

NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting
Board Minutes

Slatington, PA
October 2, 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 7:42 p.m. on Monday, October 2, 2006 in the boardroom located in 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., Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr., Mrs. Sheryl A. Giles, Mr. Peter A. Ruth, Mr. Gregory S. Williams, Mrs. Lauren A. Ganser (9)

Members absent: (0)

Non-members present: Mr. Donald Allen, Mr. Jeffrey Bachman, Mrs. Lisa Blank, Mr. Greg Derr, Mrs. Lynne B. Fedorcha, Mr. John Hrizuk, Mr. Nathan Hunsicker, Mrs. Andrea Madochick, Dr. Linda Marcincin, Mrs. Laurie Newman-Mankos, Mrs. Karen Nicholas, Mr. David Papay, Ms. Rachel Parisi, Ms. Maria Pinnata, Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Mr. Charles Stopp (Solicitor), Mrs. Dawn Wadsworth, Mrs. Connie Mazza and Mrs. Sherri Molitoris,

Mrs. Ganser announced that the board was in an Executive Session prior to the meeting for personnel issues and they will reconvene after the regular scheduled board meeting.

VISITORS

Approximately eight visitors attended the meeting, in addition to Joel Kern and Mary Toben, reporters for The Times News.

**APPROVE
MINUTES**

Mr. Beers made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ruth, that the minutes of the regular school board meeting held on September 20, 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 reported that the Governor's School of Excellence would be holding its annual dinner at Parkland School District this month.

Lehigh Career and Technical Institute - Mrs. Sheryl A. Giles reported that LCTI is off to a wonderful start and the academic center is really taking off. They have 200 students enrolled in the academic center. The fitness center is also open. The Habitat for Humanity house that LCTI built is having an open house on Tuesday October 10, 2006. Mrs. Giles can not make the open house and extended the invitation to any other board member who would be able to attend. Mrs. Giles also passed paperwork to Mrs. Ganser concerning a new Pennsylvania School Code for the operation of a Joint Committee and election of a JOC member.

Legislative Report - Mr. Gregory S. Williams reported that the first meeting for the Act I Tax Commission will be held on Wednesday October 25, 2006. He stated that we are looking into rescheduling this meeting due to the conflict with trick or treat that evening.

Committee Reports and/or Meetings – Mrs. Ganser informed the board that there was a Policy Committee meeting held prior to tonight's executive session.

Student Representatives to the Board Report

Mr. Nathan Hunsicker and Ms. Rachael Parisi distributed their written student representative report and verbally reported on its contents.

Federal and Other Programs Update - Mrs. Lynne B. Fedorcha reported that there is a Safe Schools meeting tomorrow after school.

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

Superintendent's Report - Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Sr.

Dr. Sham reported that our yearly School Board Meeting to be held at LCTI has been rescheduled for November 15, 2006.

He discussed with the board about complaints received from soccer parents about the soccer team not being allowed usage of the football stadium for games. He stated that we are trying to do the best we can to accommodate all sports for usage of the stadium.

He reported that the person who interviewed for the Musical/Play Director position has declined.

Dr. Sham informed the community and board members that the first meeting of the Feasibility Study Committee will be held on Monday October 16, 2006 at 7:00 in the board room.

Dr. Sham also reported that he has been receiving information about doors in our district being left unsecured or propped open. He instructed all building administrators that under no circumstances should any door be left unlocked in their respective buildings.

Dr. Sham also requested that the board approve to continue employment of Lori Henritzky, who is currently substituting for a staff member on maternity leave, for one additional month for two reasons: 1.) Our new business manager has just started and with Act I starting, and the significant time constraints it will put on us, Dr. Sham and Lisa Blank believes we will need the additional personnel and 2.) There have been new responsibilities added to the current position Lori is substituting in and she would be the best person to train the returning employee. He stated that this position will be revisited in a month for further review and consideration.

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

Approve to continue employment of Lori Henritzky, substitute secretary in the business office, to help train Heather Tift with new duties incorporated into her position while on maternity leave.

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

NAY: None (0)

Mrs. Ganser again stated that they would be returning to executive session at the conclusion of the regular school board meeting to discuss negotiation and she reported that at the request of the teachers we have entered into fact finding.

PERSONNEL

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

Co-curricular Appointments 2006-2007	Assistant Girls Soccer Coach <i>*Last year's rates will apply until a new Collective Bargaining Agreement is approved.</i>	James Karabasz \$2,575.75*
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Non- Instructional Substitute	Approve the following individual as substitute teacher aide and substitute cafeteria aide for the 2006-2007 school year at the 2006-2007 substitute rate of \$7.25 per hour. Claudia Young
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Resignation	Accept the resignation of Dawne Beidleman from her position as High School Special Education Aide effective September 15, 2006.
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POLICY

(con't.)

Homebound Instruction It is recommended that the Board of Education grant homebound instruction for a 11th Grade Student, Student No.862500, for five hours per week, effective January 17, 2007 and continuing until March 19, 2007.

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

NAY: None (0)

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Mr. Dorshimer made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Follweiler, that the Board of Education approves the following Curriculum and Instruction items:

Approve to authorize proper officials to execute an agreement between the Northern Lehigh School District and the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21 to provide services for special education for the 2006-2007 school year.

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 asked where we stand with the contract for the substitute teacher caller.

Attorney Stopp reported that it is pending but has not been completed yet.

Mrs. Ganser stated that last month there was a gentleman who came to the board meeting and brought an issue to the board's attention. Dr. Sham is still reviewing that and will report the findings back to the board when his research is complete and he will also be contacting the parent.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Beers stated that volunteers are not showing up to work the refreshment.

Mrs. Ganser stated that it hurts the students when there is no one there to take care of the refreshment stand and that if this continues to happen the board will be forced to take other measures to staff the refreshment stand because it is a source of funding for the district.

Mrs. Ganser also welcomed Lisa Blank as our new business manager.

Mr. Dorshimer stated recent newspaper articles about Adequate Yearly Progress of school districts and that Northern Lehigh has made Adequate Yearly Progress. He thanked the teachers, administration and all staff members for the wonderful job they are doing.

Dr. Sham talked about his trip to Toronto Ontario with the Lehigh School Study Council Tour to see the York School District. He stated that he has pushed all our schools hard and that what we are doing is based on the best research and we are doing the right things. All this will be outlined in his report he is doing for the board based on his Lehigh School Study Council Tour.

FINANCIAL

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

Mrs. Ganser asked to pull item B from the agenda and approve separately.

Cash Mgmt Portfolio Approve the Arthurs Lestrage Cash Management Portfolio for the month of August 2006.

FINANCIAL

(con't)

- Open Class 2010 Acct Approve the request of the senior high school to open a "Class of 2010" account in of accordance with the Student Activity Fund Account. The purpose of this account is to raise funds for the students.
- Season Ticket Prices Approve the Season Ticket Price list for various sporting events beginning December 1, 2006 as presented. **(see attached)**
- Budgetary Transfers Approve budgetary transfers for the 2006-2007 fiscal year as presented.
- Assessment Change Refunds Approve the following refund for assessment changes for the Borough of Slatington:
- Janet Schertzinger; property located at 426 Center Street, Slatington. Assessment changed from \$1516.34 to \$1474.14 (Taxes paid in discount. Refund of \$41.35 is due)
- Ryan Parry and Michelle Brown; property located at 422 Center Street, Slatington. Assessment changed from \$1612.81 to \$1570.61 (Taxes paid in discount. Refund of \$41.35 is due)
- Carl and D Fenstermaker; property located at 428 Center Street, Slatington. Assessment changed from \$1422.89 to \$1380.69 (Taxes paid in discount. Refund of \$41.35 is due)
- YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Mr. Ruth, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Ganser (9)
- NAY: None (0)
- Per Capita Abatements Mr. Dorshimer made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Green, that the Board of Education approves the abatement/exoneration requests of per capita taxes, for the residents that fall within the guidelines, as presented.
- YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Mr. Ruth, Mr. Williams (8)
- NAY: None (0)
- ABSTAIN: Mrs. Ganser (1)

LEGAL**CORR-
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DENCE**

Mrs. Ganser read a letter that was received from Mrs. Carol Dorward thanking the board for the retirement gift she received at the last board meeting.

**INFORMA-
TION**

All board members received copies of the Minutes of the Lehigh Career and Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee meeting held on August 23, 2006 and the LCTI Director's Report for September 2006.

All board members received minutes of the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit 21 Board of Directors meetings held on August 21, 2006.

All board members received minutes of the Borough of Slatington Parks & Recreation Commission held on September 18, 2006.

All board members received minutes of the Washington Township Board of Supervisors held on August 8, 2006.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Mrs. Deibert – Slatington – Expressed her concern for mold issues that she feels are in her child’s classroom. She has had her child to the doctor and he is very allergic to mold and is requesting that something be done. She wants to know why she was not notified of the mold issue at Slatington.

Dr. Sham informed Mrs. Deibert that the school was taking the necessary steps to try to rectify the situation. They are currently spraying the carpets in the said room with Microband every three days to try and combat the mold issues. They are also taking this issue to the Buildings and Grounds meeting on Wednesday evening to get permission to remove the carpet from those classrooms and have new tile installed. They also are in contact with someone to come and do an environmental test on those rooms.

Mrs. Deibert again asked why she was not made aware of this situation and informed the board that her son could die from this if he has a severe allergic reaction. Mrs. Deibert left very emotional.

Mr. Dorshimer stated that we had someone come in and clean the rooms before and he suggested that we contact them and see if they can come in Saturday and Sunday to clean the rooms.

Dr. Sham agreed but advised that we not use the same company.

Mr. Follweiler made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Beers that the administration should act on this, clean the room and/or remove the rug from the classroom.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Follweiler made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Beers, that the regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors is adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Sincerely,

Bryan C. Dorshimer
Secretary

ATTEST: _____ President
Lauren A. Ganser