

**NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Minutes**

**Slatington, PA
August 8, 2005**

PURPOSE The regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors was called to order by the President, Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr., at 7:31 p.m. on Monday, August 8, 2005 in the boardroom located in the Slatington Elementary School.

ROLL CALL Members present: Mr. Franklin D. Beers, Mr. Robert J. Cox, Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer, Mr. Raymond J. Follweiler, Jr., Mrs. Susan H. Fullas, Mrs. Lauren A. Ganser, Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos, Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr. (8)

Members absent: Mr. William H. Hazzard, (1)

Non-members present: Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Sr., Mrs. Lynne Fedorcha, Dr. Linda Marcincin, Mr. John Hrizuk, Mr. David Papay, Mr. Jeffrey Bachman, Mrs. Laurie Newman-Mankos, Mrs. Andrea Madochick, and Mrs. Doneta Merkle

VISITORS Approximately 4 visitors attended the meeting, in addition to Joel Kern, reporter for The Times News and Terry Ahner, reporter for The Chronicle newspaper.

PUBLIC COMMENT Donna Kulp – Washington Township – Reserved the right to comment on any agenda item.

APPROVE MINUTES Mrs. Ganser made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Beers, that the minutes of the regular school board meeting held on June 6, 2005, the regular school board meeting held on June 13, 2005, and then special school board meeting held on July 11, 2005 be approved and ordered filed.

SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit – Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer
Mr. Dorshimer reported on the *CLIU Board Briefs* which was distributed to all board members.
He also reported that the CLIU is looking at ways to control their costs.

Legislative Report – Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos
Mrs. Geronikos indicated that on the federal level there are some things going on with IDEA. She asked board members to submit proposals for the legislative platform issue.

Committee Reports and/or Meetings
Minutes of the Technology/Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting held on August 3, 2005 were distributed.

Federal and Other Programs – Mrs. Lynne B. Fedorcha
Mrs. Fedorcha reported that the district was not a recipient of the Project 720 grant that she applied for – this is a high school initiative to create a more rigorous English and Math curriculum.

Superintendent's Report – Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Sr.
Dr. Sham reminded the board that the next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 6, 2005.

An Executive Session was held at 7:00 p.m. in the superintendent's office to work on the Superintendent's review. There will be an Executive Session after the meeting for negotiations.

PERSONNEL Mrs. Fullas made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Ganser, that the Board of Education approves the following items listed under Personnel:

Administrative Evaluations Approve administrative evaluations for school administrators as recommended by the Superintendent for the 2005-2006 school year.

Administrative Raises & Merit Increases Approve administrative raises and merit increases, to concur with the current Act 93 Administrative Compensation Plan, for school administrators as recommended by the Superintendent for the 2005-2006 school year. These increases will be retroactive to July 1, 2005.

Resignations Accept the resignation of Allison Garbe, Title I Aide in the Slatington Elementary School, effective August 2, 2005.

Accept the resignation of Glenn Serfass from his position as Assistant Wrestling Coach for the 2005-2006 school year.

Approve to accept the resignation of Lauri Stehly from her co-curricular appointment as Majorette/Band Front Advisor for the 2005-2006 school year.

Accept the resignation of Laurie Ramsey, from her position of Grade 1 teacher in the Peters Elementary School, effective August 5, 2005.

Co-Curricular Appointments for 2005-2006

Assistant Softball Coach – Brian Schell -- \$2707.65

MathCounts Advisor – Theresa Kokinda -- \$376.06

Eric Schmidt – SADD Advisor -- \$515.15

Approve to amend the Majorette/Band Front Advisor co-curricular appointment for 2005-2006 as follows:

From: Crystal Stehly/Lauri Stehly – Shared Stipend of \$1928.24 (Approved 6/6/05)

To: Crystal Stehly – Majorette/Band Front Advisor -- \$1928.24

Substitute Teacher Caller Approve to employ Mrs. Richard Hofmann as an independent contractor for the purpose of calling substitutes for the 2005-2006 school year at a stipend of \$7179.00. It is also recommended to authorize the superintendent to execute an agreement between the Northern Lehigh School District and Mrs. Hofmann.

Appointment Kathryn Showak*

Assignment: Remediation/Instructional Aide – Slatington Elementary
Replacing Linda Nails, who was administratively transferred to a life skills class at Peters Elementary.

Salary: \$9.17 Per Hour/6 ½ Hours Per Day/5 Days Per Week

Effective Date: September 6, 2005

*60-Day Probationary Period

Administrative Transfers - Instructional Thomas Mertus

From: Special Education Life Skills Support Teacher – Slatington Elementary
To: Special Education Learning Support Teacher – Grade 6 – Slatington Elementary

Effective Date: 2005-2006 School Year

Nicole Quinter

From: Special Education Learning Support Teacher – Grade 4 – Slatington Elementary

To: Special Education Life Skills Support Teacher – Slatington Elementary

Effective Date: 2005-2006 School Year

PERSONNEL

(Con't.)

Non-Professional Lori Henritz
 From: Life Skills Support Special Education Aide – Slatington Elementary
 To: Title I Aide – Slatington Elementary – Replacing Allison Garbe, who resigned.
 Salary: \$10.17 Per Hour (2002-2005 Educational Support Staff Agreement)
 Effective Date: September 6, 2005

Tara Hengst
 From: Personal Care Assistant – Slatington Elementary
 To: Life Skills Support Special Education Aide – Slatington Elementary
 Salary: \$9.17 Per Hour (2002-2005 Educational Support Staff Agreement)
 Effective Date: September 6, 2005

Substitutes Approve the following substitute teachers for the 2005-2006 school year at the 2005-2006
 Instructional substitute teacher rates of \$80.00 for 1-10 non-consecutive days; \$90.00 for 11-20 non-
 consecutive days; and \$105.00 for 21+ non-consecutive days:

Robert Bold – Industrial Arts
 Margaret Boyle – Early Childhood
 Kathryn Dyslin – Elementary/Early Childhood
 Sharon Fehlinger – Music
 Melissa Gasser – Elementary
 Joseph Halenar – Health & Physical Education
 Lori King – Elementary
 Martin Klesh – Mentally &/or Physically Handicapped
 Danielle LaBarge – Elementary K-6
 James Labosky – Elementary K-6
 Susan Magee – Elementary
 Jenna Michalik – Elementary
 Steven Miller – Health & Physical Education
 Cathy Minnich – Mathematics (Homebound Only)
 Nicholas Mitchell – Elementary
 Robert Naugle – Secondary Mathematics
 Dennis Pearson – Social Studies
 Denise Plotsko – Elementary
 Donald Rehrig – Middle School Math
 Mark Rehrig – Biology
 Tina Rothenberger – Elementary Education & Special Education
 Richard Snell – Social Studies
 Joanne Solga – Elementary
 Michele Solga – Elementary
 Diane Stettler – Elementary
 Marsha Stricker – Elementary
 Rocatta Tait – Elementary
 Amy Wasilkowski – Elementary
 Jane Wessner – Elementary
 Michael Quigney – Social Studies
 Allison Garbe – Elementary
 Lauri Stehly – Elementary

Non-Instructional Approve the following individuals as substitute secretaries/aides for the 2005-
 2006 school year at the 2005-2006 substitute rate of \$7.25 per hour.

Donna Ondrasik – Instructional Aide/Secretary
 Tristin Tkach – Instructional Aide
 Dawn Wehr – Instructional Aide/Secretary

PERSONNEL

(Con't.)

Approve the following individuals as substitute cafeteria workers for the 2005-2006 school year at the 2005-2006 substitute rate of \$7.25 per hour.

Nancy Frantz
Sarah Unger

ROLL CALL: YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Fullas,
Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green (5)
NAY: Mr. Beers, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Ganser (3)

Motion carried.

POLICY

Mrs. Geronikos made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fullas, that the Board of Education approves the following items listed under Policy:

Conference Laurie Newman-Mankos – Eastern PA Special Education Administrators Conference – October 19,20,21, 2005 – Hershey, PA. Total approximate cost: \$424.00 – Lodging \$370.00, travel \$54.00 – IDEA Funds.

Non-Resident Students Approve the request of parents of three students – two in the Slatington Elementary School and one in the senior high school, who are moving into the district on or before October 30, 2005, to enroll in the Northern Lehigh School District to begin the 2005-2006 school year in accordance with school board policy #202.

Approve the request of parents of two students, one in the middle school and one in the senior high school, whose parents are moving into the district on or before October 1, 2005, to enroll in the Northern Lehigh School District to begin the 2005-2006 school year in accordance with school board policy #202.

YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Follweiler, Mrs. Fullas
Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green (8)
NAY: None (0)

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Kulp asked for clarification of the amount of money we received from the state for the 2005-2006 school year. Information received from Julie Harhart's office indicated that the district would be receiving 2% more. This was not what was reported at a previous board meeting.

At the June 13 board meeting Mr. Dorshimer requested either a hearing or an opinion from our district solicitor. He inquired whether an opinion has been received.

Dr. Sham reported that an opinion was received from the solicitor and he said that he would send a copy to Mr. Dorshimer.

FINANCIAL Education

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

Treasurer's Report Approve the unaudited report of the Treasurer, Mr. Cox, as presented for month ending June 30, 2005.

General Fund Bills Approve payment of General Fund bills for the months of June, July, and August, 2005.

NL Refreshment Stand Financial Report Approve the Northern Lehigh Refreshment Stand Financial Report for two months ended July 31, 2005 as presented.

FINANCIAL

(Con't.)

NL Sports Accounts Financial Report Approve the Northern Lehigh Sports Accounts Financial Report for two months ended July 31, 2005 as presented.

Purchase Electric Golf Cart Authorize district administration to purchase a 2002 EZ-Go electric golf cart with flatbed and headlights per proposal submitted by D4 L Golf of Lehighton at a total cost of \$2875.00.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The athletic trainer, Michelle Cassidy, offered information regarding the purchase of the electric golf cart.

YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Follweiler, Mrs. Fullas
Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green (8)
NAY: None (0)

INFORMATION

Minutes of the Lehigh Carbon Community College Board of Trustees meeting held on July 7, 2005.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Follweiler made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Beers, that the regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh School District Board of School Directors is adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Follweiler, Mrs. Fullas
Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green (8)
NAY: None (0)

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan C. Dorshimer
Secretary

ATTEST: _____ President
Mathias J. Green, Jr.