

**NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Minutes**

**Slatington, PA
June 13, 2005**

PURPOSE The regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors was called to order by the President, Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr., at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, June 13, 2005 in the boardroom located in the Slatington Elementary School.

ROLL CALL Members present: Mr. Franklin D. Beers, Mr. Robert J. Cox, Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer, Mr. Raymond J. Follweiler, Jr., Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos, Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr. (6)

Members absent: Mrs. Susan H. Fullas, Mrs. Lauren A. Ganser (arrived at 7:42 p.m.), Mr. William H. Hazzard (3)

Non-members present: Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Sr., Mrs. Lynne Fedorcha, Mr. Philip Bertolino, Mr. Robert Kern, Dr. Linda Marcincin, Mrs. Karen Nicholas, Mr. John Hrizuk, Mr. David Papay, Mr. Robert Mack, Mr. Brian Geiger, Ms. Christine Stafford, Mr. Jeffrey Bachman, Mrs. Laurie Newman-Mankos, Ms. Ashley Kunkle, Ms. Jessica Fidler, and Mrs. Doneta Merkle

VISITORS Approximately 6 visitors attended the meeting, in addition to Joel Kern, reporter for The Times News and Terry Ahner, reporter for The Chronicle.

APPROVAL MINUTES Mr. Dorshimer made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Follweiler, that the minutes of the regular school board meeting held on May 2, 2005 and the regular school board meeting held on May 9, 2005 be approved and ordered filed.

YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green (6)
NAY: None (0)

SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS Student Representatives Report -- Ms. Ashley Kunkle and Ms. Jessica Fidler distributed a written report and reported on its contents.

Dr. Sham presented Ashley Kunkle with a clock and thanked her for serving the last two years as the student representative to the board. He wished her well in her future endeavors.

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

Highmark Blue Shield Grant Presentation – The district was presented with a check in the amount of \$10,000 for a grant they received for Slatington Elementary School. This money will be used to concentrate on healthy eating habits and address the importance of exercise. It will be tied into Peters Elementary School as well.

Head Start Pre-School Program – Dr. Sham announced that the district recently observed their first year celebration of the district's Head Start Program. This has been a collaborative program between Head Start and Northern Lehigh School District. Pat Levin, Executive Director of Community Services for Children addressed the board.

Wrestling Singlets Dr. Sham asked for direction, on behalf of the Athletic Director, how the district should handle purchasing the singlets for the wrestling team who made it to the State Competition.

To follow past practice with other state championship teams, Mr. Follweiler made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Beers, that the Board of Education approves to purchase the singlets for the championship wrestling team. The money to pay for these singlets will be taken from the General Fund with a maximum cost not to exceed \$1000.00.

YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green (6)
NAY: None (0)

Dr. Sham acknowledged Mr. Robert Mack, middle school principal, who is attending his last

school board meeting. He acknowledged his outstanding service to the district. He will be missed tremendously.

An Executive Session was held after the meeting to discuss negotiations.

Mr. Green requested permission to advertise for a special meeting to hire a senior high school assistant principal, and for general purposes on July 11, 2005.

Mr. Green also asked for volunteers from the board to serve on the interview committee for the high school assistant principal. First round interviews are scheduled for June 22 and 23 from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. The second round interviews will be held on June 30.

Mr. Green distributed superintendent evaluation forms to all board members and administrators. He asked that the completed forms be returned to him by July 4 in the self addressed envelope provided. A suggestion was made last year that the evaluation forms should be signed. Several board members were uncomfortable with signing the evaluation form.

PERSONNEL
Appointment
Non-Instructional

Mr. Cox made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Beers, that the Board of Education approves the following personnel items:

Ann Stoss*
Assignment Cafeteria General Service/Cook Helper
Peters Elementary School, replacing Carol Rose, who retired.
Salary: \$7.50 Per Hour/5 Hours Per Day
Effective Date: 2005-2006 School Year
*60-Day Probationary Period

Middle School Co-Curricular Appointment for 2005-2006

Middle School Boys Interscholastic Basketball – George Weaver -- \$2806.00

YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser,
Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green (7)

NAY: None (0)

POLICY

Mrs. Geronikos made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Cox, that the Board of Education approves the following policy items:

Conferences

Dawn Mayer – Title I Teacher – K-6 Literacy Academy (Comprehension Vocabulary Conference & Vocabulary Instruction Conference) – Sponsored by CLIU – August 11, 12, 2005. Total Approximate Cost -- \$150.00. Title I Funds

Dawn Wadsworth – School Psychologist – Data Coaches Certification Conference – Sponsored by IU 13 – August 1-5, 2005 – Total Approximate Cost -- \$1929.00 -- \$1199.00 registration, \$50.00 travel, meals \$75.00, lodging \$605.00. 2005-2006 School Psychologist Budget

John Hrizuk – Getting to One Leadership Summit – Sponsored by PDE – July 17, 18, 19, 2005. Total approximate cost: \$200 which includes lodging and food. Title IID Funds.

Doug Reynolds – high school librarian – Getting to One Leadership Summit – Sponsored by PDE – July 17, 18, 19, 2005. Total approximate cost: \$200 which includes lodging and food. Title IID Funds.

Lynne Fedorcha – Getting to One Leadership Summit – Sponsored by PDE – July 17, 18, 19, 2005. Total approximate cost: \$200 which includes lodging and food. Title IID Funds.

POLICY

Approve to send a team of teachers to the High Schools That Works Conference from

(Con't.) July 13-16, 2005 at a cost of \$7249.28. This trip will be funded through Title II A funds and Lehigh Career and Technical Institute.

Increase Athletic Event Tickets Approve to increase the price of athletic tickets for all district athletic events where tickets are sold to \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students at regular games, and \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students for Monday night games and approve to eliminate the sale of season tickets for all athletic events in the district.

YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser,
Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green (7)

NAY: None (0)

HSTW Conference A motion was made by Mrs. Geronikos, which was seconded by Mrs. Ganser, that the Board of Education approves to send Robert Kern, Catherine Farole, Beth Case, Terri Cinnicola, Chris Leslie, Roxanne Sagala, Jodi Wieand, Christina Dieter, Sandra Becker and Susan Bowser to the High Schools That Works Conference from July 13-16, 2005 at a cost of \$7249.28. This trip will be funded through Title II A funds and Lehigh Career and Technical Institute.

YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser,
Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green (7)

NAY: None (0)

**CURRIC-
ULUM AND** Mrs. Ganser made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Geronikos, that the Board of Education approves the following items listed under Curriculum and Instruction:

**INSTRUC-
TION**

Approve the purchase of seventh grade world history textbook, *History of Our World, The Early Ages*, copyright 2005, by Prentice Hall, to replace *The Pageant of World History*, copyright 1990. The textbook incorporates research-based reading instruction to make content accessible to students of all reading levels and is aligned with PA History and Geography Standards and Northern Lehigh's World Cultures Grade 7 curriculum. Specific strategies for modifying instruction are provided and content is delivered through a variety of formats, including print, audio, and transparencies. Teacher resource materials and ancillary resources are being provided at no charge. The total cost for 190 textbooks is \$10254.30 including shipping and handling. This is part of the 2005-06 textbook budget.

Approve the purchase of seventh and eighth grade science textbooks, *Science Explorer series 2005* by Prentice Hall, to replace *Merril Focus on Life Science*, copyright 1985, by Glencoe, and *Holt Earth Science*, copyright 1997, by Glencoe. The new series is aligned with PA Math, RWSL, Science & Technology, and Environment & Ecology Standards and supports Northern Lehigh's middle school science curriculum. Specific strategies for modifying instruction are provided and content is delivered through a variety of formats, including print, audio, and transparencies. Teacher resource materials and ancillary resources are being provided at no charge. The total cost for all textbooks for two grade levels is \$9,053. This is part of the 2005-06 textbook budget.

YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser,
Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green (7)

NAY: None (0)

OLD With regard to the action at the June 6 school board meeting which dealt his Mr. Dorshimer

BUSINESS being removed from the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Board of Directors, Mr. Dorshimer requested to have either a hearing or an opinion from the district's solicitor's office as to where under the school code it was legal to remove him from the CLIU Board.

Mr. Cox indicated that the reason Mr. Dorshimer was removed is clear and he felt that school district dollars should not be wasted on this issue.

**NEW
BUSINESS**

Mr. Beers indicated that he has been contacted by teachers out at Peters Elementary School who told him they still have a problem with the air quality in the building.

Mrs. Ganser wanted clarification on the teachers that the district is going to hire for the new full day kindergarten program. She asked if the accountability block grant is not granted in future years, is the district obligated to keep jobs for the new teachers we are hiring. Dr. Sham informed her that if it would be the board's decision to go from full day kindergarten back to half day kindergarten, that would be a viable reason to reduce staff.

Mr. Dorshimer asked where the administration is with the Point of Service project.

FINANCIAL

Mr. Beers made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Cox, that the Board of Education approves the following financial items:

Treasurer's
Report

Approve the report of the Treasurer, Mr. Cox, as presented, for the month of May 2005.

Reports
(Info Only)

All board members received the May 2005 Expenditure Reports for the Cafeteria, General and Capital Reserve Funds.

General
Fund Bills

Approve payment of General Fund bills for the months of May and June 2005.

Budgetary
Transfers

Approve budgetary transfers for fiscal year 2004-2005 as presented.

NLMS
Student
Activities
Fund
Statement

Approve the Northern Lehigh Middle School Student Activities Account Fund Statement for the month of May, 2005.

NL Refresh-
ment Stand
Financial
Report

Approve the Northern Lehigh Refreshment Stand Financial Report for month ended May 31, 2005 as presented.

NL Sports
Account
Financial
Report

Approve the Northern Lehigh Sports Accounts Financial Report for the month ended May 31, 2005 as presented.

Lease Desk-
top Com-
puters

Approve the lease of one hundred and seventy four (174) desktop computers, to replace the existing outdated classroom computers in the High School and Middle School, from California First Leasing Corporation 18201 Von Karman Avenue, Suite 800 Irvine, CA 92612 for \$42, 000 per year with a lease term of 48 months and a one (\$1) dollar buyout option at end of the lease. Funds to come from the 2005-2006 Technology Budget.

FINANCIAL
(Con't.)

Student
Accident
Insurance

Appoint Mid-Penn Insurance Associates as the 2005-2006 Student Accident and Athletic Insurance carriers. The renewal rate is \$5714.00, a decrease of \$301.00 over last year, to include all interscholastic sports, band, and cheerleading. Voluntary school coverage is \$22.00 for the school time rate and \$88.00 for the 24-hour rate, the same as 2004-2005

YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser,
Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green (7)
NAY: None (0)

**CORRES-
PONDENCE**

Mrs. Ganser asked if all board members received a copy of a piece of correspondence she requested regarding a personnel issue. She would like to have all board members receive a copy of it.

**INFORM-
ATION**

All board members received a copy of the minutes of the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit Board of Directors meeting held on April 7, 2005.

**RECOG-
NITION OF
GUESTS**

Donna Kulp – Washington Township – She asked if there was any way to indicate what percent of the budget is being spent when an item appears on the agenda.

**ADJOURN-
MENT**

Mr. Beers made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Geronikos, that the regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh School District Board of Directors be adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan C. Dorshimer
Secretary

ATTEST: _____ President
Mathias J. Green, Jr.