

**NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Minutes**

**Slatington, PA
November 13, 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 7:35 p.m. on Monday, November 13, 2000, in the boardroom located in the Slatington Elementary School.

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. Mathias J. Green, Jr., Mrs. Lynn C. Sechler, Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha (8)

Members absent: Mr. Jason M. Newhard (1)

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

VISITORS Approximately 19 visitors attended the meeting in addition to Sharon Minnich, reporter for The Times News.

PUBLIC COMMENT Mrs. Lauren Ganser requested permission to comment on the bus information item listed under Superintendent's Report.

APPROVE MINUTES Motion made by Mrs. Sechler, with a second by Mrs. Geronikos that minutes of the regular school board meeting held on October 2, 2000 and the regular school board meeting held on October 9, 2000 be approved and ordered filed.

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

NAY: None (0)

SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS Lehigh Career & Technical Institute -- Mrs. Lynn C. Sechler
Mrs. Sechler asked all board members to take time to peruse the Lehigh Career & Technical Institute Feasibility Study. Dr. Hornberger will be attending our February 5, 2000 School Board meeting to make a presentation regarding this study.

Committee Reports and/or Meetings Board members received copies of the minutes of the Finance Committee and the Technology/Buildings and Grounds Committee meetings that were held on November 6 and November 8 respectively.

Student Representative Report Ms. Lisa Vaughan gave the student representative report for the month.

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

Dr. Koberlein highlighted the notes of Technology/Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting of November 8.

Approve PlanCon A-B For Middle School Motion made by Mr. Cox, with a second made by Mr. Dorshimer, that the Board of Education approve the submission of PlanCon A-B to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the additions and alterations to the Northern Lehigh Middle School.

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

NAY: None (0)

Supt. Report
(Con't.)

He introduced Mr. Donald Snyder, President of the Lehigh Carbon Community College and Mr. B. Urban Byler, Northern Lehigh School District Board of Trustees Member. Mr. Snyder addressed some of the concerns that School Board members had with regard to current issues involving the Lehigh Carbon Community College.

In honor of American Education Week, Mrs. Janet Kern, Northern Lehigh Education Association President and Mrs. Karen Nicholas, Peters Elementary School Principal, presented Sharon Minnich, reporter for The Times News with the second annual "True Friend of Education Award" in appreciation of the outstanding job she does covering Northern Lehigh School District events.

Dr. Koberlein distributed the Northern Lehigh School District Annual Goals.

Motion made by Mrs. Sechler, with a second made by Mrs. Geronikos to conduct a Technology/Buildings & Grounds committee meeting in the boardroom at 6:30 p.m. on December 6, 2000.

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

NAY: None (0)

From Dr. Koberlein, the School Board learned that the school bus for the Ganser child would be re-routed approximately 3 miles so that the afternoon drop off is the same as the current morning pickup. Mrs. Ganser continues to have some concerns with regard to consistency of the drop off time.

Dr. Koberlein distributed two school board committee meeting calendar suggestions for 2001 for Board Members to study.

Representatives from the Lehigh Career & Technical Institute will be present at the February 5, 2001 School Board meeting.

Executive Work
Session

An Executive Session was held before the meeting beginning at 6:30 PM for collective bargaining, legal, and personnel issues and was continued after the meeting for personnel issues.

PERSONNEL

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

Unpaid
Volunteer
Aides

Approve the following individual as an unpaid volunteer aide in the Peters Elementary School for the 2000-2001 school year:

Lori L. Merkel (Pending Verification Of Clearances)

Substitutes-
Instructional

Employ the following substitute teachers, in accordance with the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit Guest Teacher Program, 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:

Jennifer H, Bassig --

Elementary, Mentally/Physically Handicapped,
General Science, Mathematics, English, Health &
Physical Education, Music, Social Studies

Karen M. Borell --

Elementary, Mentally. Physically Handicapped,
General Science, Mathematics, English, Marketing,
Library Science, Social Studies

Chad T. Faust --

Elementary, Mentally/Physically Handicapped,

General Science, Mathematics, Chemistry, Health & Physical Education, Industrial Arts/Technology Education, Physics

PERSONNEL**(Con't.)**

Rachelle M. Gosse --	Elementary, Mentally/Physically Handicapped, General Science, Mathematics, Data Processing, Secretarial, Home Economics, Social Studies
John A. Horn --	Elementary, Mentally/Physically Handicapped, General Science, Mathematics, Biology, English, German, Social Studies
Christine A. Kosman --	Elementary, Mentally/Physically Handicapped, General Science, Mathematics, Accounting, Data Processing, Health & Physical Education, Home Economics
Melinda W. Madison --	Elementary, Mentally/Physically Handicapped, General Science, Mathematics, Accounting, Data Processing, Health & Physical Education, Home Economics
Myra Meshner --	Elementary, Mentally/Physically Handicapped, General Science, Mathematics, Data Processing, English, Social Studies, Spanish
Melissa A. Meixsell --	Elementary, Mentally/Physically Handicapped, General Science, Mathematics, Accounting, English, Health & Physical Education, Office Technologies
Sandra L. Mort-Backauskas -	Elementary, Mentally/Physically Handicapped, General Science, Mathematics, Health & Physical Education, Secretarial, Home Economics, Social Studies
Patricia L. Passick --	Elementary, Mentally/Physically Handicapped, General Science, Mathematics, Art, Home Economics, Library Science, Social Studies
John R. Reinhard --	Elementary, Mentally/Physically Handicapped, General Science, Mathematics, Art, Earth & Space Science, Home Economics, Social Studies
Susan J. Silvonek-Freundt -	Elementary, Mentally/Physically Handicapped, General Science, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Earth & Space Science, Physics
Joseph Verenna --	Elementary, Mentally/Physically Handicapped, General Science, Mathematics, Reading Specialist, Earth & Space Science, English, Industrial Arts/Technology Education, Social Studies

Substitute Senior High Administrative Detention Supervisor	Appoint Kathy Mohrey, cafeteria/library monitor in the senior high school, as a substitute senior high administrative detention supervisor. She will work two days a week (Tuesday and Thursday) from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. throughout the 2000-2001 school calendar year as needed. Salary will be \$15.00 for each day worked.
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YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green,
Mrs. Sechler, Mr. Fedorcha (8)
NAY: None (0)

PERSONNEL
(Con't.)

Resignation - Kathleen McCann
Motion made by Mrs. Sechler, with a second made by Mrs. Geronikos, that the Board of Education regretfully accept the resignation of Kathleen McCann, Business Manager, effective December 15, 2000. Ms. McCann has been employed in the Northern Lehigh School District for 21 years.

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

POLICY

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

Conferences
Approve the request of Janet Hofelich to attend a Bureau of Education conference entitled "Guided Reading Strategies –Grades 1-3" in Allentown, PA on January 5, 2001. Expenses include \$139.00 for registration, plus the cost of a substitute teacher for one day, and has been approved by the district Professional Education Committee.

Approve the request of Mark Hoffman to attend a "Pesticide Short Course" conference sponsored by Penn State University in Allentown, PA on December 8, 11, 12, 14, 2000. This course will prepare those in attendance to take the certified pesticide applicator's exam. Expenses include \$121.00 for registration, \$48.00 for travel, for a total cost of \$169.00.

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

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

Open An Account
Approve the request of the senior high school to open a "Lady Dawgs Dance Team" account in compliance with the Student Activity Fund Policy.

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

OLD
BUSINESS

Dr. Gessner informed the Board that he has received eleven responses to the newspaper article indicating that the district is without a director for the all-school musical.

NEW
BUSINESS

Motion made by Mr. Green, with a second made by Mr. Cox, that the Board of Education approve the plans to satisfy the tax claims for unequalized mills, as presented, pending the approval of our calculations by the Pennsylvania State Tax Equalization Board; and also, to approve the employment of part time staff for processing tax claims as recommended by school officials to the School Board.

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

FINANCIAL

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

Treasurer's
Approve the report (unaudited) of the Treasurer, Mr. Robert Cox, for October 2000.

Report

FINANCIAL
(Con't.)

Reports (Info Only) Accept the unaudited October 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 Technology Account bills, as presented.

Capital Reserve #1 Bills Approve payment of bills from the Capital Reserve #1 Account, as presented.

Assignment Of Rights Approve the Assignment of Rights request from Chartwell Advisory Group to obtain refunds of sales and use taxes paid by contractors involved in construction projects of the district. This Assignment of Rights is specific to docket number 9902798, a claim filed by Albarell Electric, Inc. The contractor's representative has approved this strategy for expediting the refund process.

W2A Group Proposal For Funding Approve Wallace & Watson Associates Design Group Proposal for Engineering Services at the Peters Elementary School for \$1500.00.

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

Betty M. Hartman \$609.16
7268 Oriole Road, Germansville, PA 18053
For
Parcel #23-B05-005-001-515
9242 North Loop Road, Slatington, PA 18080

The assessment was changed due to a razed building.

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

NAY: None (0)

**INFORM-
ATION** All Board Members received a copy of the Northern Lehigh School District 2000-2001 Salary Schedule. (Copy Attached)

**ADJOURN-
MENT** Motion made by Mr. Dorshimer, with a second made by Mrs. Sechler, that the regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors be adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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

NAY: None (0)

Respectfully submitted,

Lori H. Geronikos
Secretary

ATTEST: _____ (President)
Gary S. Fedorcha