

NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Minutes

Slatington, PA
October 9, 2000

PURPOSE The regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors was called to order by the President, Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha, at 7:34 p.m. on Monday, October 9, 2000, in the boardroom of the Slatington Elementary School.

ROLL CALL Members present: Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer, Mrs. Jane J. Escott, Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos, Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr., Mrs. Lynn C. Sechler, Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha (6)

Members absent: Mr. Robert J. Cox, Mrs. Sheryl A. Giles, Mr. Jason M. Newhard (3)

Non-members present: Dr. Kenneth G. Koberlein, Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Dr. Brian Gessner, Mr. Christopher Iacobelli, Dr. Linda Marcincin, Mrs. Karen Nicholas, Mr. John Hrizuk, Mr. David Papay, Mr. Brian Geiger, Ms. Kathleen McCann, Mrs. Doneta J. Merkle, Ms. Pamela Grammes, Ms. Lisa Vaughan, and Mrs. Doneta J. Merkle

VISITORS Approximately seven visitors attended the meeting, in addition to Sharon Minnich, reporter for The Times News.

APPROVE MINUTES Motion made by Mr. Dorshimer, with a second by Mrs. Geronikos, that the minutes of the regular school board meeting held on September 11, 2000 and the regular school board meeting held on September 18, 2000 be approved and ordered filed.

YEA: Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mrs. Sechler, Mr. Fedorcha (6)
NAY: None (0)

SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS Carbon-Lehigh Intermediate Unit -- Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer
All Board members received a copy of the September CLIU Board Brief and Mr. Dorshimer highlighted several items included in the Brief.

Committee Reports and/or Meetings Minutes of the October 2, 2000 Technology/Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting were distributed.

Student Rep. Report Ms. Lisa Vaughan and Ms. Pamela Grammes gave their student report for the month.

Legislative Report -- Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos
Mrs. Geronikos reported that the General Assembly reconvened on September 28. She reported that this week the House Education Committee voted to amendment SB 1403 and then approved it.

Federal and Other Programs Update -- Dr. Nicholas P. Sham
Dr. Sham distributed his Assistant Superintendent Report and highlighted several items contained in that report. The Pennsylvania System of School Assessment results were included in this report.

Superintendent's Report -- Dr. Kenneth G. Koberlein
Mrs. Joan Varilek, Treasurer of the Northern Lehigh Educational Foundation presented the Foundation's annual audit report. She informed the Board of their accomplishments and discussed some future plans. Mrs. Cathy Groller, President of the Foundation accompanied Mrs. Varilek and she announced that the Foundation wanted to give something back to the district. The Foundation agreed to donate \$500.00 to each school building in the district to be spent in a collaborative effort between the faculty members of each building.

Dr. Koberlein reported on his attendance at the Lehigh University Study Council Annual Conference held at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Executive Session An Executive Work Session was held before the meeting, beginning at 6:30 p.m., for personnel issues and was continued after the board meeting to discuss personnel issues.

PERSONNEL Motion made by Mrs. Sechler, with a second made by Mrs. Geronikos, that the Board of Education approve the following personnel items:

Salary Step Adjustment Approve that, beginning with the second semester of the 1999-2000 school year, that teacher, Bryan Geist receive an adjustment of two years credit toward his salary step.
(Note: School board action of September 18 erroneously provided him with just one year credit).

Salary Increase-Jane Distler Approve an increase in the hourly salary of Jane Distler, Bookkeeper/Secretary in the cafeteria, for the 2000-2001 school year, increasing her rate from \$9.20 to \$9.47, effective July 1, 2000.

YEA: Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mrs. Sechler, Mr. Fedorcha (6)
NAY: None (0)

Motion made by Mrs. Sechler, with a second by Mrs. Geronikos, that the Board of Education approve the following personnel actions:

Salary Increase-Superintendent Approve a 2.3% salary increase for Superintendent Kenneth G. Koberlein, retroactive to July 1, 2000.

Salary Increase-Assistant Superintendent Approve a 3.0% salary increase for Assistant Superintendent Nicholas P. Sham, Jr., retroactive to July 1, 2000.

Superintendent

ROLL CALL: YEA: Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mrs. Sechler, Mr. Fedorcha (5)
NAY: Mr. Dorshimer (1)

Motion carried.

POLICY Motion made by Mrs. Sechler, with a second by Mrs. Escott, that the Board of Education approve adoption of new board policy, Policy #247 – Pupils – Hazing, as presented after 2nd reading.

Board Policy-Policy #247-Hazing-2nd Reading

YEA: Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mrs. Sechler, Mr. Fedorcha (6)
NAY: None (0)

FINANCIAL Motion made by Mrs. Sechler, with a second by Mr. Dorshimer, that the Board of Education approve the following financial items:

Treasurer's Report Approve the unaudited report of the Treasurer, Mr. Cox, for June, July, August, and September 2000.

Reports (Info Only) Approve the unaudited June, July, August and September 2000 Revenue and Expenditure Reports for the Cafeteria, General, and Capital Reserve Funds, as presented.

Pay Bills Approve payment of General Fund Bills, as presented.

Technology Bills Approve payment of bills from the Technology Fund, as presented.

Construction Testing Approve a proposal from United Inspection Services for construction testing for the high school additions and alterations project.

Award Bids Approve the awarding of bids for #2 fuel oil and diesel fuel to George Y. Brubaker, Inc. and

unleaded gasoline to Pipeline Petroleum.

YEA: Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mrs. Sechler, Mr. Fedorcha (6)
NAY: None (0)

LEGAL
PPL Right
Of Way

Motion made by Mrs. Sechler, with a second by Mrs. Escott, that the Board of Education approve a Right of Way Agreement granting PPL the right, privilege and authority to construct, reconstruct, operate and maintain its electric lines consisting of one (1) anchor guy and overhead line along the Peters Elementary School property. This line will supply electric service to a new home.

YEA: Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mrs. Sechler, Mr. Fedorcha (6)
NAY: None (0)

INFORM-
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All Board members received copies of the minutes of the Lehigh Carbon Community College Board of Trustees meeting held on September 7, 2000.

ADJOURN-
MENT

Motion made by Mrs. Sechler, with a second by Mrs. Escott, that the regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors be adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

YEA: Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mrs. Sechler, Mr. Fedorcha (6)
NAY: None (0)

Respectfully submitted,

Lori H. Geronikos
Secretary

ATTEST: _____ President
Gary S. Fedorcha