

NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Board Minutes

Slatington, PA
October 2, 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 8:00 p.m. on Monday, October 2, 2000, in the Conference Room of the Lehigh Career and Technical Institute in Schnecksville, PA.

ROLL CALL Members present: Mr. Robert J. Cox, Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer, Mrs. Jane J. Escott, Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos, Mrs. Sheryl A. Giles, Mr. Jason M. Newhard, Mrs. Lynn C. Sechler, Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha (8)
Members absent: Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr. (1)

Non-members present: Dr. Kenneth G. Koberlein, Dr. Brian Gessner, Mr. Christopher Iacobelli, Dr. Linda Marcincin, Mrs. Karen Nicholas, Mr. John Hrizuk, Mr. David Papay, Mr. Robert Mack, Mr. Brian Geiger, Ms. Kathleen McCann, Atty. Charles Stopp (Solicitor), Mrs. Doneta J. Merkle

VISITORS Dan Schaadt attended the meeting in addition to Sharon Minnich, reporter for The Times News and TV 13.

SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS Lehigh Career and Technical Institute -- Mrs. Lynn C. Sechler
Mrs. Sechler gave her report for the month.

Committee Reports and/ Or Meetings The following committee meetings were held from 6:30 – 7:55 p.m. prior to the school board meeting:
1. Policy/Education Committee – Main Office Conference Room
2. Technology/Buildings and Grounds Committee – Dining Room Conference Room

Federal and Other Programs Update -- Dr. Nicholas P. Sham
A list of the grants received by the district for 1999-2000 was distributed.

Superintendent's Report – Dr. Kenneth G. Koberlein
Dr. Koberlein's report included the following

1. He informed those in attendance that The College Board has named Jessica Schneck – Class of 2000 as an AP Scholar. Jessica qualified by completing three or more AP Examinations with grades of 3 or higher. Only thirteen percent of the more than 70,000 students who took AP Exams in May 2000 performed at a sufficiently high level to merit such recognition. Jessica is currently attending Lafayette College. Jessica is the first student from Northern Lehigh High School to be receive this honor.
2. He informed all Board members in attendance of the October 25 Joint Board Meeting of the Lehigh Career and Technical Institute school boards. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. and the presentation is set for 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Executive Session An Executive Session, for personnel and a confidential student matter, was held following the meeting.

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

Salary Step Adjustments Approve that beginning with the second semester of the 1999-2000 school year, that teachers Janet Hofelich and Lora Krum each receive an adjustment of two years credit toward their salary step. (Note: School board action of September 18 erroneously provided them with just one year credit).

PERSONNEL

(Con't.)

Resignations- Non-Instructional Accept the resignation of Wendy Bachman, cooks helper in the Slatington Elementary School, effective September 20, 2000.

Salary Adjustment Acknowledge the following teacher who has completed the requirements per the Collective Bargaining Agreement that would entitle her to a salary increase for the 2000-2001 school year:

Theresa Kokinda
 From: 4 B \$35,800
 To: 4B+24 \$37,000

Substitutes-Instructional Employ the following substitute teachers for the 2000-2001 school year at the substitute teacher rates of \$70.00 for 1-10 non-consecutive days; \$80.00 for 11-20 non-consecutive days; and \$90.00 for 21+ non-consecutive days:

Stanley M. Luckenbill, Jr. – Health and Physical Education
 Roxanne Sagala – (Effective September 28, 2000) Art K-12, General Science, Library Science (K-12), Spanish, English 7-12, Home Economics, Mental and/or Physical Handicapped

Co-Curricular Appointments for 2000-2001

<i>Position</i>	<i>Coach/Advisor</i>	<i>Stipend</i>
Senior Class Play Director	Andrew Hudak (Pending Verification of Clearances)	\$1289

Sabbatical Leave For Professional Development Approve the request of Robert Hicks, junior high Technology Education teacher, to take a Sabbatical Leave of Absence for Professional Development for the second semester of the 2000-2001 school year. A detailed plan describing the professional development activities was submitted to the superintendent's office.

Junior High Administrative Detention Monitors Appoint Patricia Rabenold, special education aide at the junior high school, as an Administrative Detention Monitor for the junior high school for the 2000-2001 school year. She will serve as the monitor when needed on Mondays from 2:20 – 3:30 p.m. throughout the 2000-2001 school calendar year at a salary of \$12.00 for each Monday worked.

Appoint Barbara Hope, special education aide at the junior high school, as an Administrative Detention Monitor for the junior high school for the 2000-2001 school year. She will serve as the monitor when needed on Wednesdays from 2:20 – 3:30 p.m. throughout the 2000-2001 school calendar year at a salary of \$12.00 for each Wednesday worked.

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Newhard, Mrs. Sechler, Mr. Fedorcha (8)
 NAY: None (0)

POLICY

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

Board Policy- Policy #907D School Visitors- 2nd Reading Approve revision of Policy #907D – Community – School Visitors, as presented after 2nd reading.

POLICY

(Con't.)

Conferences
Approved
By Board

Approve the request of Steve Drake to attend a Technology Education Association of Pennsylvania conference in Camp Hill on November 2 and 3, 2000. Expenses include \$70.00 for registration, \$50.00 for meals, \$57.00 By Board for travel, \$48.76 for lodging for a total cost of \$225.76, plus the cost of a substitute teacher for two days. This conference has been approved by the district Professional Education Committee.

Approve the request of Dr. Nicholas Sham and Mr. John Hrizuk to attend a CAPE (Community of Agile Partners in Education) conference on October 26 and 27, 2000 in Grantville, PA. Expenses include \$175.00 each for registration, \$96.00 for travel, for a total cost of \$446.00.

Approve the request of Dr. Nicholas Sham, Cathy Groller, and Jane Englert, to attend a four-day workshop sponsored by Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit 21. This conference, entitled "Implementing Information Literacy Standards", will be held on October 2, November 1 & 2, 2000 and March 29, 2001. There is a registration fee of \$200.00 per team and this workshop has been approved by the district Professional Education Committee.

Approve the request of Debra Sanek and Denise Papay to attend a conference sponsored by Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit 21 on November 2, 2000 entitled "Guided Reading for K-3 Educators. Expenses for this conference include \$120.00 each for registration for a total cost of \$240.00 and will be paid for through Title I funds.

Field Trip

Approve a field trip for fourth grade students at Slatington Elementary School to travel to Quiet Valley on May 3, 2001. Expenses for this trip will be paid for through PTA funds.

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Newhard,
Mrs. Sechler, Mr. Fedorcha (8)

NAY: None (0)

Table Action
On Policy 333,
433 – Pro-
fessional Dev.
2nd Reading

Motion by Mrs. Sechler, with a second made by Mrs. Escott, that the Board of Education table action to approve revisions to Policy #333 and #433 -- Professional Development until the next Policy/Education Committee meeting.

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Newhard,
Mrs. Sechler, Mr. Fedorcha (8)

NAY: None (0)

**CURRICU-
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TION**

Motion by Mrs. Sechler, with a second made by Mr. Newhard, that the Board of Education approve the Northern Lehigh School District Continuing Professional Education Plan (Act 48 of 1999). The Plan shall be in effect from January 1, 2000 through June 30, 2003.

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Newhard,
Mrs. Sechler, Mr. Fedorcha (8)

NAY: None (0)

FINANCIAL

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

PC
Abatements

Approve abatement of Per Capita taxes as presented for the resident(s) that fall within the guidelines.

FINANCIAL

(Con't.)

Per Capita Tax Enumerator For Slatington Borough Approve the appointment of Natalie Haggerty, from the Slatington Borough office, to serve as the Slatington per capita tax enumerator for the 2000-2001 fiscal year. She will be paid for approximately 15-30 hours of work at an overtime rate of \$13.50/hour plus benefit costs. The estimated cost for this service is \$500.00 to be split between the borough and the school district.

Refund Real Estate Taxes Approve the refund of the following real estate taxes.

Aaron Heintzellman
3719 Main St., Slatington, PA 18080 \$1,924.46
For
Parcel #23-C06NW2-001-003

The assessment was changed for tax years 1995-96, 1996-97, 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000.

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Newhard,
Mrs. Sechler, Mr. Fedorcha (8)

NAY: None (0)

**INFORM-
ATION**

Minutes of the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit Board of Directors meeting held on August 21, 2000 were distributed to all Board members.

Before adjournment, Mr. Dorshimer complimented the administration on a "smooth" opening to the 2000-2001 school year.

**ADJOURN-
MENT**

Motion by Mr. Newhard, with a second by Mr. Cox, that the regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors be adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Newhard,
Mrs. Sechler, Mr. Fedorcha (8)

NAY: None (0)

Respectfully submitted,

Lori H. Geronikos
Secretary

ATTEST: _____ (President)
Gary S. Fedorcha