

**NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Minutes**

**Slatington, PA
May 14, 2001**

PURPOSE The regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh School District Board of School Directors was called to order by the President, Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha, at 7:40 p.m. on Monday, May 14, 2001 in the gymnasium of 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., Mr. Jason M. Newhard, Mrs. Lynn C. Sechler, Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha (9)

Members absent: None (0)

Non-members present: Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Sr., Mrs. Lynne B. Fedorcha,, Dr. Linda Marcincin, Mrs. Karen Nicholas, Mr. John Hrizuk, Mr. David Papay, Mr. Robert Mack, Mr. Brian Geiger, Mr. Bernard Rockovich, Mrs. Doneta J. Merkle, Ms. Pamela Grammes, Ms. Lisa Vaughan

VISITORS Approximately six visitors attended the meeting, in addition to Sharon Minnich, reporter for The Times News and Elizabeth Bartolai, reporter for The Morning Call.

APPROVE MINUTES Motion was made by Mrs. Sechler, with a second made by Mrs. Geronikos, that the minutes of the regular school board meeting held on April 2, 2001 and the regular school board meeting held on April 9, 2001 be approved and ordered filed.

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

NAY: None (0)

SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS Lehigh Career & Technical Institute -- Mrs. Lynn C. Sechler
Dr. Clyde Hornberger, Director of the Lehigh Career and Technical Institute, and Mr. Randy Hensinger, LCTI Business Manager, gave a report to the board on the 2001-2002 LCTI budget and answered questions from board members about this budget.

Committee Reports and/or Meetings Board members and administrators received copies of the following committee minutes:
1. The Technology/Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting held on May 2, 2001.
2. The Policy/Education Committee meeting held on May 7, 2001.
3. The Finance Committee meeting held on April 30, 2001.

Student Rep. Report Ms. Lisa Vaughan and Ms. Pamela Grammes gave their Student Representative To The Board report for the month of May.

Legislative Report -- Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos
Mrs. Geronikos reported on legislation passed by the PA General Assembly during the past week. She also reported that the PA Department of Education passed a law mandating that all school districts in the Commonwealth would have to administer seals on their diplomas. Dr. Sham elaborated on this law and stated that he will ask our board to rescind the resolution they passed opposing administering diploma seals as a result of this action by the Department of Education.

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

Ms. Marlene Simock, advisor for the Sixth Sense Competition, introduced the team members and presented them with a certificate of recognition from the Board of Education.

Supt. Report (Con't.) Mr. Dave Ross, on behalf of the Board of the Northern Lehigh Community Center, approached the board to ask them whether they would consider making space available, on school district property, to build the community center (approximately 16,000 square feet in size). He asked that the district review all of the property it owns to see whether or not this would be feasible. The board expressed several concerns such as availability of land near the school buildings, liability, etc.; however they suggested that Mr. Brian Geiger supply Mr. Ross with a copy of the school district property blue prints.

Mr. Paul Pavelco attempted to give an energy conservation presentation to the board but was informed that solicitations by private enterprises was not allowed under Northern Lehigh School District board policy.

Executive Session An Executive Session was held prior to the meeting from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for personnel issues.

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

Co-Curricular Appointments for 2001-2002

Senior High Student Council Advisor – Robert Kern - \$1853.00

Employ Kyle Rehrig - Summer Maintenance Approve to authorize the Director of Buildings and Grounds to employ Kyle Rehrig as one of the ten summer custodial/maintenance employees for the summer of 2001 with an effective date of May 21, 2001, rather than the June 11, 2001 start date which was approved for summer maintenance/custodial employees on May 7, 2001.

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

NAY: None (0)

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

Conferences Approve the request of Sharon Hunsicker to attend a Bureau of Education and Research conference entitled "Practical Strategies" in Allentown on May 25, 2001. Expenses include \$169.00 for registration plus the cost of a substitute teacher for one day. This conference has been approved by the district Continuing Professional Education Committee and will be paid for through IDEA money.

Approve the request of Robert Mack to attend the "Lehigh University Middle Level Workshop: Putting the Pieces Together" from June 25-28, 2001 at Lehigh University in Bethlehem. Approximate expenses are \$1000.00 and have been accounted for in the 2000-2001 district budget.

NLMS Student Act. Fund Statement Approve the Northern Lehigh Middle School Student Activities Fund Statement for the month of April 2001.

NLHS Student Act. Fund Statement Approve the Northern Lehigh Senior High School Student Activities Fund Statement for the month of April 2001.

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

NAY: None (0)

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MathTextbooks

Motion made by Mr. Newhard, with a second by Mrs. Geronikos, that the Board of Education approve to adopt the math textbooks and materials as listed below. Samples of these textbooks and materials were available for perusal before and after the board meeting.

Title Of Book	Grade Levels	Company	Copyright Date
Harcourt Math	K-6	Harcourt, Inc.	2002

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

NAY: None (0)

FINANCIAL

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

Treasurer's
Report

Approve the report of the Treasurer, Mr. Cox, for the month of April 2001 as presented.

Reports
(Info Only)

All board members received the April 2001 Revenue and Expenditure Reports for the Cafeteria, General, and Capital Reserve Funds.

Pay General
Fund Bills

Approve payment of General Fund bills for the month of April 2001 as presented.

Washington
Township Per
Capita Tax
Enumerator

Appoint Seth Friebolin as the 2001-2002 Per Capita Tax Enumerator for Washington Township at a rate not to exceed \$2500, cost to be shared equally with the Northern Lehigh School District and Washington Township.

Legal Notice

Authorize the Secretary to publish a Legal Advertisement notifying every resident or inhabitant within the territorial limits of the school district of Northern Lehigh attaining 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 August 16, 1972, Act 138.

Solicit Bids

Approve to authorize proper officials to solicit bids for the replacement of the 7.5 ton HVAC unit for the Slatington Elementary library.

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

NAY: None (0)

Lehigh Career
And Technical
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2001-2001
Budget

Motion was made by Mrs. Sechler, with a second made by Mrs. Giles, that the Board of Education approve the Lehigh Career and Technical Institute budget for the 2001-2002 school year in the amount of \$12,013,800.00, an increase of \$248,086.00 or 2.11% over the 2000-2001. Northern Lehigh's share of the 2001-2002 budget is \$570,021.04, an increase of \$43,023.04 or 8.163% from the previous year.

It is also recommended that the Board of Education approve an additional \$3000.00 expenditure for the Public Relations Consortium at the Lehigh Career and Technical Institute. This figure is not included in our Member District Cost Calculation figures in the budget document.

ROLL CALL: YEA: Mr. Cox, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Newhard, Mrs. Sechler, Mr. Fedorcha (7)

NAY: Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Green (2)

Motion carried.

- Nominate Robert J. Cox As Treasurer Mr. Dorshimer nominated Mr. Robert J. Cox as Treasurer for the 2001-2002 fiscal year, as required by Section 404 of the Pennsylvania School Code of 1949, as amended. Mrs. Sechler seconded the motion.
- Close Nominations Motion made by Mr. Green, with a second made by Mr. Newhard to close the nominations for Treasurer for the fiscal year 2001-2002.
- YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mrs. Sechler, Mr. Fedorcha (9)
- NAY: None (0)
- Vote On Nomination YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mrs. Sechler, Mr. Fedorcha (9)
- NAY: None (0)
- Robert J. Cox Treasurer Mr. Robert J. Cox was unanimously elected as Treasurer of the Northern Lehigh School District Board of Education for the 2001-2002 fiscal year. There is no stipend attached to this position.
- Nominate Lori H. Geronikos As Secretary Mrs. Sechler nominated Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos as Secretary of the Northern Lehigh School District Board of Education for a four (4) year term, effective July 1, 2001. Mrs. Giles seconded the motion.
- Close Nominations Motion made by Mr. Dorshimer, with a second made by Mr. Cox, to close the nominations for Secretary for a four (4) year term, effective July 1, 2001.
- YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mrs. Sechler, Mr. Fedorcha (9)
- NAY: None (0)
- Vote On Nomination YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mrs. Sechler, Mr. Fedorcha (9)
- NAY: None (0)
- Lori H. Geronikos Secretary Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos was unanimously elected as Secretary of the Northern Lehigh School District Board of Education for a four (4) year term, effective July 1, 2001. There is no stipend attached to this position
- Recess President Fedorcha called for a short recess at 9:30 p.m. The board reconvened at 9:40 p.m.
- Budget Discussion Mr. Bernard Rockovich, business manager, presented the board with a preliminary budget presentation.
- Adopt NLSD 2001-2002 Tentative Budget Motion was made by Mr. Cox, with a second made by Mrs. Sechler, that the Board of Education adopt the tentative general fund budget of the Northern Lehigh School District for the 2001-2002 school year in the amount of \$18,842,805. This is an increase of \$915,415 or 5.1062% over last year's figures. The millage for Lehigh County residents in the tentative budget is 43.2 mills and the millage for Northampton County residents in the tentative budget is 38.89 mills.

- 1. A \$5.00 Resident Per Capital Tax, taxable on 18 year olds and over based on Section 679 of the School Code of 1949. No change from 2000-2001.
- 2. Taxes under Act 511 with no changes from 2000-2001
 - a. A 1% Earned Income Tax shared equally with coterminous municipalities.
 - b. A 1% Realty Transfer Tax shared equally with the coterminous municipalities.
 - c. A \$10.00 Resident Per Capita Tax, taxable on 18 year olds and over.
 - d. A \$10.00 Occupational Privilege Tax.

ROLL CALL: YEA: Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Giles, Mrs. Sechler, Mr. Cox, Mr. Fedorcha (6)
 NAY: Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard (3)

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

The district received notice from the Department of the Auditor General that they will be conducting their mandated audit.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Mr. Art George, representing NLYAA Youth Soccer, asked if the athletic field area was still on schedule to be presented at a special board meeting on June 25, 2001. He also asked if the district had a contingency plan for a soccer program if additional money is not sought.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Cox, with a second made by Mr. Dorshimer, that the regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors be adjourned at 11:10 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