

NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Tentative Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, June 14, 2021
NLSD Media YouTube Channel
7:00 P.M.



- I. A. By notice of the President, Board Members are advised that all financial matters shall be regarded as roll call votes. The minutes should also note that Public Notice was given for this meeting in accordance with Act 84 of 1986.
- B. School Board Meeting shall proceed in accordance with School Board Policy.
- C. Pledge of Allegiance.
- D. Roll Call.
- E. Public Comment -- Restricted to Agenda Items.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING MEETING

- A. Regular school board meeting held on May 10, 2021. ([Minutes](#))

III. SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS

- A. Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit Mrs. Gale N. Husack
- B. Lehigh Career and Technical Institute Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha
- C. Legislative Report Mrs. Michelle M. Heckman
- D. Lehigh Carbon Community College Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr.
- E. Committee Reports and/or Meetings
 - Minutes of the Education/Policy Committee Meeting held on June 7, 2021 ([Attachment #1](#))
 - Minutes of the Community Relations Committee Meeting held on June 7, 2021 ([Attachment #2](#))
 - Minutes of the Technology/Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting held on June 9, 2021 ([Attachment #3](#))
 - Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on June 9, 2021 ([Attachment #4](#))
- F. Student Representatives to the Board Report Mr. Aidan Williams
Ms. Paige Craddock
- G. Solicitor’s Report Attorney Avery Smith
- H. Assistant Superintendent Dr. Tania Stoker
 - ESSER Grant Presentation

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- I. Business Manager's Report Mrs. Sherri Molitoris
 ➤ 2021-2022 Budget Discussion Mrs. Rhonda Frantz

 - J. Superintendent's Report..... Mr. Matthew J. Link
 ➤ Recognition of Aidan Williams - Student Representative to the Board
 ➤ High School Newspaper Award
 ➤ Recognition of Retirees - Claire Cannon, Eric DeAntonis, Jill Chamberlain
 ➤ July Board Meeting - July 12, 2021
 ○ Discussion on setting

 - K. An executive session will be held at 5:45 p.m. via Google Meet.

IV. PERSONNEL

A. Retirement/Resignation

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1. With regret, accept the retirement resignation of Cynthia Grammes from her position as Peters Elementary First Grade Teacher, effective July 25, 2021. Mrs. Grammes will be retiring from the Northern Lehigh School District after 28 years of service.

 2. With regret, accept the retirement resignation of Deborah Kuhns from her position as Cafeteria Worker, effective June 14, 2021. Mrs. Kuhns will be retiring from the Northern Lehigh School District after 11 years of service.

 3. With regret, accept the retirement resignation of Donna Marks from her position as Assistant to the Food Service Director, effective December 31, 2021. Mrs. Marks will be retiring from the Northern Lehigh School District after 6 years of service.

 4. With regret, accept the retirement resignation of William Marks from his position as District Maintenance Worker, effective the end of the work day on January 3, 2022. Mr. Marks will be retiring from the Northern Lehigh School District after 5.5 years of service.

 5. Accept the resignation of Kimberly Deprill from her position as Cafeteria/Hall Monitor, effective May 10, 2021.

 6. Accept the resignation of Delores Allen from her position as Cafeteria/Hall Monitor, effective June 11, 2021.

 7. Accept the resignation of Scott Pyne from his position as Slatington Elementary Principal, effective June 30, 2021.

 8. Accept the resignation of Michael Lehtonen from his position as HS Winter Intramurals approved on the May 10, 2021 board agenda, effective June 8, 2021.

- B. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding to the Northern Lehigh School District Middle Management Team's Administrator Compensation Plan to incorporate the position of the Director of Educational Technology, Curriculum, and Instruction. **(Distributed to Board Members Only)**

C. Appointment - Administrative

1. Scott Pyne
Assignment: Director of Educational Technology, Curriculum and Instruction
Salary: \$125,000
Effective: July 1, 2021

2. Michael Strohl*
Assignment: Middle School/High School Assistant Principal
Salary: \$90,000
Effective: July 1, 2021 or upon release from current employer
***Pending Verification of Missing Personnel File Items**

D. Salary Adjustment

Acknowledge the following administrative salary adjustment for the 2021-2022 school year:

James Schnyderite
Peters Elementary Principal
From: \$98,617
To: \$104,000

E. Appointment - Instructional

1. Paige Martin*
Assignment: Temporary Professional Employee
Senior High School Mathematics Teacher
Salary: \$51,750 (Step 1 Bachelor's on the 2021-2022 CBA Salary Schedule)
Effective: August 24, 2021
***Pending Verification of Missing Personnel File Items**

F. Appointment - Non-Instructional

1. Kristin Garrison
Assignment: Cafeteria Monitor
Salary: \$13.47/hour
Effective: May 25, 2021
***60 Working Day Probationary Period**

2. Matthew Stevens*
Assignment: Skilled Maintenance Person - HVAC
Salary: \$31.00/hour
Effective: June 14, 2021
***60 Working Day Probationary Period**
***Pending Verification of Missing Personnel File Items**

G. Administrative Transfer - Instructional

1. Gabrielle Werkheiser

From:	HS Biology/MS Science Teacher
To:	HS Biology Teacher
Salary:	No change in salary
Effective:	August 24, 2021

H. Motion to approve the appointment of the following Co-Curricular position for the 2021-2022 school year:

Christopher Heery	Head Girls' Basketball Coach	\$7901
Amanda Bariana	Asst. Cross Country Coach (Shared Stipend)	\$1538

I. Motion to renew the appointment of the following Co-Curricular position for the 2020-2021 school year:

Dylan Hofmann	MS Spring Intramurals	\$924
Sarah Kunkel	HS Spanish Club (2nd Semester)	\$306
Kimberly Bayer	HS Aavidum	\$51

J. Motion to renew the appointment of the following Co-Curricular position for the 2021-2022 school year:

Scott Gerould	HS Winter Intramurals	\$924
Beth Case	Asst. Cross County Coach (Shared Stipend)	\$1538

K. Co-Curricular Volunteer 2021-2022

Justin Smoyer	Football Coach
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L. Summer Academy Program Positions - Funding through ESSER III Grant

Susan Beil	K-12 Summer Learning Program Coordinator	\$6290 (estimate)
Sara Heintzelman*	K-12 Summer Learning Program Coordinator	\$6290 (estimate)
Amanda Beer	Summer Learning Program Instructor	CBA Curr. Rate/Hr.
Shawna Blake*	Summer Learning Program Instructor	CBA Curr. Rate/Hr.
Blasia Dunham	Summer Learning Program Instructor	CBA Curr. Rate/Hr.
Kimberly Filipovitz	Summer Learning Program Instructor	CBA Curr. Rate/Hr.
James Fisher	Summer Learning Program Instructor	CBA Curr. Rate/Hr.
Katelyn Hugo	Summer Learning Program Instructor	CBA Curr. Rate/Hr.
Shannon Jones	Summer Learning Program Instructor	CBA Curr. Rate/Hr.
MaryAnn Mattiola	Summer Learning Program Instructor	CBA Curr. Rate/Hr.
Alexis Middaugh*	Summer Learning Program Instructor	CBA Curr. Rate/Hr.
Drake Pristash	Summer Learning Program Instructor	CBA Curr. Rate/Hr.
Anna Quinn	Summer Learning Program Instructor	CBA Curr. Rate/Hr.
Nadine Tomkins	Summer Learning Program Instructor	CBA Curr. Rate/Hr.
Anthony Tulio	Summer Learning Program Instructor	CBA Curr. Rate/Hr.
Krystle-Dawn		
Willing-Tiedeman	Bulldog Academy Facilitator	CBA Curr. Rate/Hr.
Allison Chruscial**	Bulldog Academy Facilitator	CBA Curr. Rate/Hr.
Raquel Hoffert**	Bulldog Academy Facilitator	CBA Curr. Rate/Hr.

Robin Blocker	Summer Learning Program Paraprofessional	Hourly Rate
Kimberly Deprill	Summer Learning Program Paraprofessional	Hourly Rate
Andrea Rosario	Summer Learning Program Paraprofessional	Hourly Rate
Paula Seiler	Summer Learning Program Paraprofessional	Hourly Rate
Angela Thomas	Summer Learning Program Paraprofessional	Hourly Rate

*Pending Verification of Missing Personnel File Items
 ** Hiring Contingent Upon Student Enrollment

M. Summertime Maintenance/Custodial Supervisor

Motion to approve the following individual as the Supervisor for the Summertime Maintenance/Custodial helpers for the summer of 2021 at a salary of \$15.00 per hour:

Earl Loch

N. Summertime Maintenance/Custodial Helpers

Motion to approve the following individual as Summertime Maintenance/Custodial helpers for the summer of 2021 at a salary of \$10.00 per hour:

Elijah Roche*

*Pending Verification of Missing Personnel File Items

O. Motion to approve the following individuals to STEAM Camp positions for the summer of 2021, funding through the Northern Lehigh Education Foundation:

Timothy Weaber	Director	\$2580
Jennifer Butz	Coordinator	\$2220
Tamara Stubits	Instructor	\$1500
Kori Dibilio	Instructor	\$1500
Nicole Nightlinger	Instructor	\$1500
Christine Leslie	Instructor	\$1500

P. Approve the recommendation of an increase in the hourly rate for the Lead Maintenance Position, Christopher Mann, by \$.50 per hour. This recommendation is in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Northern Lehigh School District and the Northern Lehigh Educational Support Personnel Association [ARTICLE XX, A.(g)].

Q. Motion to approve the attached Employment Agreement between Matthew J. Link, Superintendent, and the Northern Lehigh School District, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026, amending and restating the March 8, 2021 Employment Agreement between the parties. **(Distributed to Board Members Only)**

V. POLICY

A. Board Policy Second Reading

1. Approve school board policy #305- Employees - Employment of Substitutes, as presented after the first reading. ([Attachment #5](#))

B. Student Representative to the Board

Approve Danielle Dougherty as Student Representative to the Board for the 2021-2022 school year. Danielle has been appointed as the junior representative to the board and will serve from September 2021 through June 2023. Paige Craddock will serve as the senior student representative to the board until June 2022.

C. Student-Parent Handbook Changes

1. Approve the changes to the Elementary School Student-Parent Handbook as presented. ([Attachment #6](#))
2. Approve the changes to the Middle School Student-Parent Handbook as presented. ([Attachment #7](#))
3. Approve the changes to the High School Student-Parent Handbook as presented. ([Attachment #8](#))

D. Non-Resident Students

1. Approve the request of a parent of a 5th grade student #2890056 at Slatington Elementary School, who is moving out of the district, to allow their student to finish the 2020-2021 school year in the Northern Lehigh School District in accordance with student policy #202.
2. Approve the request of a parent of a 5th grade student #2890073 at Slatington Elementary School and an 11th grade student #2290016 at the Northern Lehigh High School, who is moving out of the district, to allow their students to finish the 2020-2021 school year in the Northern Lehigh School District in accordance with student policy #202.
3. Approve the request of a parent of a Kindergarten student #3390015 at Peters Elementary School, who is moving out of the district, to allow their student to finish the 2020-2021 school year in the Northern Lehigh School District in accordance with student policy #202.

- E. Grant permission, according to Board Policy #707, for the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor to use the High School gym and district's parking lot facilities on Sunday, November 7, 2021 for the Delaware & Lehigh Heritage Half Marathon Run and Walk. They anticipate participants will begin arriving by 5:30 AM and the event will conclude around 4:00 PM.

VI. CONFERENCES**VII. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION****A. Title I, Title IIA, Title III, & Title IV – 2021-2022**

Approve to authorize proper officials to execute contracts for Title I, Title IIA, Title III, and Title IV for the 2021-2022 school year.

- B. Approve the final agreement with CLIU #21 for Title I Services for the 2020-2021 school year in the amount of approximately \$3,467.00, pending funding adjustment approval.

- C. Approve to authorize proper officials to enter into an agreement for one Northern Lehigh School District student with special needs to attend Hogan Learning Academy LLC in accordance with the promises and covenants contained in the agreement. This agreement is effective August 23, 2021 and terminates on August 19, 2022. ([Attachment #9](#))
- D. Approve to authorize proper officials to enter into an agreement for one Northern Lehigh School District student with special needs to attend Hogan Learning Academy LLC, Extended School Year Services, in accordance with the promises and covenants contained in the agreement. This agreement is effective June 28, 2021 and terminates on August 6, 2021. ([Attachment #10](#))
- E. Allow administration to sign the agreement for the CLIU Overdrive Consortium for the 2021-2022 school year to provide e-books, audiobooks and other digital content at a cost of \$2,000.00. ([Attachment #11](#))
- F. Approve to employ for the Extended School Year Program, one-on-one Paraprofessional for student #2690099, Heather Kuntz for three hours per day at their agreed upon 2021-2022 hourly rate plus the completion program premium pay of \$750.
- G. As per the recommendation of the administration and Education/Policy Committee, approve the Middle School Curriculum Guide for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented. (**Distributed to Board Members Only**)
- H. As per the recommendation of the administration, Community Relations Committee and Finance Committee approve Navigate360 as the Threat Assessment and School Safety and Wellness Platform at a cost of \$14,250.00 ([Attachment #12](#))

I. Secondary Summer Band Camp

Approve a tuition free secondary summer band program and also approve a stipend for summer band program director, Mr. David Carroll. Mr. Carroll's stipend will be \$1,000.00 to be paid out of ESSER funds for learning loss. The summer band program will run Monday, July 19, 2021 through Thursday, July 22, 2021.

J. Induction Program

Approve the following teachers as helping teachers in the Northern Lehigh School District Induction Program for the 2021-2022 school year:

Helping Teacher	Inductee	Stipend
Gregory King	Paige Martin	\$800.00

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Transportation Paraprofessional (Amendment)

Approve to continue to employ, Jennifer Haas, as transportation paraprofessional for student #2390125. The extended school year program runs June 28-August 6th. Approve compensation for 5 hours (originally approved at 3 hours) per day at her agreed upon 2020-2021 for June 28-30 & 2021-2022 hourly rate effective July 1, 2021 plus the completion program premium pay of \$750. This will be fully funded through the ESSER grant.

Summer Programs Nurse (Amendment)

Approve to employ Tracy Hoffman, as the school nurse for Summer Programs, in addition to previous approval for Extended School Year Program, for 5.5 hours a day at the Teacher Collective Bargaining Agreement amount of \$30 per hour plus the one-time completion program premium pay of \$1000. This will be fully funded through the ESSER grant.

Extended School Year Program (Amendment)

Approve to conduct an Extended School Year Program for students with special needs from July 12-15, 19-22, 26-29. The program will run Monday-Thursday from 9:00AM -12:00PM. Approve to employ Kayla Perkowski, Ryan Stilwell and Greg Deiter for four hours per day at the Teacher Collective Bargaining Agreement amount of \$30 per hour plus completion program premium pay of \$1000. Further, approve to employ paraprofessionals, Stephanie Stilwell, Lisa Fisher, Robin Blocker, Joan DeSousa, and Megan Farkas for three hours per day at their agreed upon 2021-2022 hourly rate plus a completion program premium pay of \$750. This will be fully funded through the ESSER grant.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approve the Emergency Instructional Time Template 520.1 for the 2021-2022 school year. ([Attachment #13](#))
- B. As per the recommendation of the administration and Finance Committee, approve the agreement between the Northern Lehigh School District and Northwestern Lehigh School District to assign a food service supervisor on an hourly basis from July 1, 2021 until October 31, 2021, as per the attached agreement. **(Distributed to Board Members Only)**

X. FINANCIAL

- A. Approve the Following Financial [Reports](#):
 - 1. General Fund Account month of May, 2021
 - 2. NLHS Scholarship Account month of May 2021
 - 3. NLMS Student Activities/Clubs Account month of February 2021
 - 4. Cafeteria Fund month of May, 2021
- B. Approve the Following [List of Bills](#):
 - 1. General Fund months of May and June, 2021
 - 2. Cafeteria Fund months of May and June, 2021
- C. Allow business office to complete additional budgetary transfers for the 2020-2021 end of year audit.
- D. Appoint Willis Towers Watson as the district insurance broker for Property, Casualty, & Liability insurance for the 2021-2022 school year.
- E. Award insurance coverage for the 2021-2022 school year to the following companies:
 - 1. Commercial Package and Automobile (Vehicle Liability, General Liability Property Insurance and Boiler and Machinery) Graphic Arts Mutual (Utica) Insurance Company - \$96,207.00. The premium is an increase of \$5,490.00 over last year's rate.

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2. Commercial Umbrella Liability Insurance – Republic Franklin - \$16,858.00. The premium is a decrease of \$2,720.00 over last year's rate.
 3. School Leaders Error and Omissions Liability – American International Group, Inc. - \$31,000.00. The premium is an increase of \$476.00 over last year's rate.
 4. Law Enforcement Liability for School Police Officers – Greenwich Insurance Company - \$3,344.00. The premium is an increase of \$590.00 over last year's rates.
 5. Cyber Security Liability – ACE American - \$10,397.00. The premium is an increase of \$2,322.00 over last year's rates.
- F. Approve to renew the following expiring bonds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year through Willis of Pennsylvania, Inc., there is no increase over last year's rates:
1. A \$50,000 Board Secretary Bond for the term of July 1, 2021 to July 1, 2022 at an annual premium of \$175.00.
 2. A \$50,000 Board Treasurer Bond for the period July 1, 2021 to July 1, 2022 at an annual premium cost of \$269.00.
- G. Authorize the following financial institutions to act as approved depositories for school district funds and/or temporary investments. The Northern Lehigh School Board further authorizes the following financial institutions to transfer funds on deposit to any other bank for the credit of the Northern Lehigh School District. The Board further authorizes the Business Manager and/or Superintendent to enter into agreements, supplements or amendments to agreements to implement the foregoing operations for the 2021-2022 school year:
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| Neffs National Bank | Prudential-Bache Government Securities Trust |
| TD Wealth | Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT) |
- H. Approve to grant permission to the business office to pay general fund bills that are scheduled for payment during the month of July as required by contract. There is no scheduled board meeting in July.
- I. Approve to commit and/or assign portions of the June 30, 2021 fund balance for the following purposes (actual amounts to be determined after completion of the 2020-2021 end of year audit):
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| PSERS Increase | Replacement Equipment |
| Health Insurance Premiums | Long Range Maintenance |
| Technology | |
- J. School Physicians
- Approve to appoint Dr. Nicole Sully and Dr. Amy Gourniak of Parkland Family Health Center as school physicians for the 2021-2022 school year. The fee for grade level physicals will be \$20.00 per physical needed. Consultant services will be provided at no charge.

K. School Dentist

Approve to appoint Dr. Harry Shleifer of Broadway Family Dentistry as the school dentist for the 2021-2022 school year at the quoted fee of \$1.00 per dental exam needed.

L. Approve the awarding of fuel bids to the following companies with a contract period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022: ([Attachment #14](#))

UNLEADED GASOLINE TANK WAGON DELIVERY – Awarded to Talley Petroleum at

- a fixed price of \$2.1592 per gallon (item #16 on bid summary)

#2 GRADE FUEL OIL TANK TRANSPORT DELIVERY – Awarded to Talley Petroleum at

- a firm price of \$1.9873 per gallon (item #3 on bid summary)

#2 GRADE FUEL OIL TANK WAGON DELIVERY – Awarded to Talley Petroleum at

- a firm price of \$2.1768 per gallon (item #4 on bid summary)

BIO DIESEL FUEL TANK WAGON DELIVERY – Awarded to Talley Petroleum at

- a fixed price of \$2.2761 per gallon (item #8 on bid summary)

ANTI-GEL ADDITIVE FOR ULTRA LOW SULFUR DIESEL AND #2 HEATING OIL - Awarded to Talley Petroleum a fixed price of \$.0400 per gallon (item #22 on bid summary)

M. Approve the Supplemental Personnel Salary Schedule for the 2021-2022 school year as presented. ([Attachment #15](#))

N. Approve Preferred EAP as the district's employee assistance plan administrator beginning August 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023, at an estimated cost of \$1,500.00 per year. This amount is an estimated total; final cost is based on the total number of eligible employees.

There is no increase over last year's rates.

O. As per the recommendation of the administration, approve Read 180/System 44 as a replacement curriculum for students with Special Needs to be funded through Medical Access reimbursement at a cost of \$13,470.00 through August 20, 2024. ([Attachment #16](#))

P. Approve to authorize the renewal of PNC Benefit Plus as the Flexible Spending Account Administrator for medical and dependent care expenses, effective July 1, 2021, at a cost of \$3.50 per month per participant.

Q. Appoint School District's Insurance Consortium as the district's Workers' Compensation carrier for the 2021-2022 school year at an estimated premium of \$76,100.00, approximately an increase of \$10,612.00. This amount is an estimated total, final cost is based on actual payroll figures.

R. As per the recommendation of the administration and Education/Policy Committee, approve Imagine Learning for a three-year agreement from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2024 as an adaptive Literacy and Math Platform to address learning loss, at a cost of \$93,000, funding through the ESSER III grant. ([Attachment #17](#))S. As per the recommendation from the administration and Technology/Buildings and Grounds Committee, approve the purchase of five (5) Halo Fogger machines and HaloMist disinfectant at a cost of \$48,325.00, funding through the ESSER Grant. ([Attachment #18](#))

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- T. As per the recommendation from the administration and Technology/Buildings and Grounds Committee, approve the purchase of two (2) 20' x 40' Event Tents at a cost of \$55,037.60, funding through the ESSER Grant ([Attachment #19](#)).
- U. As per the recommendation from the administration and Technology/Buildings and Grounds Committee, approve the purchase of the Peters Elementary Playground Equipment through GameTime at a cost of \$87,844.90, funding through the General Fund ([Attachment #20](#)).
- V. As per the recommendation from the administration and Technology/Buildings and Grounds Committee, approve the purchase of a Double Drive Barrier Gate at the Northern Lehigh Middle School from Tri-Boro Fencing Contractors at a cost of \$5,213.00, funding through the PCCD Safety Grant. ([Attachment #21](#)).
- W. As per the recommendation from the administration and Technology/Buildings and Grounds Committee, approve the replacement purchase of a SCIFIT Pro 230 Machine from Advantage Sports & Fitness, Inc. at a cost of \$5,437.65, funding through the General Fund. ([Attachment #22](#))
- X. Upon final approval of the 2021-2022 Budget, approve a lease from California First National Bank 28 Executive Park, Suite 200, Irvine, CA 92612 for \$50,000 per year with a lease term of 36 months and a one (\$1) dollar buyout option at the end of the lease agreement. The lease will be used to purchase chromebooks and projectors. ([Attachment #23](#))
- Y. As per the recommendation from the administration and Technology/Buildings and Grounds Committee, approve the purchase of (9) BENQ Instashow wireless projection devices at a cost not to exceed \$9,237.60, funding through the ESSER Grant.
- Z. As per the recommendation from the administration and Technology/Buildings and Grounds Committee, approve the purchase of Adobe Creative Cloud Licenses for the 2021-2022 school year for the High School at a cost of \$2,460.00, funding through the ESSER Grant.
- AA. As per the recommendation from the administration and Technology/Buildings and Grounds Committee, approve the purchase of Lightspeed Classroom Management Licenses for the 2021-2022 school year for all grades at a cost of \$7,872.00, funding through the ESSER Grant.
- BB. As per the recommendation from the administration and Technology/Buildings and Grounds Committee, approve the purchase of (30) Charging Stations and (500) Power Adapters at a cost of \$37,415.50 (PEPPM), funding through the ESSER Grant. ([Attachment #24](#))
- CC. Election of Secretary

Election of a Secretary for a four (4) year term, as required by Section 404 of the Pennsylvania School Code of 1949, as amended.

RECOMMEND that the Board of Education elects _____ as Secretary for a four (4) year term, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025.

XI. ADOPTION OF GENERAL FUND FINAL BUDGET FOR 2021-2022

A. It is recommended that the Board of Education adopts the general fund final budget of the Northern Lehigh School District for the 2021-2022 school year in the amount of \$34,522,628.

1. Real estate tax rate on taxable real estate in the school district:

Lehigh County millage rate of _____ (\$_____ per \$100 Assessed Valuation (100% MV)
Northampton County millage rate of _____ (\$_____ per \$100 Assessed Valuation (50% MV).

2. A \$5.00 Resident Per Capita Tax, taxable on 18 year olds and over based on Section 679 of the School Code of 1949. No change from 2019-2020.

3. Taxes under Act 511 with no changes from 2020-2021:

- a. A 1% Earned Income Tax shared equally with coterminous municipalities.
- b. A Realty Transfer Tax shared equally with the coterminous municipalities.
- c. A \$5.00 Resident Per Capita Tax taxable on residents age 18 and over.
- d. A \$5.00 Local Service Tax (formerly Emergency and Municipal Services Tax)

B. Approve the following Homestead/Farmstead Resolution, as presented.

NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

2021 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution

RESOLVED, by the Board of School Directors of the Northern Lehigh School District, that homestead and farmstead exclusion real estate tax assessment reductions are authorized for the school year beginning July 1, 2021, under the provisions of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act (part of Act 50 of 1998) and the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006), as follows:

1. **Aggregate amount available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction.** The following amounts are available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction for the school year beginning July 1, 2021:

a. **Gambling tax funds.** The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has notified the School District that PDE will pay to the School District during the school year pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.505(b), as a property tax reduction allocation

funded by gambling tax funds, the amount of \$946,038.82 plus an additional \$0, which was undistributed school year beginning July 1, 2020, for a total amount of \$946,038.82.

b. **Philadelphia tax credit reimbursement funds.** PDE has notified the School District that PDE will pay to the School District during the school year pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.324(3), as reimbursement for Philadelphia tax credits claimed against the School District earned income tax by School District resident taxpayers, the amount of \$4,240.09.

c. **Aggregate amount available.** Adding these amounts, the aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction is \$950,278.91.

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2. **Homestead/farmstead numbers.** Pursuant to Act 50, 54 Pa. C.S. § 8584(i), and Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.341(g)(3), the County has provided the School District with a certified report listing approved homesteads and approved farmsteads as follows:
 - a. **Homestead property number.** The number of approved homesteads within the School District is 3,560.
 - b. **Farmstead property number.** The number of approved farmsteads within the School District is 20.
 - c. **Homestead/farmstead combined number.** Adding these numbers, the aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads is 3,580.
 3. **Real estate tax reduction calculation.** The school board has decided that the homestead exclusion amount and the farmstead exclusion amount shall be equal. Dividing the paragraph 1(c) aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction of \$950,278.91 by the paragraph 2(c) aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads of 3,580 (before considering the assessed value of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads having an assessed value below the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate assessed value reduction amount to be established as the homestead and farmstead exclusion amount), the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is \$265.44.

Based on calculations provided by the School District Business Office from the best available information and carefully evaluated by the School Board, considering the assessed value of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads having an assessed value below the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate assessed value reduction amount to be established as the homestead exclusion and the farmstead exclusion amount, an additional aggregate amount of \$15,275.62 will be available during the school year for real estate tax reduction applicable to approximately 3,414 homesteads and farmsteads, resulting in an additional real estate tax reduction amount available for each homestead and farmstead of \$4.47. Adding this additional amount to the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate tax reduction amount of \$265.44, the final maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is \$269.91.

4. **Homestead exclusion calculation.** Dividing the paragraph 3 maximum real estate tax reduction amount of \$269.91 by the School District real estate tax rate of _____ mills (_____) for Lehigh County and _____ mills (_____) for Northampton County, the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a homestead exclusion for each approved homestead is \$_____ for Lehigh County or \$_____ for Northampton County, and the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a farmstead exclusion for each approved farmstead is \$_____ for Lehigh County or \$_____ for Northampton County.
5. **Homestead/farmstead exclusion authorization – July 1 tax bills.** The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved homestead within the School District shall reflect a homestead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of: (a) the County-established assessed value of the homestead, or (b) the paragraph 4 maximum real estate assessed value reduction of \$_____ for Lehigh County or \$_____ for

Northampton County. The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved farmstead within the School District shall reflect an additional farmstead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of: (a) the County-established assessed value of the farmstead, or (b) the paragraph 4 maximum real estate assessed value reduction of \$_____ for Lehigh County or \$_____ for Northampton County. For purposes of this Resolution, "approved homestead" and "approved farmstead" shall mean homesteads and farmsteads listed in the report referred to in paragraph 2 above and received by the School District from the County Assessment Office on or before May 1 pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.341(g)(3), based on homestead/farmstead applications filed with the County Assessment Office on or before March 1. This paragraph 5 will apply to tax notices issued based on the initial tax duplicate used in issuing initial real estate tax notices for the school year, which will be issued on or promptly after July 1, and will not apply to interim real estate tax bills.

RECOMMENDATION That the Board of Education adopts the 2021-2022 Northern Lehigh School District Budget.

XII. LEGAL

Expulsion Hearing Waiver Approval

1. The Board agrees to expulsion hearing waiver for Student #2690195. Student and guardian have agreed to waive their right to a formal expulsion hearing in front of the School Board and have also agreed to disciplinary action outlined in the waiver.
2. The Board agrees to expulsion hearing waiver for Student #2390236. Student and guardian have agreed to waive their right to a formal expulsion hearing in front of the School Board and have also agreed to disciplinary action outlined in the waiver.
3. The Board agrees to expulsion hearing waiver for Student #2990069. Student and guardian have agreed to waive their right to a formal expulsion hearing in front of the School Board and have also agreed to disciplinary action outlined in the waiver.

XIV. CORRESPONDENCE

XV. INFORMATION

- A. Minutes of the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit 21 Board of Directors meeting held on [April 19, 2021](#).
- B. Minutes of the Lehigh Carbon Community College Board of Trustees meetings held on [March 4, 2021](#) and [April 1, 2021](#).
- C. Minutes of the Lehigh Career & Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee meeting held on [April 28, 2021](#).

XVI. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

XVII. ADJOURNMENT