

NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting
Board Minutes

Slatington, PA
May 5, 2008

PURPOSE

The regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors was called to order by President, Mr. Edward E. Hartman, at 7:35 p.m. on Monday, May 5, 2008 in the auditorium located in the High School.

TEMPORARY SECRETARY

Mr. Hartman asked if there were any objects to Mrs. Lauren Ganser serving as temporary secretary for the May 5, 2008 regular school board meeting in the absence of Board Secretary Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer. Hearing none, Mrs. Ganser served as temporary secretary for the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Mr. Donald H. Dengler, Mr. Raymond J. Follweiler, Jr., 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. Bryan C. Dorshimer (1)

Non-members present: Mr. Jeffrey Bachman, Mr. Greg Derr, Mrs. Lynne Fedorcha, Mr. John Hrizuk, Dr. Linda Marcincin, Mrs. Laurie Newman-Mankos, Mrs. Karen Nicholas, Mr. David Papay, Ms. Rachel Parisi (Student Rep.), Ms. Heather Rehrig, Mrs. Diane Ruff, Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Sr., Mr. Michael Showak (Student Rep), Attorney Charles Stopp (Solicitor), Attorney Keith Strohl (Solicitor's Office), and Mrs. Sherri Molitoris.

VISITORS

Approximately eight visitors attended the meeting in addition to Terry Ahner reporter for The Times News.

APPROVE MINUTES

Mr. Follweiler made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Ganser, that the minutes of the school board meetings held on April 7, 2008 and April 14, 2008 and the special school board meeting held on April 28, 2008 be approved and ordered filed.

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

NAY: None (0)

SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS

Lehigh Career and Technical Institute – Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos stated that LCTI has joined in a partnership with 2 companies in Berlin Germany for specialized training in Electronics. Mrs. Geronikos also reported that she participated in Middle States Certification program for our high school.

Legislative Report - Mr. Gregory S. Williams reported on the recent PSBA Legislative Breakfast. Discussion items at the breakfast involved the state budget, graduation competency assessments and the state retirement system.

Lehigh Carbon Community College – Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr. reported that he participated in the LCCC Clay Shoot which raised thousands of dollars for the foundation. He also reported LCCC completed Middle States reassessment and received an excellent report.

Committee Reports and/or Meetings

To date the district has not hired a business manager therefore, the Finance Committee chairperson cancel the May Finance Committee Meeting.

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.

**SPECIAL
BOARD
REPORTS
(cont.)**

Solicitor's Report – Attorney Charles Stopp addressed the board briefly on the litigation involving the Land Title Association and collection of delinquent real estate taxes. He will meet with them in executive session immediately following tonight's meeting to discuss this legal issue.

Budget.

Business's Manger's Report – Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Sr. reported that at all board member seats there is a memo from Mrs. Blank about budget updates and the Proposed Final

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

Dr. Sham recognized teacher & staff appreciation week.

Dr. Sham read a Proclamation for the 2007-2008 Northern Lehigh High School Boy's Basketball Team.

Accept
Proclamation

Mrs. Ganser made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Follweiler, that the Board of Education accepts the Proclamation for the 2007-2008 Northern Lehigh High School Boy's Basketball Team as presented.

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

Coach Oertner addressed the board and introduced the entire 2007-2008 High School Boy's Basketball Team.

Dr. Sham informed the Board that the December 1, 2008 Reorganization and Regular School Board meeting is scheduled on a date that school is closed for the Thanksgiving break.

Board
Meeting
Date Change

Mrs. Ganser made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Geronikos, that the Reorganization and Regular school board meetings originally scheduled for December 1, 2008 be moved to December 2, 2008.

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

Executive
Session

An executive session was held at 7:00 p.m. in the high school guidance office conference room to discuss personnel issues. The Board will be returning to executive session at the conclusion of tonight's meeting.

PERSONNEL

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

Substitute
Non-
Instructional

Approve the following as a substitute aide for the 2007-2008 school year at the approved 2007-2008 Supplementary Personnel Salary Schedule substitute rate:

Nicole Evans

Resignation
D. Ondrasik

Accept the resignation of Donna Ondrasik from her position as cafeteria monitor at the high school, effective June 13, 2008.

Co-curricular
Volunteers
2007-2008

Stanley Montrom*
*Pending TB Testing

Assistant Girl's Soccer Coach

PERSONNEL

(cont.)

Salary Acknowledge the following teachers who have completed the requirements per the Collective Adjustment Bargaining Agreement that would entitle them to a salary increase for the second semester of the 2007-2008 school year:

Jason Reinhard
From: Step 11B+24
To: Step 11M

Unpaid Leave of and Absence Approve the request of Susan DeFrain, Peters Elementary cook's helper, to take an unpaid leave of absence beginning April 23, 2008. She will be using her accumulated sick days upon exhaustion of those days is requesting an unpaid leave for medical reasons. She is planning to return to work upon release from her doctor.
S. DeFrain

K. Hubbs Approve the request of Kristin Hubbs, Middle School teacher, to take an unpaid leave of absence beginning on or about May 13, 2008. She will be using her accumulated sick days and upon exhaustion of those days is requesting an unpaid leave for medial reasons. She plans to return to work on or about June 16, 2008, pending release from her doctor.

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

NAY: None (0)

CONFER- ENCES

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

\$169.00. additional Diane Ruff will be attending the Pennsylvania School Nutrition Association Annual Nutrition Conference from July 19th – 23rd at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia, PA. Registration fee - \$94.00; Pre-Conference Session - \$75.00; Estimated Total Cost - Mrs. Ruff belongs to a food service organization that will be paying for her lodging, \$94.00 registration fee and other costs.

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

NAY: None (0)

POLICY

Mr. Follweiler made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Dengler, that the Board of Education approves the following policy item:

Field Trip Anatomy & Biology II – High School – Mutter Museum, Philadelphia, PA – June 3, 2008 – Funded by Student's and School District Budget

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

NAY: None (0)

CURRIC- ULUM AND INSTRUC- TION

Mrs. Geronikos made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Williams, that the Board of Education approves the following curriculum and instruction item:

CLIU Driver Education Program Approve to authorize proper officials to ratify a contractual agreement between the Northern Lehigh School district and the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21 to continue the Driver Education Program in our district at a cost of \$2,100.00 effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. There is no increase in the cost of the program over last year.

YEA: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mrs. Kulp,

Mr. Williams, Mr. Hartman (8)
NAY: None (0)

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Green made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Geronikos that the Board of Education approves the following new business item:

MOU
NLSD and
NLESP

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Northern Lehigh School District and the Northern Lehigh Educational Support Personnel Association.

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

FINANCIAL

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

Cash Mngt
Portfolio

Approve the Arthurs Lestrage Cash Management Portfolio for the month of March 2008.

Spending
NLEF EITC
Money For
Science Equip

Authorize administration to move forward with the spending of the EITC money donated by the Northern Lehigh Education Foundation for the building of the high school science lab. This money will be used to purchase science equipment for the science department.

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

INFOR- MATION

Minutes of the Lehigh Career and Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee Meeting held on March 26, 2008 and the LCTI Director's Report for April 2008 were distributed.

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Minutes of the Lehigh Carbon Community College Board of Trustees meeting held on April 2008 was distributed.

Minutes of the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit 21 Board of Directors meeting held on March 17, 2008 was distributed.

RECOG- NITION OF GUESTS

Ed Ziegler – Slatington Borough stated that the pedestrian bridge is suppose to be completed in June.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED FINAL BUDGET FOR Northampton 2008-2009

Mr. Follweiler made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Dengler that the Board of Education adopts the proposed general fund final budget of the Northern Lehigh School District for the 2008-2009 school year in the amount of \$28,929,030. This is an increase of \$2,468,048 or 9.3% over last year's figures.

The preliminary budget is adopted with a 1.984 mill increase for both Lehigh and Counties.

ROLL CALL:

YEA: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Kulp, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Ganser, Mr. Hartman (6)
NAY: Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green (2)

Motion Carried.

LEGAL NOTICE
resident
attaining

Mr. Williams made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Geronikos that the Board of Education Authorizes the Secretary to publish a Legal Advertisement notifying every resident or inhabitant within the territorial limits of the school district of Northern Lehigh eighteen (18) years of age, and every resident or inhabitant in said school

district to notify the proper Per Capita Tax Enumerator within twelve (12) months of his or her becoming a resident or inhabitant, in accordance with the School Laws of Pennsylvania, Section 680 as amended June 16, 1972, Act 138. The assessors to contact are as follows:

BOROUGH OF WALNUTPORT

Annette Lacko – Borough Secretary
Walnutport Borough Building
417 Lincoln Ave. Walnutport, PA 18088
610-767-1322

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

Joann Ahner – Township Secretary
Washington Township Municipal Building
PO Box 27, Slatedale, PA 18079
610-767-8108

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

Joan Cheesbrough – Assistant Secretary
125 South Walnut Street
Slatington, PA 18080
610-767-2131

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

**ADJOURN-
MENT**

Mr. Follweiler made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Geronikos, that the regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh School District Board of School Directors is adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren A. Ganser
Temporary Secretary

ATTEST: _____ President
Edward E. Hartman