

**NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Board Minutes**

**Slatington, PA
November 6, 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 8:05 p.m., on Monday, November 6, 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, Mrs. Sheryl A. Giles, Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr., Mr. Jason M. Newhard, Mrs. Lynn C. Sechler, Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha (8)

Members absent: Mr. Robert J. Cox (arrived at 8:55 p.m.) (1)

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. Robert Mack, Mr. Brian Geiger, Ms. Kathleen McCann, Atty. Charles Stopp (Solicitor), Ms. Pamela Grammes, Ms. Lisa Vaughan, Mrs. Doneta Merkle

VISITORS Approximately 23 visitors attended the meeting, in addition to Sharon Minnich, reporter for The Times News.

SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS Carbon-Lehigh Intermediate Unit -- Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer
Mr. Dorshimer highlighted items on the CLIU October Board Brief which was distributed to all Board Members.

Committee Reports and/or Meetings The following committee meetings were held from 6:30 – 7:55 p.m. prior to the board meeting:
1. Finance Committee
2. Community Relations/Volunteerism Committee

The Technology/Buildings and Grounds Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 8 in the school board meeting room.

All Board Members received copies of the minutes of the Policy/Education Committee meeting held on October 2, 2000.

Solicitor's Report -- Attorney Charles Stopp
Attorney Stopp informed the Board that he has been working with the administration to help resolve and develop some procedures with regard to the tax equalization issue.

Release Walnutport Borough From Reverter Clause Attorney Stopp presented some information about the former Walnutport Elementary School that is presently used for a variety of municipal purposes and for daycare purposes. The Walnutport Borough has been offered funding, via a grant, for expansion of the daycare to allow for the construction of an addition to the building. The Borough thought it would be prudent to advise the School Board of this proposal to determine, in advance, whether the School Board would view the addition to the daycare as being in violation of the "reverter" clause in the 1992 Deed from the Northern Lehigh School District to the Borough of Walnutport. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Newhard, with a second by Mrs. Sechler to release the Borough of Walnutport from the "reverter" clause found in the 1992 Deed with respect to this particular request only. It is the Board's understanding that the addition will become and shall remain part of the building/real estate.

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

NAY: None (0)

SPECIAL

**BOARD
REPORTS****(Con't.)****Federal and Other Programs Update** -- Dr. Nicholas P. Sham

Dr. Sham's report included the following:

- 1) He informed the Board that the district has applied for the Digital Grass Roots Grant with a maximum amount of \$20,000 which would allow the district to purchase four mobile computer units for each of our buildings.
- 2) He reported on the Press Conference that the Educational Foundation held at the Peters Elementary School.

Superintendent's Report – Dr. Kenneth G. Koberlein

Dr. Koberlein's report included the following:

- 1) He introduced Mrs. Lauren Ganser who addressed the School Board regarding concerns about her child's bus stop on Park Avenue near Valley Road. After much discussion it was determined that the present stop is acceptable but the district needs to establish a more consistent drop off and pickup time. The Board requested an update at the next school board meeting with regard to what response the administration receives from Laidlaw Transportation regarding the time factor addressed in this situation.
- 2) He distributed a suggested meeting calendar for the 2001 School Board meetings and for the 2001 School Board Committee meetings.
- 3) Mr. Dorshimer reported on the Act 50 of 1998 Committee meeting which was held recently.
- 4) The Board set November 16, 2000 as the next meeting of the Concerned Commonwealth Citizens Coalition.
- 5) He announced that Lynne Fedorcha recently received a Lehigh University "Outstanding Educator" award for 2000.
- 6) He informed the Board that to date the high school does not have a director for the high school musical for 2000-2001.
- 7) He announced that Mr. Gary Fedorcha was named to the Pennsylvania School Boards Association Honor Roll of School Service for 10 years of service.

PERSONNEL

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

Appointments-
Non-
Instructional

Susan Bilheimer*

Assignment: Cook's Helper – Slatington Elementary School, replacing Jayne Hamm.

Salary: \$7.25 Per Hour/5 ½ Hours Per Day

Effective Date: November 7, 2000

Connie Smith*

Assignment: Head Cook – Peters Elementary School, replacing Tanya Marlatt.

Salary: \$11.73 Per Hour/5 ½ Hours Per Day

Effective Date: November 7, 2000

*They shall serve a 60-day probationary period.

Substitutes-
Instructional

Employ the following substitute teacher 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:

Marshelle George -- Elementary

Unpaid
Volunteer Aides

Approve the following individuals as unpaid volunteer aides in the Slatington and Peters Elementary Schools for the 2000-2001 school year:

Christine Afflerbach*

Cheryl Babinchak

Robin Blocker*

Sharon Boyesen*

Janet Brunner*

Sherry Condit

Paula Seiler

Angela Shoemaker*

Beth Skurkay*

Barbara Stankovic

Audrey Steigerwalt

Ann Stoss*

PERSONNEL**(Con't.)**

Katherine Danish*	Andrea Thomson
Ruth Davies	Merryann Uetz
Mary Beth Dellecker*	Patricia Vetashick (Works At Home)
Rita Erschen	Betty Ann Vogel
Mary-Beth Fatzinger	Nancy Wagner
Melissa Fliszar*	Dawn Wehr
Sharon Haberern*	Jane Weiland*
Crystal Horvath	Ashley Wertman
Diane Krause*	Pamela Williams
Michelle McCarrol	Debra Campbell*
Donna Meixsell	
Robyn Pristash	*Pending Verification of Clearances
LouAnn Reppert	

Unpaid Volunteer Coach Approve Kevin Fenstermaker as an unpaid volunteer coach for the 2000-2001 wrestling season, pending verification of clearances.

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green
Mr. Newhard, Mrs. Sechler, Mr. Fedorcha (9)

NAY: None (0)

Child Rearing Leave – Kori Dibilio Motion made by Mrs. Sechler, with a second by Mrs. Giles, that the Board of Education approve the request of Kori Dibilio, third grade teacher at Slatinton Elementary School, to take a Child Rearing Leave of Absence during the 2000-2001 school year. Beginning on or about February 12, 2001 she plans on utilizing her 16 ½ accumulated sick days and on or about noon on March 9, 2001 she requests that she be placed on an unpaid leave for the remainder of the 2000-2001 school year. She plans to return to teaching for the 2001-2002 school year.

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

NAY: None (0)

ABSTAIN: Mr. Fedorcha (1)

POLICY

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

Conferences Approve the request of Marjorie Hennet to attend a Community Service Foundation training program entitled SaferSanerSchools on November 10, 2000 in Doylestown, PA. Expenses include \$89.00 for registration, \$30.00 for travel, for a total cost of \$119.00 and will be paid for by IDEA funds.

Approve the request of Elizabeth Vasquez to attend a Bureau of Education & Research conference in Allentown on November 17, 2000. Expenses include \$139.00 for registration plus the cost of a substitute teacher for one day and will be paid for by IDEA funds.

Approve the request of Christine Koder to attend a seminar sponsored by Appelbaum Training Institute in Allentown on December 5, 2000. Expenses include \$139.00 for registration, \$3.00 for travel for a total cost of \$172.00 plus the cost of a substitute teacher for the day and will be paid for through IDEA funds.

Approve the request of Cindy Grammes to attend a conference sponsored by Teacher Created Materials in Allentown on November 8, 2000. Expenses include \$129.00 for registration plus the cost of a substitute teacher for the day and will be paid for through Curriculum and Instruction funds.

POLICY (Con't.)

Approve the request of Regina Freeburn, Laurie Newman, and Ann Bernard, to attend a Project Care conference in Bethlehem, PA from November 14 – 17, 2000. Expenses for this conference include \$200.00 per person for registration for a total cost of \$600.00.

Approve the request of Karen Nicholas to attend a conference sponsored by Carbon Lehigh

Intermediate Unit 21 entitled "Creating A New Culture of Teaching and Learning" on October 19, 2000. Expenses include \$175.00 for registration and will be paid for with Curriculum and Instruction funds.

Hepatitis B Pilot Program Authorize the administration to participate in a pilot program, sponsored by the Partnership for Community Health of the Lehigh Valley to provide a full series of Hepatitis B immunizations, at no cost to the school district or the parents, to participating fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh grade students during the 2000-2001 school year. Tentative inoculation dates are December 6, 2000, February 14, 2001, and April 18, 2001.

Close Account Grant permission to the senior high to close the "Stadium Vending Machines/Weight Lifting Club" account. This account is part of the Northern Lehigh High School Activities Fund and the money remaining in this account should be turned over to the Northern Lehigh School District General Fund (High School Vending Machines).

Homebound Instruction Grant homebound instruction to an 11th grade student, Student No. 02-67800, for five hours per week from October 23, 2000 to April 1, 2001.

Approve to enter into an agreement with Somerset Medical Center in Sommerville, NJ to provide homebound instruction for a student who resides in our district, for five hours per week (non-classified student) and ten hours per week (classified student) at a rate of \$35.00 per hour, for approximately two weeks, effective October 23, 2000.

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green
Mr. Newhard, Mrs. Sechler, Mr. Fedorcha (9)

NAY: None (0)

Table Approval To Close The Ski Club Acct. Motion made by Mrs. Sechler, with a second made by Mrs. Escott, that the Board of Education table approving the request of the senior high school to close the Northern Lehigh High School "Ski Club" account until the December 4 school board meeting so that a survey of interest could be taken.

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green
Mr. Newhard, Mrs. Sechler, Mr. Fedorcha (9)

NAY: None (0)

**CURRICU-
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Motion made by Mr. Dorshimer, with a second made by Mr. Newhard, that the Board of Education approve to have school staff provide Adult Education Classes at Northern Lehigh School District for two hours per night on November 21 and November 28, 2000 and again in February 2001. The course offered will be "Introduction To The Internet". There is no cost to Northern Lehigh School District residents. Cost for non-residents wishing to participate is \$30.00.

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green
Mr. Newhard, Mrs. Sechler, Mr. Fedorcha (9)

NAY: None (0)

**NEW
BUSINESS**

Mrs. Geronikos asked the Board to consider some kind of Proclamation for the members of the Northern Lehigh High School Marching Band to properly acknowledge them for the awards that they have received on behalf of our school district.

FINANCIAL

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

Resolution For Sale Of Old And Unused **RESOLVE** that the Northern Lehigh School District School Board authorizes its superintendent authority to manage a sale of old and unused school district property. Such sale is to be conducted in public by a licensed auctioneer on an open bidding process with requirements for prompt removal

School District Property from the school district and all pick up or shipping costs to be borne by the buyer. No such goods may be sold to a School Board member or employee of Northern Lehigh School District or members of their immediate family or a business with which they or a member of their immediate family is associated. Also, various other rules and regulations as may be established by the auctioneer shall prevail.

Portfolio Sum. Approve the Arthurs Lestrage Cash Management Portfolio Summary for the month of September 2000.

NLJHS Student Activity Acct. Statement Approve the Northern Lehigh Junior High School Student Activity Account Statement for the month of September 2000.

NLHS Student Activity Acct. Statement Approve the Northern Lehigh Senior High School Student Activity Account Statement for the month of September 2000.

Refund of Per Capita Tax Approve the refund of the following 2000-2001 per capita tax. The tax was paid in duplicate.
Keith Blose \$10.00
215 Chestnut St., Slatington, PA 18080

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs.Geronikos, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green
Mr. Newhard, Mrs. Sechler, Mr. Fedorcha (9)
NAY: None (0)

INFORMATION All board members received copies of the minutes of the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit Board of Directors meeting held on September 18, 2000 and the minutes of the Lehigh Carbon Community College Board of Trustees meeting held on October 5, 2000.

A list of equipment and supplies obtained as a result of the Board approved trip to Atlanta, Georgia was distributed to all Board members.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS Jim Curry – Are there any plans to repair Bulldog Lane as a part of the building project at the senior high school.

Eric Vernon – Asked if the Board would consider honoring the swimmers and divers with a resolution like the one proposed for the marching band.

ADJOURNMENT Motion made by Mr. Dorshimer, with a second made by Mrs. Geronikos that the regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors be adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs.Geronikos, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green
Mr. Newhard, Mrs. Sechler, Mr. Fedorcha (9)
NAY: None (0)

Respectfully submitted,

Lori H. Geronikos
Secretary

ATTEST: _____ President
Gary S. Fedorcha