

NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Minutes

Slatington, PA
March 11, 2002

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 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 11, 2002 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. Lauren A. Ganser, Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos, Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr., Mr. Jason M. Newhard, Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha (8)

Members absent: Mrs. Sheryl A. Giles (1)

Non-members present: Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Sr., Mrs. Lynne B. Fedorcha, Mr. Christopher Iacobelli, Dr. Linda Marcincin, Mr. John Hrizuk, Mr. David Papay, Mr. Robert Mack, Mr. Brian Geiger, Mr. Bernard Rockovich, Mr. Jeffrey Bachman, Ms. Laurie Newman, Pamela Grammes (arrived at 7:40 p.m.), Nicholas Sander, and Doneta Merkle.

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

APPROVE MINUTES A motion was made by Mr. Dorshimer, with a second made by Mrs. Geronikos, that the minutes of the regular school board meeting held on February 4, 2002 and the regular school board meeting held on February 11, 2002 be approved and ordered filed.

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green
Mr. Newhard, Mr. Fedorcha (8)

NAY: None (0)

SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS

Committee Reports and/or Meetings All board members received a copy of the minutes of the Technology/Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting held on March 6, 2002.

Student Representatives To The Board Report - Ms. Pamela Grammes and Mr. Nicholas J. Sander gave their reports for the month of March.

Federal and Other Programs -- Mrs. Lynne B. Fedorcha
Mrs. Fedorcha highlighted several items in the written Administrative Assistant report, which was distributed to all board members and administrators.

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

Dr. Sham publicly made the following announcements:

1. The April 1 school board meeting will be held in the senior high school instead of the middle school.
2. The April Technology/Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting has been moved from Wednesday, April 3 to Thursday, April 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the boardroom.
3. The Policy/Education Committee meeting has been moved from Monday, March 18 to Wednesday, March 20.
4. He reminded all board members about the CLIU School Board Member Conference which will be held on April 3 at the Days Inn in Allentown.

Mr. Bernard Rockovich, business manager, addressed the board with a very preliminary presentation of the 2002-2003 Preliminary Budget.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An Executive Session was held at 7:00 p.m. preceding the meeting for personnel and legal issues.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mrs. Escott, with a second made by Mrs. Geronikos that the Board of Education approve the following personnel items:

Appointment
Non-Instructional

Judith K. Wagner
Assignment: Special Education Aide in the senior high school, replacing Marsha O'Brian, who resigned.
Salary: \$8.64 Per Hour/6 ½ Hours Per Day/5 Days Per Week
Effective Date: March 12, 2002

Unpaid
Volunteer
Aide

Approve the following individual as an unpaid volunteer aide in the middle school for the 2001-2002 school year: Janet Berger

Head Varsity
Girls' Soccer
Coach

Approve to appoint Rebecca Landis to the position of Head Varsity Girls' Soccer Coach for the Spring 2003 season at a stipend of \$4500.

Head Varsity
Boys' Soccer
Coach

Approve to appoint Scott Mang to the position of Head Varsity Boys' Soccer Coach for the Fall 2002 season at a stipend of \$4500.

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

POLICY

A motion was made by Mr. Green, with a second made by Mr. Newhard, that the Board of Education approve the following items listed under Policy:

Conferences

Approve the request of Rhonda Frantz to attend the Attendance/Child Accounting Professional Association Spring Conference on April 17-19, 2002 in Hershey, PA. Expenses include \$135.00 for registration, \$50.00 for travel, \$384.00 for lodging for a total cost of \$569.00 and was included in the 2001-2002 district budget.

Approve the request of Paul Leonzi to attend a Foundations Behavioral health conference in Horsham on April 18, 2002. Expenses for this conference include \$75.00 for registration, \$36.00 for travel for a total cost of \$111.00 and will be paid for through IDEA funds.

Approve the request of Jane Englert to attend the PA School Librarians Association conference in Hershey, PA from April 18 –20, 2002. Expenses include \$165.00 for registration, \$187.50 for lodging for a total of \$352.50 plus the cost of a substitute for one day and was included in the 2001-2002 high school budget.

NLMS Student
Activity Acct.
Fund Statement

Approve the Northern Lehigh Middle School Student Activities Account Fund Statement for the month of February 2002.

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

CURRICULUM INSTRUCTION A motion was made by Mrs. Geronikos, with a second made by Mrs. Escott, that the Board of Education approve the middle school plan in the amount of \$223,869.00 as outlined in the March 4, 2002 school board meeting.

ROLL CALL: YEA: Mr. Cox, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green,
Mr. Newhard, Mr. Fedorcha (7)
NAY: Mr. Dorshimer (1)

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Mr. Green, with a second made by Mrs. Escott, that the Board of Education approve the contract with Laidlaw Transportation to employ an aide to ride on Bus 11, a Slatington Elementary Kindergarten run, at a cost of \$20.00 per day through the end of the 2001-2002 school year.

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos,
Mr. Newhard, Mr. Fedorcha (7)
NAY: Mr. Green (1)

Motion carried.

Mrs. Geronikos asked whether the renovations to the stadium bleachers/press box would be done during the summer.

FINANCIAL

A motion was made by Mr. Cox, with a second made by Mrs. Ganser, that the Board of Education approve the following financial items:

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| Treasurer's Report | Approve the report of the Treasurer, Mr. Cox, for the month of February 2002, as presented. |
| Reports (Info Only) | All board members received the February 2002 Revenue and Expenditure Reports for the Cafeteria, General, and Capital Reserve Funds. |
| General Fund Bills | Approve payment of General Fund bills for the month of February 2002, as presented. |
| Architectural Studio To Provide Services For New Middle School Roof | Approve to have The Architectural Studio provide the services necessary for the installation of a new roof at the Northern Lehigh Middle School. Compensation is to be based upon the fees of the Owners/Architect Contract dated March 17, 1999. It is further understood that the services provided under the motion of February 11, 2002, to "work with and coordinate the roof work" are to be included within these fees. |
| Correctly Record Transfer Of Funds from General Fund to Capital Reserve Fund | Approve to eliminate the \$563,975.24 loan from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve One Fund and correctly record the transaction as a transfer of funds as approved by Board Resolution at the September 8, 1998 meeting. The effect of this transaction will be to eliminate the \$563,975.24 account receivable in the General Fund and the \$563,975.24 account payable in the Capital Reserve One Fund. Furthermore, the Unreserved General Fund Balance will be reduced by \$563,975.24 from the current \$1,072,772 to \$508,796.76. |
| Contract With Slatington Borough To Collect Real Estate & Per Capita Tax | Approve the contract to collect real estate and per capita tax for Slatington Borough.
YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green
Mr. Newhard, Mr. Fedorcha (8)
NAY: None (0) |

Lehigh Carbon Community College 2003 A motion was made by Mr. Dorshimer, with a second made by Mr. Green, that the Board of Education approve a Resolution regarding the 2002-2003 Lehigh Carbon Community College Capital and Operating Budget. Total expenditures amount to \$21,193,451.00, an increase of 2002-2003 \$1,127,940.00 – or 5.62 % over the 2001-2002 budget. Northern Lehigh’s share is estimated to be \$143,438.00 – a decrease of \$30,417.00 or 17.50%.

YEA: Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos,
 Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mr. Fedorcha (7)
 NAY: None (0)
 ABSTAIN: Mr. Cox (1)

**INFORM-
 ATION** All board members received a copy of the minutes of the Lehigh Carbon Community College Board of Trustees meeting held on February 7, 2002.

**ADJOURN-
 MENT** A motion was made by Mrs. Geronikos, with a second made by Mrs. Ganser, that the regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of Education be adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jane J. Escott
 Secretary

ATTEST: _____ President
 Gary S. Fedorcha