operations and maintenance costs, to be determined by the administration, shall be passed on to the Palmerton School District.

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mr. Fedorcha (8)

NAY: None (0)

FINANCIAL

A motion was made by Mr. Green, with a second made by Mr. Dorshimer, that the Board of Education approve the following financial items:

Treasurer's Report	Approve the report of the Treasurer, Mr. Cox, as presented, for the month of February 2003.
Reports (Info Only)	All board members received the February 2003 Revenue and Expenditure Reports for the Cafeteria, General, and Capital Reserve Funds.
General Fund Bills	Approve payment of General Fund bills, as presented, for the month of February 2003.
NL Athletic Fund Statement	Approve the Northern Lehigh Athletic Fund financial report for February 2003, as presented.
NL Sports Account Statement	Approve the Northern Lehigh Sports Account financial report for February 2003.

FINANCIAL (Con't.)

Solicit Bids Approve to authorize proper officials to solicit bids for the following supplies, gasoline and fuel for the 2003–2004 school year:

General Supplies	Industrial Art Supplies
Lumber Supplies	Physical Education Supplies
Art Supplies	Diesel Fuel
Unleaded Gasoline	#2 Heating Fuel

Reciprocal Agreements For Large Scale Disasters/ Evacuations Approve to authorize the superintendent to enter into Reciprocal Agreements with other educational institutions for the propose of large-scale evacuations and disasters as prescribed in the “Northern Lehigh School District Emergency Operations Plan”.

One Year Renewal XO Comm. Approve a one-year renewal to our long-distance phone contract with XO Communications. The long distance rate will remain the same, but the billing will include a month discount of 7.5% on long distance charges.

Solicit Bids For Bulldog Stadium Bleachers & Press Box Approve to allow proper officials to solicit bids for the renovations to the bleachers and press box in Bulldog Stadium. Bids are to be for the contractor to do all work as specified and with an alternate using volunteer labor for portions of installation.

File PDE Application For SE Elevator Approve to file an Application for a Non-Reimbursable Construction Project with the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the installation of the elevator at Slatington Elementary School.

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mr. Fedorcha (8)

NAY: None (0)

Lehigh Carbon Community College Budget For 2003-2004 A motion was made by Mr. Green, with a second made by Mrs. Escott, that the Board of Education approve a Resolution regarding the 2003-2004 Lehigh Carbon Community College Capital and Operating Budget. Total expenditures amount to \$23,928,520.00, an increase of \$2,735,069.00, or 12.91 % over the 2002-2003 budget. Northern Lehigh’s share is estimated to be \$126,185.00, a decrease of \$17,253.00 or 12.03%.

YEA: Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mr. Fedorcha (7)

NAY: None (0)

ABSTAIN: Mr. Cox (1) (Conflict of Interest)

INFORMATION

All board members received a copy of the minutes of the Lehigh Carbon Community College Board of Trustees meeting held on February 6, 2003.

ADJOURN-
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A motion was made by Mr. Newhard, with a second made by Mr. Dorshimer, that the regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors be adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard,
Mr. Fedorcha (8)
NAY: None (0)

Respectfully submitted,

Jane J. Escott
Secretary

ATTEST: _____ President
Gary S. Fedorcha