

NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting
Board Minutes

Slatington, PA
December 3, 2007

PURPOSE The regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors was called to order by President, Mr. Edward E. Hartman, at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, December 3, 2007 in the board room located in the Slatington Elementary School.

ROLL CALL Members present: Mr. Donald H. Dengler, Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer, Mrs. Lauren A. Ganser, Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos, Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr., Mrs. Donna M. Kulp, Mr. Gregory S. Williams. Mr. Edward E. Hartman (8)

Members absent: Mr. Raymond J. Follweiler, Jr. (1)

Non-members present: Mr. Donald Allen, Mrs. Lisa Blank, Mrs. Jill Chamberlain, Mr. Greg Derr, Mrs. Lynne B. Fedorcha, Mr. John Hrizuk, Dr. Linda Marcincin, Mrs. Laurie Newman-Mankos, Mrs. Karen Nicholas, Mr. David Papay, Ms. Rachel Parisi (Student Rep.), Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Sr., Mr. Michael Showak (Student Rep), Attorney Charles Stopp (Solicitor), Mr. Keith Strohl (Solicitor's Office), Mrs. Dawn Wadsworth, Mrs. Aileen Yadush and Mrs. Sherri Molitoris.

VISITORS Approximately six visitors attended the meeting in addition to Terry Ahner reporter for The Times News and Sarah Fulton report for The Morning Call.

APPROVE MINUTES Mr. Dorshimer made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Ganser, that the minutes of the regular school board meetings held on November 5, 2007 and November 12, 2007 be approved and ordered filed.

YEA: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mrs. Kulp, Mr. Williams, Mr. Hartman (8)

NAY: None (0)

SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit – Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer distributed the CLIU Board Briefs and verbally reported on its contents. He stated that they discussed the special education and transportation budgets, bid farewell to board members, appointed Mrs. Cathy Groller as an Assistant to the Executive Director, second reading of 400 series of policies, recognized work done by intermediate staff, appointed TJ McKeon as Coordinator of Educational Technologies and Mr. John Curry, Jr. as Director of Transportation.

Mr. Green asked what the going rate was for an Assistant to the Executive Director at the Intermediate Unit.

Mr. Dorshimer stated that the salary currently is not set. There has been discussion on the amount paid to the highest director and then what the Executive Director is at. He stated that the Executive Director is somewhere around the \$120,000 and the highest director is somewhere in the low \$100,000 so somewhere between those two amounts is where the assistant will be paid.

Legislative Report - Mr. Gregory S. Williams reported on the costing out study conducted by the State Board of Education on the cost of education in Pennsylvania. He stated that the data from the study can be found on the PDE website or he has copies if board members are interested in seeing the information. The state board will be holding hearings across the state to inform people of their findings and hopefully legislatures will take this information and use it to reexamine and change its education funding formula in the future.

Lehigh Carbon Community College - Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr. reported that the college is in the process of completing their budget and they have met with our business manager to discuss the numbers.

Committee Reports and/or Meetings

Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held on November 14, 2007 were distributed.

SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS (cont.)

Mr. Hartman would like to appoint board members to committees at the next board meeting, He stated board members should let him know if they wish to remain on their current committees or move to a new committee before the next board meeting. The invitation was also open to administrators to change or stay on their current committees.

Student Representatives to the Board Report

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

Mr. Williams thanked everyone who participated in the Breakfast with Santa program.

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

Dr. Sham recognized Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer for 16 years of School Board Service.

Dr. Sham also distributed handouts from PSBA to all newly elected board members. He also informed them that PSBA has informational books for new board members that can be ordered for anyone who would like to have them.

Board members should complete their Board Information Sheets and return to Mrs. Molitoris as soon as possible.

Dr. Sham recognized Peters Elementary School for making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). He stated that although Peters Elementary does not administer the PSSA test they are being recognized for their efforts because if the teaching staff in grades K-2 were not doing as they should, when the students get to third grade they would not be making AYP and since they are making AYP in the third grade, Peters Elementary is to be recognized for their efforts also.

Mr. Hartman made an announcement that on Tuesday December 11th all board members are invited to the Slatington Elementary School Christmas Holiday Program which will begin at 10:00 a.m.

PERSONNEL

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

Appointments Administrative	Heather Rehrig* Assignment: School Psychologist, replacing Maria Pinnata who has resigned Salary: \$48,000 prorated Effective: Upon Release From Current School District *Pending Verification of Clearances
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Substitute Instructional Approve the following substitute teachers for the 2007-2008 school year at the 2007-2008 substitute teacher rates as approved on the Supplementary Personnel Salary Schedule:

Randi Lambright – Mathematics 7-12

Mrs. Blank explained that the School Psychologist is part of the Act 93 Group but they only work 191 days a year. In addition, we historically have budgeted extra money at a per diem rate for summer work. In the 2007-2008 budget there are only a total of 10 budgeted per diem days to be shared by both School Psychologists for summer work.

YEA: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mrs. Kulp, Mr. Williams, Mr. Hartman (8)

NAY: None (0)

CONFERENCE

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

Mary Smith – 2008 PSCA 52nd Annual Conference – April 17-18, 2008 – Lancaster, PA – Registration: \$280.00, Lodging: \$110.00, Travel: \$48.00 – Total Approximate Cost: \$438.00 – Funding: High School Curriculum and Instruction Budget

Sheila Lanshe – 2008 PSCA 52nd Annual Conference – April 17-18, 2008 – Lancaster, PA – Registration: \$280.00, Lodging: \$110.00, Travel: \$48.00 – Total Approximate Cost: \$438.00 – Funding: High School Curriculum and Instruction Budget

Greg Derr – Asbestos Recertification Course – December 7, 2007 – New Cumberland, PA – Registration: \$125.00, Meals: \$10.00, Travel: \$91.18 – Total Approximate Cost: \$226.18 – Funding: Support Services Budget

YEA: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mrs. Kulp, Mr. Williams, Mr. Hartman (8)

NAY: None (0)

POLICY

Mrs. Ganser made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Green, that the Board of Education approves the following policy items:

Board Policy First Reading Approve school board policy #246 – Pupils – Student Wellness, as presented after first reading.

Approve school board policy #333 – Administrative Employees – Professional Education, as presented after first reading.

Approve school board policy #906 – Community – Public Complaints, as presented after first reading.

Board Policy Second Reading Approve school board policy #117 – Programs – Homebound Instruction, as presented after second reading.

Homebound Instruction It is recommended that the Board of Education grant homebound instruction for a 10th grade student, Student No. 1010000, for five hours per week, effective November 26, 2007 and continuing until approximately December 4, 2007.

YEA: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mrs. Kulp, Mr. Williams, Mr. Hartman (8)

NAY: None (0)

OLD BUSINESS
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Mr. Williams asked where we stand with the club issue. Mrs. Yadush stated that she has contacted advisors from other school districts and is gathering that information. stated that Attorney Stopp is formulating an opinion and we are waiting to receive that before we bring that item back to the board for approval.

Dr. Sham stated that Angelique Papay from Attorney Stopp's Office gave us an opinion on the dress code issue and the board will be receiving a copy of that opinion shortly.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Yadush reported that the high school recently implemented the Power School parent program. Letters went home to every student with a user name and password to allow parents to sign on and access their students grades and assignments on-line.

FINANCIAL

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

Cash Mngt Portfolio Approve the Arthurs Lestrage Cash Management Portfolio for the month of October 2007.

FINANCIAL
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Per Capita Abatement/Exonerations Approve abatement/exoneration requests of per capita taxes, for the residents that fall within the guidelines, as presented.

Local Service Tax Motion Amend the resolution, originally adopted on April 11, 1966,

Imposing a tax on occupations engaged in by individuals for the privilege of engaging in said occupation within the limits of the Northern Lehigh School District at the flat rate of ten (\$10.00) dollars per year: Providing for its collection: Imposing on employers the duty of collecting said tax from every individual in their employ subject to said tax and remitting and paying over the same to the earned income tax officer; conferring and imposing powers and duties of administration on the earned income tax officer; and imposing penalties for the violation thereof.

to incorporate amendments to the local tax enabling Act 53, P.S. § 6901 et. seq., effective June 21, 2007. The name of the tax is amended to "Local Service Tax". The resolution is also amended to include any and all exemption and refund regulations, as included in the amended law and tax ordinances of the municipalities that make up the Northern Lehigh School District. These municipalities and the respective Local Service Tax rate are:

Slatington Borough	Total Tax: \$52.00 (\$47.00 Borough, \$5.00 School District)
Washington Township	Total Tax: \$10.00 (\$5.00 Township, \$5.00 School District)
Walnutport Borough	Total Tax: \$52.00 (\$47.00 Borough, \$5.00 School District)

2007-2008 District Salary Schedule Approve the 2007-2008 Northern Lehigh District Salary Schedule as presented. **(Attachment)**

YEA: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mrs. Kulp, Mr. Williams, Mr. Hartman (8)
NAY: None (0)

CORR-ESPON-DENCE

Board members received copies of the Slate and The Bulldog Times. Mr. Dorshimer also requested that the technology department set up Mr. Hartman and Mrs. Geronikos with school district e-mails and passwords.

Mrs. Kulp stated that the Department of Environmental Protection has grants available for school districts and non-profit organizations. The average grant is \$2,000 - \$3,000. Stated that the deadline for the grant is December 14, 2007.

INFORMATION

Minutes of the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit 21 Board of Directors meeting held on October 15, 2007 were distributed.

Minutes of the Borough of Slatington Parks & Recreation Commission meeting held on October 15, 2007 were distributed.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS
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Edward Ziegler – Slatington Borough stated that he met with PennDot and the Morgan Bridge project is on schedule with a start date in February. Pedestrian bridge is to be finished by Thanksgiving. He stated that last month he addressed the issue with the lights being out Bulldog Lane and tonight they were all on but two.

**ADJOURN-
MENT**

Mr. Dorshimer made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Ganser, that the regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh School District Board of School Directors is adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

YEA: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mrs. Kulp,
Mr. Williams, Mr. Hartman (8)

NAY: None (0)

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan C. Dorshimer
Secretary

ATTEST: _____ President

Edward E. Hartman