

**NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Regular School Board Meeting**  
**Monday, April 2, 2007**  
**Northern Lehigh Middle School**  
**7:30 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 MEETINGS**

- A. Regular school board meeting held on March 5, 2007.
- B. Regular school board meeting held on March 12, 2007.

**III. SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS**

- A. Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit ..... Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer
- B. Lehigh Career and Technical Institute ..... Mrs. Sheryl A. Giles
- C. Legislative Report ..... Mr. Gregory S. Williams
- D. Lehigh Carbon Community College ..... Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr.
- E. Committee Reports and/or Meetings
  - Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held on March 5, 2007. **(Attachment #1)**
  - Minutes of the Technology/Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting held on March 7, 2007. **(Attachment #2)**
  - Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on March 7, 2007. **(Attachment #3)**
- F. Student Representatives to the Board Report ..... Mr. Nathan Hunsicker  
Ms. Rachael Parisi
- G. Solicitor's Report ..... Attorney Charles Stopp
- H. Federal and Other Programs Update ..... Mrs. Lynne B. Fedorcha
- I. Business Manager's Report ..... Mrs. Lisa A. Blank
- J. Superintendent's Report ..... Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Sr.
  - Next Board Meeting will be Tuesday April 10, 2007 in Slatington Elementary Board Room
  - Memo concerning upcoming tax referendum
- K. An executive session will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Faculty Room.

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 IV. PERSONNEL


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A. Administrative Transfer

Beverly Rupert

From: Custodian – Afternoon Shift Fulltime Position  
Peters Elementary School

To: Custodian - Afternoon Shift Fulltime Position  
Senior High School, replacing James Brown who retired

Effective Date: March 16, 2007

B. Nomination for Appointment

Rodney Hausman

Assignment: Custodian – Afternoon Shift Fulltime Position  
Peters Elementary School - Replacing Beverly Rupert who was  
administratively transferred to the Senior High School

Salary: \$8.25 Per Hour/8 Hours Per Day/5 Days Per Week  
(2005-2009 ESPA Collective Bargaining Agreement)

Effective Date: March 16, 2007

C. Co-curricular Appointment 2006-2007

Joseph Tout	Senior High School Spring Intramural – Weightlifting	\$758.83
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D. Co-Curricular Appointments 2007-2008

Approve to remove from the table the Co-Curricular Appointments for 2007-2008 that were tabled at the December 20, 2006 regular school board meeting and pulled from the March 5, 2007 regular school board meeting agenda:

Joe Tout	Head Football Coach	\$6,543.21
Steve Hluschak	Assistant Football Coach	\$4,252.45
Mark Hoffman	Assistant Football Coach	\$4,252.45
Doug Reynolds	Assistant Football Coach	\$4,252.45
Dan Blazosky	Assistant Football Coach	\$4,252.45
Chad Henritzy	Assistant Football Coach	\$4,252.45
Mark Lavine	Assistant Football Coach	\$4,252.45 Shared Stipend
Andrew Lynn	Assistant Football Coach	\$4,252.45 Shared Stipend
Jess Schoenberger	Head Field Hockey Coach	\$3,920.19
Kelly Follweiler	Assistant Field Hockey Coach	\$2,547.65
Dave Oertner	Head Cross Country Coach	\$3,920.19
Beth Case	Assistant Cross Country Coach	\$2,547.65
John Sitaras	Head Boys Soccer Coach	\$4,729.54

E. Resignations

1. Accept the resignation of Susanne Christman from her position as cook's helper in the Peters Elementary School, effective the last day of cafeteria operations in the 2006/2007 school year, at which time she will begin her retirement from Northern Lehigh School District after 26 years of service.
2. Accept the resignation of Mary Anne Shafer from her position as English Teacher in the Middle School, effective the last teacher day of the 2006/2007 school year, at which time she will begin her retirement from Northern Lehigh School District after 32 years of service.

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3. Accept the resignation of George Weaver from his position as English Teacher in the Middle School, effective the last teacher day of the 2006/2007 school year, at which time he will begin his retirement from Northern Lehigh School District after 32 years of service.

## V. CONFERENCES

- A. Tracy Hoffman – Mommy, I Don't Feel So Good! – Pediatric Problems, Emergencies & Lab Interpretation – May 3, 2007 – Allentown, PA – Registration: \$159.00 - Total Approximate Cost: \$159.00 – Funding: Staff Development Slatington Elementary Budget **(Attachment #4)**
- B. Janelle Reiser – Mommy, I Don't Feel So Good! – Pediatric Problems, Emergencies & Lab Interpretation – May 3, 2007 – Allentown, PA – Registration: \$159.00 - Total Approximate Cost: \$159.00 – Funding: Staff Development Peters Elementary Budget **(Attachment #4)**
- C. Maria Pinnata - The IDEA Today: The Latest and Greatest – May 11, 2007 – Lehigh University Bethlehem, PA – Registration: \$145.00 – Total Approximate Cost: \$145.00 - Funding: Administration Staff Development Budget **(Attachment #5)**
- D. Aileen Yadush – Rigor and Relevance for All High School Students – April 4, 2007 – Hershey, PA – Lodging: \$151.51 - Total Approximate Cost: \$151.51 – Funding: Administration Staff Development Budget **(Attachment #6)**
- E. Jill Chamberlain – 2006 Safe Schools Conference – April 30, 2007 – May 2, 2007 – Harrisburg, PA – Lodging: \$372.78 - Total Approximate Cost: \$372.78 – Funding: Title IV Safe and Drug Free Schools **(Attachment #7)**
- F. High Schools That Works Conference  
  
Approve to send five teachers and one administrator to the High Schools That Works Conference in New Orleans, LA from July 11-14, 2007 at a cost not to exceed \$6845.00. Expenses for the district administrator will be paid for by a grant through Lehigh Career and Technical Institute.

## VI. POLICY

- A. Board Policy – Second Reading
  1. Approve revisions to existing school board policy #100 – Strategic Plan, as presented after second reading. **(Attachment #8)**
- B. Homebound Instruction
  1. It is recommended that the Board of Education grant continued homebound instruction for a 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Student, Student No.74500, for five hours per week until the end of the 2006-2007 school year.
  2. It is recommended that the Board of Education grant continued homebound instruction for an 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Student, Student No.862500, for five hours per week continuing until May 20, 2007.

### C. Field Trips

1. National Honor Society – New York City – April 7, 2007 – Funded by students.
2. Biology I Class – Philadelphia Zoo – May 15, 2007 – Funded by students and School District Budget.

D. Resolution No Child Left Behind Improvements 2007

Approve the proposed resolution supporting the passage of the No Child Left Behind Improvements of 2007 as presented:

**WHEREAS**, on January 8, 2002, President Bush signed into law the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001, which applies to all school districts and schools within states that accept federal Title I dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors supports the goals of NCLB of raising student achievement; closing the achievement gap; and ensuring that each child has a highly qualified teacher; and

**WHEREAS**, the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors continues to welcome the accountability for improving student and school performance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors has had four years of operational experience in implementing NCLB and;

**WHEREAS**, the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors has identified improvements that could be made to NCLB that would eliminate barriers to full implementation of the federal law; and

**WHEREAS**, the National School Boards Association (NSBA) developed draft legislation based on input from local school boards across the nation that would address the concerns of local school boards, and improve the implementation of NCLB; and

**WHEREAS**, in April 2006 the NSBA Delegate Assembly re-affirmed its support of federal legislation that is consistent with the NSBA draft legislation, and

**WHEREAS**, in January 2007 Representative Don Young (R-AK) re-introduced legislation, the No Child Left Behind Improvements Act of 2007, H.R. 648, that is consistent with the NSBA draft legislation; now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors urges Congressman Charles Dent to fully support H.R. 648 by becoming a co-sponsor of the bill, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors seeks the support of local community and civic leaders and appropriate members of the Pennsylvania State Legislature in encouraging Congressman Charles Dent to become a co-sponsor of H.R. 648, and be it finally

**RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be sent to members of the Pennsylvania U.S. congressional delegation, the governor, the members of the Pennsylvania State Legislature, local public governing officials, and the Secretary of Education, Dr. Gerald L. Zahorchak.

E. Resolution For Act 4

1. Approve to remove from the table the following resolution which was tabled at the March 12, 2007 Regular School Board Meeting:

**RESOLUTION-EXEMPTING CERTAIN OPEN SPACE REAL  
PROPERTY FROM FURTHER MILLAGE INCREASES  
IMPOSE ON REAL PROPERTY**

**WHEREAS**, Northern Lehigh School District (hereinafter the "School District") recognized the importance of preserving open space and conserving natural resources located within the boundaries of the School District, including farmland and forests, and allowing more dense future development to occur in other areas; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 19, 1968, the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, enacted Act No. 442, P.L. 992 of 1967, as amended by Act No. 153 of 1996, as amended by Act No. 4 of 2006 (hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Act"), for purposes of acquiring and preserving open space property within the Commonwealth; and

**WHEREAS**, under the provisions of the Act, the governing bodies, including a school district, of each taxing district that imposes a tax on certain categories of real property being used for open space purposes may provide for exemption from further millage increases on such property by ordinance or resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the School District desires to encourage the acquisition and preservation of open space and agricultural real property located within the boundaries of the School District by adoption of a resolution providing exemption from further millage increases imposed on such real property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The following real property is hereby exempt from further millage increase imposed on such real property:

- (1) Real property in which the open space property interests have been acquired by a local government unit in accordance with the Act;
- (2) Real property that is subject to an easement acquired in accordance with the Act of June 30, 1981 (P.L. 128, No. 43) 3 P.S. Section 901 et seq., known as the "Agricultural Area Security Law"; and
- (3) Real property from which "transferable development rights" (TDR's) have been transferred and retired by a local government unit without their development potential having occurred on other lands:

And provided that the exemption from further millage increases for real property as provided for in clauses (1), (2) or (3) of Section 1 of the Resolution shall be authorized only for real property qualifying for such exemption under the provisions of Section 2(b)(1) of Article VIII of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

Section 2. The millage freeze authorized by the Resolution shall apply to all eligible real property, whether the real property met the criteria of this Resolution prior to or subsequent to the effective date hereof. For prior acquisitions, the date on which the millage rate shall be frozen shall be the effective date of this Resolution. For subsequent

acquisitions, the date on which the millage rate shall be frozen shall be the date the local government unit completes the acquisition under clauses (1), (2) or (3) of Section 1

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heremabove. The Lehigh County Agricultural Land Preservation Board (hereinafter the "Board") and the Borough of Slatington and the Township of Washington (hereinafter collectively the "Local Municipalities") shall give the School District prompt written notice of

any real properties that have been acquired and are eligible for the freeze or which become eligible for the freeze by submitting to the School District a true and correct copy of the Deed, recorded at the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Lehigh County, reflecting the open space interest acquisition. Failure of the Board and the Local Municipalities to properly include real property otherwise eligible for the freeze will cause loss of exemption for that real property for the next succeeding school year. Upon receipt of such notice, the School District shall in turn give prompt notice to the appropriate tax collection agent of the exact amount of the millage, the date it was frozen, and each parcel to which the freeze applies. The exemptions granted under this Resolution shall not be considered by the State Tax

Equalization Board in deriving the market value of School District real property so as to reduce the subsidy to the School District or to increase the subsidy to any other school district.

Section 3. Any real property otherwise eligible for exemption hereunder may be released from exemption upon written request of the owner delivered to the School District and the other governing bodies of each taxing district authorizing exemption on or before the real estate tax levy in any school year.

Section 4. The School District may repeal this Resolution at any time; provided, however, that any real property which is subject to the freeze when the Resolution is repealed shall thereafter continue to be frozen, but only for so long as the properties otherwise continue to be eligible for exemption under the Act.

Section 5. This Resolution shall become effective only if the governing body of each taxing district, i.e., Lehigh County and either the Borough of Slatington or Washington Township, that imposes a tax on the real property approves the exemption by adoption of an ordinance authorizing such exemption and, if so, on the date the last of the required ordinances becomes effective.

## **VII. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

- A. Approve the 2007-2008 Northern Lehigh School District School Calendar as presented. (Attachment#9)
- B. Approve to authorize proper officials to ratify a contractual agreement between the Northern Lehigh School district and the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21 to continue the Driver Education Program in our district at a cost of \$2,100.00 effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. There is no increase in the cost of the program over last year. (Attachment#10)

## **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

## **X. FINANCIAL**

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- A. Approve the Arthurs Lestrangle Cash Management Portfolio for the months of January and February 2007. (Attachment #11)
  
  - B. Approve to award Duane Moyer Well Drilling, Inc as winning bid on Peters Elementary Potable Well Casing Extension Project at a cost of \$3,891.64. Work on this project will take place over the Easter break.

**XI. LEGAL**

**XII. CORRESPONDENCE**

**XIII. INFORMATION**

- A. Minutes of the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit 21 Board of Directors meeting held on February 19, 2007.
  
- B. Minutes of the Lehigh Career & Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee meeting held on February 28, 2007 and the LCTI Director's Report for March 2007.

**XIV. BUDGET DISCUSSION**

**XV. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS**

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT,**