

**NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Board Minutes**

**Slatington, PA**  
**September 8, 2008**

**PURPOSE**

The regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors was called to order by the President, Mr. Edward E. Hartman, at 7:31 p.m. on Monday, September 8, 2008 in the boardroom located in the Slatington Elementary School.

**ROLL CALL**

Members present: Mr. Donald H. Dengler, Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer, Mr. Raymond J. Follweiler, Jr., Mrs. Lauren A. Ganser, Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos, Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr., Mrs. Donna M. Kulp, Mr. Gregory S. Williams, Mr. Edward E. Hartman (9)

Members absent: None (0)

Non-members present: Mr. Donald Allen, Mr. Jeffrey Bachman, Mrs. Jill Chamberlain, Mr. Greg Derr, Mrs. Lynne B. Fedorcha, Mr. John Hrizuk, Dr. Linda Marcincin, Mr. Michael Michaels, Mrs. Laurie Newman-Mankos, Mrs. Karen Nicholas, Mrs. Heather Rehrig, Mrs. Diane Ruff, Mr. Michael Showak (Student Rep.), Ms. Taylor Trapp (Student Rep.), Mrs. Dawn Wadsworth, Mrs. Aileen Yadush and Mrs. Sherri A. Molitoris.

**VISITORS**

Approximately five visitors attended the meeting in addition to Terry Ahner reporter for The Times News and Andrew Martel from The Morning Call.

**SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS**

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Legislative Report – Mr. Gregory S. Williams reported that the state General Assembly is to return from recess next week. On the national level, Senators Obama and McCain have not talked much on specifics on education policy. Senator McCain did vote in favor of the implementation of the No Child Left Behind Law and has only stated that he wants to “strengthen the good parts” of the law. The feeling of Washington observers is once President Bush leaves office many Republicans in Congress will come out against some of core components of the NCLB law and return to their roots and push for leaving school policy authority in state & local hands. Lastly, PSBA has a seminar scheduled for October 7, 2008 at LCTI dealing with superintendent evaluations.

Committee Reports and/or Meetings

Minutes of the Technology Building and Grounds Committee Meeting held on September 3, 2008 was distributed.

Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on September 3, 2008 was distributed.

Mr. Williams reminded Board members that there is a Policy Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday evening.

Mr. Derr addressed the Board with Information on the Peters Elementary Well and stated that there is a leak somewhere in the well. They are in the process of locating the leak and then will repair the well. He further reported that the Drum and Bugle Corp has agreed to pay the full amount for the repairs to the damage they caused. These items were originally discussed at the Technology Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting.

Federal and Other Programs Update - Mrs. Lynne B. Fedorcha distributed the AYP report and briefly reported on its contents. A tentative work session has been set up for September 24, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the AYP report. Mrs. Yadush and Mr. Allen will also address the Board during the work session on the status of the high school assistant principal position.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Michael W. Michaels

Mr. Michaels reminded the Board that the October 6, 2008 Board Meeting will be held at LCTI.

**SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS (cont.)**

Mr. Michaels presented books to both elementary buildings for their library. Slatington Elementary received *"You Can Do It"* by Tony Dungy and Peters Elementary received *"The Long Journey Home"* by David Bedford and Penny Ives.

The Third Day Enrollment Report was distributed to all Board members.

Mr. Michaels stated he would be meeting shortly with the student council officers and all the class officers at the high school and after that he will continue to meet monthly with student council. His plans also include eating weekly in one of the building cafeterias to be out with the students.

Mr. Hartman recognized the following staff members who retired from our district this year and presented them with a gift. They were John Parry and Nicholas Sham, Sr.

**PERSONNEL**

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

Substitute Instructional      Approve the following substitute teachers for the 2008-2009 school year at the 2008-2009 substitute

teacher rates as approved on the Supplementary Personnel Salary Schedule:

Jena Wassmer – Elementary

Non-Instructional      Approve the following individuals as substitute cafeteria workers for the 2008-2009 school year at the 2008-2009 substitute rate as approved on the Supplementary Personnel Salary Schedule:

Heather Kuntz

Approve the following individuals as substitute aides for the 2008-2009 school year at the 2008-2009 substitute rate as approved on the Supplementary Personnel Salary Schedule:

Heather Kuntz

Co-Curricular Appointments      Kimberly Jones      Future Business Leaders of America Advisor      \$530.76

Game Workers 2008-2009      Approve the following list of people as Game Workers for the 2008-2009 school year. Game Workers consist of ticket sellers and takers, game announcers, scoreboard operators, timers, field judges, scorekeepers. Rate of pay is consistent with the rates approved on the 2008-2009 Supplementary Personnel Salary Schedule.

Terry Bowman  
Elizabeth Case  
Kelly Follweiler  
Stephen Haas  
Dave Humenik  
Kathleen Reese  
Jessica Schoenberger  
Amy Zeiser

Salary Adjustments      Acknowledge the following teachers who have completed the requirements per the Collective Bargaining Agreement that would entitle them to a salary increase for the 2008-2009 school year:

Michael Hammond  
From:                      Step 5B  
To:                      Step 5B+24

**PERSONNEL** YEA: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green,  
 (cont.) Mrs. Kulp, Mr. Williams, Mr. Hartman (9)  
 NAY: None (0)

**CONFERENCE** Mrs. Geronikos made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Ganser, that the Board of Education approves the following conference item:

Heather Rehrig – 2008 ASPP Conference – Resilience and the Role of the School Psychologist – October 14-16, 2008 – Ramada Inn, State College, PA – Registration: \$290.00, Lodging: \$240.00, Travel: \$160.00, Meals: \$50.00 – Total Approximate Cost: \$740.00 – Funding: School Psychologist Budget

YEA: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mrs. Kulp, Mr. Williams, Mr. Hartman (9)  
 NAY: None (0)

**POLICY** Mrs. Ganser made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Geronikos, that the Board of Education approves the following policy item:

Field Trips September 30, 2008 – Amish County, Lancaster PA  
 German-American October 2, 2008 – Philadelphia, PA – Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, Christ Church, etc.  
 Exchange Group\* October 6, 2008 – New York City, NY – Empire State Building, Times Square, Broadway  
 \*Funded by approved budget requests and fundraising

YEA: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mrs. Kulp, Mr. Williams, Mr. Hartman (9)  
 NAY: None (0)

**CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION** Mr. Dorshimer asked where we stand with the parent portion of Power School in the Slatington Elementary School. He was informed that they would be up and running in the next few weeks.

**NEW BUSINESS** Mr. Dorshimer stated that when students graduate from the high school we give transcripts out but at what point in time does the free transcripts end? It costs money to run pages of transcripts off and as a taxpayer he does not feel he should be funding the labor, costs and mailing of these transcripts once they have graduated from high school. He is asking the policy committee to look into this situation. His understanding is that many organizations call for paperwork on former students and they ask what the cost will be and we say it costs nothing because we have no policy on this issue.

Resolution LCCC Land Purchase Mr. Green made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Dorshimer, that the Board of Education approves the following new business item:

Lehigh Carbon Community College – Capital Project – Purchase of 100 Acres more or less

**RESOLVED** that in accordance with Section 2.2 of the Rules, Regulations and Procedures for Lehigh Carbon Community College (“College”), the Board of Directors hereby approves purchase of 100 acres more or less located adjacent to the College from KidsPeace Corporation, of \$1,680,000.00 plus applicable Closing Costs, provided the College secures financing without local sponsor contribution and the purchase is approved by the Department of Education and the College’s sponsor in accordance with Section 2.2 of the Rules, Regulations and Procedures for Lehigh Carbon Community College.

YEA: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mrs. Kulp, Mr. Williams, Mr. Hartman (9)  
 NAY: None (0)

**FINANCIAL** Mrs. Ganser made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Dengler, that the Board of Education approves the following financial items:

Bill Payment      Approve the Following List of Bills:  
 General Fund month of August  
 Cafeteria Fund month of August  
 Capital Projects month of August  
 Athletic Fund month of August  
 MS Student Activity Account month of August  
 HS Student Activity Account month of August

Simplex Upgrade Peters Elem      Authorize administration to purchase a Simplex upgrade package for the panel at Peters Elementary. Estimated cost for the upgrade including parts, labor and installation is \$3,997.00.

TSA 403B      Authorize administration to participate with the consortium to hire TSA Consulting for the third Consulting party administration of the district's 403B program, effective immediately. 403B tax changes will begin taking effect January 1, 2009. Incurred costs to the district will be \$162.00 per month beginning January 2009.

YEA: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mrs. Kulp, Mr. Williams, Mr. Hartman (9)

NAY: None (0)

**INFOR-**      Minutes of the Lehigh Carbon Community College Board of Trustees meeting held on  
August  
**MATION**      7, 2008 was distributed.

**RECOGNI-**      Dr. Marcincin thanked Mr. Michaels for the book that he donated to the elementary school  
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**GUESTS**      library and she further thanked him for the clarinet that he donated to the music department.

Mr. Dorshimer said that all Board members received paperwork about Erv Prutzman who went to Air Products and taught classes as an intern. Mrs. Yadush stated that he worked with them for four weeks and worked with a senior member of the company to consolidate a data base which was presented and used in a presentation in London.

**ADJOURN-**      Mr. Dengler made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Dorshimer, that the regular meeting of  
MENT      the Northern Lehigh School District Board of School Directors is adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

YEA: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mrs. Kulp, Mr. Williams, Mr. Hartman (9)

NAY: None (0)

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan C. Dorshimer  
 Secretary

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ President  
 Edward E. Hartman