

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

**Slatington, PA**  
**June 10, 2019**

**PURPOSE** The regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors was called to order by the President, Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha, at 7:05 p.m. on Monday, June 10, 2019, in the Administration Office Board Room.

**ROLL CALL** Members present: Mr. Robin T. Distler, Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr, Mrs. Michelle M. Heckman, Mrs. Gale N. Husack, Mr. Robert J. Keegan, Jr., Mr. Robert J. Kern, Jr., Mrs. Donna M. Kulp, Mrs. Michele L. Martineau, and Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha (9)

Members absent: (0)

Non-members present: Mrs. Jill Chamberlain, Mr. Greg Derr, Mrs. Rhonda Frantz, Mr. Eric Hill, Mr. Preston Kemery (Sr. Rep), Mr. Matthew Link, Mr. Eugene Marks, Mrs. Sherri Molitoris, Mr. Scott Pyne, Dr. Tania Stoker, Attorney Keith Strohl (Solicitor's Office), and Mr. Robert Vlasaty.

**VISITORS** Approximately five (5) visitors attended the meeting in addition to Terry Ahner, reporter for The Times News.

**APPROVE MINUTES** Mr. Keegan made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Husack, that the minutes of the regular school board meeting held on May 13, 2019, be approved and ordered filed.

YEA: Mr. Distler, Mr. Green, Mrs. Heckman, Mrs. Husack, Mr. Keegan, Mr. Kern, Mrs. Kulp, Mrs. Martineau, and Mr. Fedorcha (9)

NAY: None (0)

**SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS** Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit - Mrs. Husack reported that the 2019-2020 budget has passed. The next scheduled meeting is June 17, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Lehigh Career and Technical Institute – Mr. Fedorcha reported that the Senior awards was May 30, 2019. One of our students, Hunter Kuhns, was recognized for perfect attendance.

Legislative Report - Mrs. Heckman reported that the state budget is not yet passed but it is looking positive that it will be passed by July 1, 2019. Mrs. Heckman reminded the school directors that they have until June 28, 2019 to submit policy items for PSBA to add to their legislative agenda. If any community members have any ideas, please see Mrs. Heckman or any board member.

Lehigh Carbon Community College - Mr. Green reported that at their last meeting, there was discussion on retention and graduation rates. An aggregate of all two and four year colleges graduation rates is 21%. LCCC's graduation rate was over 80% of students enrolled. LCCC now has the highest graduation rate in the state of Pennsylvania.

**Committee Reports and/or Meetings**

Minutes of the Education/Policy Committee Meeting held on June 3, 2019, were distributed.

Minutes of the Community Relations Committee Meeting held on June 3, 2019 were distributed.

Minutes of the Technology/Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting held on June 5, 2019 were distributed.

Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on June 5, 2019 were distributed.

Student Representatives to the Board Report – Mr. Kemery verbally reported on the contents of the student representative report.

**SPECIAL  
BOARD  
REPORTS  
(cont.)**

Solicitor's Report - Attorney Strohl announced that Attorney Justin Schell has joined the firm. and Attorney Strohl hopes to bring him to the August meeting to meet everyone.

Superintendent's Report - Mr. Link recognized Mr. Preston Kemery who has been a student representative to the board for the last two years. Mr. Link reported on his outstanding accomplishments. Mr. Fedorcha presented Mr. Kemery with a gift of appreciation for his years of service to the Board of Education.

Mr. Link announced that graduation will be held this Friday, June 14, 2019 in Bulldog Stadium, weather permitting. A final decision will be made by Thursday.

Mr. Fedorcha reported that an executive session was held prior to tonight's meeting to discuss personnel and legal issues, and the annual school safety and security report, as required by Act 44.

**PERSONNEL** Mrs. Martineau made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Kulp, that the Board of Education approves the following personnel items:

Administrative Transfers Instructional	Amanda Bariana From: To: Salary: Effective:	High School/Middle School Mathematics Teacher Middle School Mathematics Teacher No change in salary August 20, 2019
	Lauri McWilliams From: To: Salary: Effective:	Slatington Elementary School 4th Grade Teacher Peters Elementary School 1st Grade Teacher No change in salary August 20, 2019
	Raymond Ross From: To: Salary: Effective:	Peters Elementary School Kindergarten Teacher Slatington Elementary School 4th Grade Teacher No change in salary August 20, 2019
	Sara Shimer From: To: Salary: Effective:	Slatington Elementary School 4th Grade Teacher Peters Elementary School Kindergarten Teacher No change in salary August 20, 2019
Appointment Instructional	Raquel Hoffert* Assignment: Salary: Effective:	Temporary Professional Employee Secondary School Counselor \$58,475 (Step 2 Masters on the 2019-2020 CBA Salary Schedule) Upon release from current school district
	*Pending verification of Missing Personnel File Items	
	Derrick Reinert* Assignment: Salary: Effective:	Temporary Professional Employee High School/Middle School Mathematics Teacher \$49,750 (Step 1 Bachelors on the 2019-2020 CBA Salary Schedule) August 20, 2019
	*Pending verification of Missing Personnel File Items	
	Sarah Fink Assignment: Salary: Effective:	Temporary Professional Employee Slatington Elementary School 4th Grade Teacher \$49,850 (Step 2 Bachelors on the 2019-2020 CBA Salary Schedule) August 20, 2019

**PERSONNEL** Accept the resignation of Tanya Simms from her position as Assistant High School Principal, effective August 16, 2019.

**(cont.)**  
Resignation  
T. Simms

Appointment Cheryl Moser  
Non-Instructional Assignment: Middle School Cook's Helper  
Salary: \$12.00 per Hour; 3 Hours per day; 5 days per week/up to 180 days per year plus additional cleaning days as needed (2017-2021 Educational Support Personnel CBA)  
Effective: August 20, 2019  
**\*60 Working Day Probationary Period**

Patricia Bortz  
Assignment: Middle School Cook's Helper  
Salary: \$12.00 per Hour; 3 Hours per day; 5 days per week/up to 180 days per year plus additional cleaning days as needed (2017-2021 Educational Support Personnel CBA)  
Effective: August 20, 2019  
**\*60 Working Day Probationary Period**

Family Medical Leave Approve the request of employee #6929 to take an intermittent family medical leave of absence on or about July 30, 2019 to September 3, 2019, for the birth of his son. Employee is requesting to use accumulated sick days.

Senior High Detention Supervisors Approve to appoint the following person as Secondary Detention Monitor for the Senior High School for the 2019-2020 school year. Work will be on an as needed basis and compensation will be at a salary of \$20.00 per hour worked.

Eric DeAntonis

Substitute Detention Supervisor Approve to appoint the following person as a Substitute Secondary Detention Monitor for the Senior High School for the 2019-2020 school year. Work will be on an as needed basis and compensation will be at a salary of \$20.00 per hour worked:

Julie Everett

Middle School Detention Supervisors Approve to appoint Debra Knerr and Jacqueline Schuck as Administrative Detention Supervisors in the Middle School. Mrs. Knerr will cover the Monday detentions from 2:20 p.m. to 3:20 p.m. and Mrs. Schuck will cover the Wednesday detentions from 2:20 p.m. to 3:20 p.m. They will work throughout the 2019-2020 school year on Mondays and Wednesdays that warrant detention coverage. Salary will be \$20.00 per hour worked.

Rescind Summertime Helper J. Haas Rescind the renewal of appointment of Jennifer Haas as Summertime Maintenance/Custodial Helper for the summer of 2019 at a salary of \$10.00 per hour, that was approved at the May 13, 2019 school board meeting.

Summertime Maintenance/Custodial Supervisor Motion to approve the following individual as the Supervisor for the Summertime Maintenance/Custodial helpers for the summer of 2019 at a salary of \$15.00 per hour:  
Jennifer Haas

Summertime Maintenance Custodial Helpers Motion to approve the following individuals as Summertime Maintenance/Custodial helpers for the summer of 2019 at a salary of \$10.00 per hour:

Christian Staskowski\*  
Ivan Zheng\*

\*Pending verification of Missing Personnel File Items

**PERSONNEL****(cont.)**

Summertime Maintenance Custodial Helpers      Motion to renew the appointment of the following individual as Summertime Maintenance/Custodial helper for the summer of 2019 at a salary of \$10.00 per hour:

John Kline

YEA: Mr. Distler, Mr. Green, Mrs. Heckman, Mrs. Husack, Mr. Keegan, Mr. Kern, Mrs. Kulp, Mrs. Martineau, and Mr. Fedorcha (9)

NAY: None (0)

Mr. Link congratulated Raquel Hoffert on her position as Secondary Guidance Counselor. She was unable to make it tonight due to it being Palmerton's graduation, where she currently works. Mr. Link also congratulated Mr. Derrick Reinert on his position as Middle School/High School Mathematics teacher, and Mrs. Sarah Fink on her position as 4th grade elementary teacher.

Mr. Link also thanked Mrs. Simms for her service to the district and wished her luck in the future.

**POLICY**

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

Board Policy First      Approve school board policy #246 – Pupils - Student Wellness, as presented after first reading.

Board Policy Second Reading      Approve school board policy #108 – Programs - Adoption of Textbooks, as presented after second reading.

Approve school board policy #704 – Property - Maintenance, as presented after second reading.

Approve school board policy #918 – Community - Title I Parent and Family Engagement, as presented after second reading.

Student Representative to Board      Approve Aidan Williams as Student Representative to the Board for the 2019-2020 school year. Aidan has been appointed as the junior representative to the board and will serve from September, 2019 through June 2021. Madison Hoffman will serve as the senior student representative to the board until June 2020.

Non-resident Students      Approve the request of a parent of a senior at the High School and a seventh grade student at the Middle School, who are moving out of the district, to allow their students to finish the 2018-2019 school year in the Northern Lehigh School District in accordance with student policy #202.

YEA: Mr. Distler, Mr. Green, Mrs. Heckman, Mrs. Husack, Mr. Keegan, Mr. Kern, Mrs. Kulp, Mrs. Martineau, and Mr. Fedorcha (9)

NAY: None (0)

**CONFERENCES**

Mr. Distler made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Kern, that the Board of Education approves the following conferences:

Susan Bahnick - School Nutrition Association of PA Annual Conference - July 28-31, 2019 – Hershey, PA – Registration - \$104.00; Lodging - \$615.00; Meals - \$140.00; Travel - \$93.26; – Total Approximate Cost: \$952.26 – Funding: Food Service Budget

Michelle Raber – International Society for Technology in Education - EdTech Conference 2019 - June 23-25, 2019 – Philadelphia, PA – Travel - \$81.78 – Total Approximate Cost: \$81.78 – Funding: Middle School Professional Development Budget

YEA: Mr. Distler, Mr. Green, Mrs. Heckman, Mrs. Husack, Mr. Keegan, Mr. Kern, Mrs. Kulp, Mrs. Martineau, and Mr. Fedorcha (9)

NAY: None (0)

**CURRIC-  
ULUM AND  
INSTRUC-  
TION**

Mr. Distler made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Martineau, that the Board of Education approves the following curriculum and instruction item:

- Fed Programs 2019-2020 Approve to authorize proper officials to execute contracts for Title I, Title IIA, Title III, and Title IV for the 2019-2020 school year.
- CLIU Title I 2018-2019 Approve the final agreement with CLIU #21 for Title I Services for the 2018-2019 school year in the amount of \$7,045.00.
- Hogan Learning Academy Approve to authorize proper officials to enter into an agreement for one Northern Lehigh School District student with special needs to attend Hogan Learning Academy LLC, in accordance with the promises and covenants contained in the agreement. This agreement is effective August 27, 2019 and terminates on June 5, 2020.
- AccessIt! Library Software Three Year Agreement Approve to authorize proper officials to enter into an agreement with AccessIt! for a Library software package including licenses for all four schools at a cost of \$9,310.00 to be paid over the next three years at a cost of \$3,103 per year, and an additional annual cost of \$2,420 per year for updates, hosting, backups, storage and support.
- PAYS Survey Allow administration to participate in the PAYS survey at no cost to the District. PAYS is an anonymous, confidential survey that is administered to youth in grades 6, 8, 10, and 12 throughout Pennsylvania that collects information on mental health and youth attitudes and behaviors towards Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug (ATOD) use, and other problem behaviors.
- Induction Program Approve the following teachers as a helping teacher in the Northern Lehigh School District Induction Program for the 2019-2020 school year:
- | <u>Helping Teacher</u> | <u>Inductee</u> | <u>Stipend</u> |
|------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Allison Chruscial      | Raquel Hoffert  | \$800.00       |
| Eric DeAntonis         | Derrick Reinert | \$800.00       |
| Amanda Bariana         | Derrick Reinert | \$200.00       |
| Lori Middaugh          | Sarah Fink      | \$800.00       |
- YEA: Mr. Distler, Mr. Green, Mrs. Heckman, Mrs. Husack, Mr. Keegan, Mr. Kern, Mrs. Kulp, Mrs. Martineau, and Mr. Fedorcha (9)  
NAY: None (0)

**NEW  
BUSINESS**

Mr. Green made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Martineau, that the Board of Education approves the following New Business Item:

- Asst. Superintendent T. Stoker Approve a title change for Dr. Tania Stoker from Assistant to the Superintendent to Assistant Superintendent with no salary change. Further, approve a three year agreement for Dr. Stoker, effective July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2022, as presented.
- YEA: Mr. Distler, Mr. Green, Mrs. Heckman, Mrs. Husack, Mr. Keegan, Mr. Kern, Mrs. Kulp, Mrs. Martineau, and Mr. Fedorcha (9)  
NAY: None (0)

Mr. Link congratulated Dr. Stoker on her new position. Dr. Stoker has earned this title and she has proven to be of great value to the district and we all look forward to working with her in this new role.

Mr. Fedorcha, on behalf of the board, congratulated Dr. Stoker.

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

Financial Reports	Approve the Following Financial Reports: General Fund Account month of May, 2019 NLMS Student Activities Account month of May, 2019 NLHS Student Activities Account month of May, 2019 Cafeteria Fund month of May, 2019 Capital Projects month of Mal, 2019								
List of Bills	Approve the Following List of Bills: General Fund months of May & June, 2019 Cafeteria Fund months of May & June, 2019 Capital Projects month of June, 2019								
Budgetary Transfers	Allow business office to complete budgetary transfers for the 2018-2019 end of year audit.								
Willis Towers Watson Ins.Broker	Appoint Willis of Pennsylvania, Inc. as the district insurance broker for Property, Casualty, & Liability insurance for the 2019-2020 school year.								
District Insurances	Award insurance coverage for the 2019-2020 school year to the following companies:  Commercial Package and Automobile (Vehicle Liability, General Liability Property Insurance and Boiler and Machinery) Graphic Arts (UTICA) Mutual Insurance Company - \$86,839.00. The premium is an increase of \$4,470.00 over last year's rate.  Commercial Umbrella Liability Insurance – Utica National Group - \$18,874.00. The premium is an increase of \$896.00 over last year's rate.  School Leaders Error and Omissions Liability – National Union Fire Insurance Company - \$30,524.00. The premium is an increase of \$812.00 over last year's rates  Law Enforcement Liability for School Police Officers - Greenwich Insurance Company - \$2,389.00. The premium is an increase of \$108.00 over last year's rates.  Cyber Security Liability - American International Group, Inc. - \$7,538.00. The premium is a decrease of \$420.00 over last year's rates..								
Worker's Compensation School District Insurance Consortium	Appoint School District's Insurance Consortium as the district's Workers' Compensation carrier for the 2019-2020 school year at an estimated premium of \$62,699.00, approximately a reduction of \$114.00. This amount is an estimated total, final cost is based on actual payroll figures.								
District Financial Institutions	Authorize the following financial institutions to act as approved depositories for school district funds and or temporary investments. The Northern Lehigh School Board further authorizes the following financial institutions to transfer funds on deposit to any other bank for the credit of the Northern Lehigh School District. The Board further authorizes the Business Manager and/or Superintendent to enter into agreements, supplements or amendments to agreements to implement the foregoing operations for the 2019-2020 school year.  <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Key Bank, NA</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Prudential-Bache Government Securities Trust</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wells Fargo National Bank</td> <td>Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TD Wealth</td> <td>Embassy Bank</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Key Bank Capital Markets</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Key Bank, NA	Prudential-Bache Government Securities Trust	Wells Fargo National Bank	Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT)	TD Wealth	Embassy Bank	Key Bank Capital Markets	
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TD Wealth	Embassy Bank								
Key Bank Capital Markets									

**FINANCIAL****(cont.)**

Payment of Bills In July	Approve to grant permission to the business office to pay general fund and capital projects bills that are scheduled for payment during the month of July as required by contract. There is no scheduled board meeting in July.						
Board Secretary & Treasurer Bonds 2019-2020	<p>Approve to renew the following expiring bonds for the 2019-2020 fiscal year through Willis of Pennsylvania, Inc.</p> <p>A \$50,000 Board Secretary Bond for the term of July 1, 2019 to July 1, 2020 at an annual premium of \$175.00.</p> <p>A \$50,000 Board Treasurer Bond for the period July 1, 2019 to July 1, 2020 at an annual premium cost of \$269.00.</p>						
California First Leasing Corporation Computer Leasing	Upon final approval of the General Fund 2019-2020 budget, approve the lease from California First National Bank, 28 Executive Park, Suite 200, Irvine, CA 92612 for \$50,000 per year with a lease term of 36 months and a one (\$1) dollar buyout option at the end of the lease agreement. The lease will be used to purchase administrative laptop and desktop computers district-wide, interactive projectors and Extron wall vault (audio/video) systems for the High School Science classrooms.						
Commit Assign Fund Balance	<p>Approve to commit and/or assign portions of the June 30, 2019 fund balance for the following purposes (actual amounts to be determined after completion of the 2018-2019 end of year audit):</p> <table border="0" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 100px;">PSERS Increase</td> <td>Replacement Equipment</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Health Insurance Premiums</td> <td>Long Range Maintenance</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Technology</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	PSERS Increase	Replacement Equipment	Health Insurance Premiums	Long Range Maintenance	Technology	
PSERS Increase	Replacement Equipment						
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Technology							
School Dentist	Approve to appoint Dr. Harry Shleifer of Broadway Family Dentistry as the school dentist for the 2019-2020 school year at the quoted fee of \$1.00 per dental exam needed.						
School Physicians	Approve to appoint Dr. Nicole Sully and Dr. Amy Gourniak of Parkland Family Health Center as school physicians for the 2019-2020 school year. The fee for grade level physicals will be \$20.00 per physical needed. Consultant services will be provided at no charge.						
Johnson Controls 5 Year Fire Alarm Agreement	Approve renewal of a five year service agreement (July 1, 2019– June 30, 2024) with Johnson Controls for monitoring of fire alarm systems at all 4 district school buildings, the maintenance garage and field house in the amount of \$2,275.00 per year. Further approve Johnson Controls for annual inspections of fire alarm systems at the 4 district school buildings, the maintenance garage and field house in the amount of \$10,450.00 per year.						
Preferred EAP	Approve Preferred EAP as the district's employee assistance plan administrator at an estimated cost of \$1,500.00 This amount is an estimated total; final cost is based on total number of eligible employees.						
Blackboard Connect Website Hosting	Authorize superintendent to enter into a contract with Blackboard Connect for website hosting, if e-rate funding is received by June 30, 2019.						
Topp Copier 4 year Lease	Authorize administration to enter into a new four (4) year lease agreement with Topp Business Solutions for the purchasing of fifteen (15) new Ricoh copiers and print management software. The monthly cost for leasing of these machines will be \$5,123.02.						

**FINANCIAL**  
**(cont.)**Homestead/  
Farmstead  
Resolution  
2019

Approve the following Homestead/Farmstead Resolution, as presented.

**NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT****2019 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution**

**RESOLVED**, by the Board of School Directors of the Northern Lehigh School District, that homestead and farmstead exclusion real estate tax assessment reductions are authorized for the school year beginning July 1, 2019, under the provisions of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act (part of Act 50 of 1998) and the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006), as follows:

1. **Aggregate amount available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction.** The following amounts are available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction for the school year beginning July 1, 2019:
  - a. **Gambling tax funds.** The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has notified the School District that PDE will pay to the School District during the school year pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.505(b), as a property tax reduction allocation funded by gambling tax funds, the amount of \$945,981.71 plus an additional \$42, which was undistributed school year beginning July 1, 2018, for a total amount of \$946,023.71.
  - b. **Philadelphia tax credit reimbursement funds.** PDE has notified the School District that PDE will pay to the School District during the school year pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.324(3), as reimbursement for Philadelphia tax credits claimed against the School District earned income tax by School District resident taxpayers, the amount of \$5,364.29.
  - c. **Aggregate amount available.** Adding these amounts, the aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction is \$951,388.
2. **Homestead/farmstead numbers.** Pursuant to Act 50, 54 Pa. C.S. § 8584(i), and Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.341(g)(3), the County has provided the School District with a certified report listing approved homesteads and approved farmsteads as follows:
  - a. **Homestead property number.** The number of approved homesteads within the School District is 3,590.
  - b. **Farmstead property number.** The number of approved farmsteads within the School District is 22.
  - c. **Homestead/farmstead combined number.** Adding these numbers, the aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads is 3,612.
3. **Real estate tax reduction calculation.** The school board has decided that the homestead exclusion amount and the farmstead exclusion amount shall be equal. Dividing the paragraph 1(c) aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction of \$951,355 by the paragraph 2(c) aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads of 3,612 (before considering the assessed value



**FINANCIAL**  
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of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads having an assessed value below the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate assessed value reduction amount to be established as the homestead and farmstead exclusion amount), the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is \$263.40. Based on calculations provided by the School District Business Office from the best available information and carefully evaluated by the School Board, considering the assessed value of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads having an assessed value below the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate assessed value reduction amount to be established as the homestead exclusion and the farmstead exclusion amount, an additional aggregate amount of \$28,811.04 will be available during the school year for real estate tax reduction applicable to approximately 3,436 homesteads and farmsteads, resulting in an additional real estate tax reduction amount available for each homestead and farmstead of \$5.10. Adding this additional amount to the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate tax reduction amount of \$263.40, the final maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is \$268.50.

4. **Homestead exclusion calculation.** Dividing the paragraph 3 maximum real estate tax reduction amount of \$268.50 by the School District real estate tax rate of 22.5139 mills (.0225139) for Lehigh County and 66.0122 mills (.0660122) for Northampton County, the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a homestead exclusion for each approved homestead is \$11,926 for Lehigh County or \$4,067 for Northampton County, and the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a farmstead exclusion for each approved farmstead is \$11,926 for Lehigh County or \$4,067 for Northampton County.
5. **Homestead/farmstead exclusion authorization – July 1 tax bills.** The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved homestead within the School District shall reflect a homestead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of: (a) the County-established assessed value of the homestead, or (b) the paragraph 4 maximum real estate assessed value reduction of \$11,926 for Lehigh County or \$4,067 for Northampton County. The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved farmstead within the School District shall reflect an additional farmstead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of: (a) the County-established assessed value of the farmstead, or (b) the paragraph 4 maximum real estate assessed value reduction of \$11,926 for Lehigh County or \$4,067 for Northampton County. For purposes of this Resolution, “approved homestead” and “approved farmstead” shall mean homesteads and farmsteads listed in the report referred to in paragraph 2 above and received by the School District from the County Assessment Office on or before May 1 pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.341(g)(3), based on homestead/farmstead applications filed with the County Assessment Office on or before March 1. This paragraph 5 will apply to tax notices issued based on the initial tax duplicate used in issuing initial real estate tax notices for the school year, which will be issued on or promptly after July 1, and will not apply to interim real estate tax bills.

YEA: Mr. Distler, Mr. Green, Mrs. Heckman, Mrs. Husack, Mr. Keegan, Mr. Kern, Mrs. Kulp, Mrs. Martineau, and Mr. Fedorcha (9)  
 NAY: None (0)

**LEGAL**King Spry  
2019-2020

Mr. Keegan made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Green, that the Board of Education approves the following legal item:

Approve to appoint King Spry Herman Freund & Faul, LLC as special counsel for the 2019-2020 school year for services as outlined in the agreement. The hourly rate will be \$185.00 per hour for partners and associates, and \$95.00 per hour for paralegals. There is no change from last year's rates.

YEA: Mr. Distler, Mr. Green, Mrs. Heckman, Mrs. Husack, Mr. Keegan, Mr. Kern, Mrs. Kulp, Mrs. Martineau, and Mr. Fedorcha (9)

NAY: None (0)

**INFOR-  
MATION**

Minutes of the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21 Board of Directors meeting held on April 15, 2019, were distributed.

Minutes of the Lehigh Carbon Community College Board of Trustees meeting held on May 2, 2019, were distributed.

Minutes of the Lehigh Career & Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee meeting held on April 24, 2019, were distributed.

**ADOPTION  
OF FINAL  
BUDGET  
FOR  
2019-2020**

Mrs. Kulp made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Distler, that the Board of Education approves the proposed final budget and:

It is recommended that the Board of Education adopts the proposed general fund final budget of the Northern Lehigh School District for the 2019-2020 school year in the amount of \$35,714,360.00

- 1, A 22.5139 millage rate for Lehigh County and a 66.0122 millage rate for Northampton County.
2. A \$5.00 Re Resident Per Capita Tax, taxable on 18 year olds and over based on Section 679 of the School Code of 1949. No change from 2018-2019.
3. Taxes under Act 511 with no changes from 2018-2019:
  - a. A 1% Earned Income Tax shared equally with coterminous municipalities.
  - b. A Realty Transfer Tax shared equally with the coterminous municipalities.
  - c. A \$5.00 Resident Per Capita Tax taxable on residents age 18 and over.
  - d. A \$5.00 Local Service Tax (formerly Emergency and Municipal Services Tax)

**RECOMMENDATION ..... That the Board of Education adopts the 2019-2020 Northern Lehigh School District Budget.**

YEA: Mr. Distler, Mr. Green, Mrs. Heckman, Mrs. Husack, Mr. Keegan, Mr. Kern, Mrs. Kulp, Mrs. Martineau, and Mr. Fedorcha (9)

NAY: None (0)

Mr. Fedorcha announced that there are no scheduled meetings in July. He thanked everyone for coming to the meetings throughout the year and he wished everyone a wonderful summer.

**ADJOURN-  
MENT**

Mr. Distler made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Martineau, that the regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh School District Board of School Directors is adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

YEA: Mr. Distler, Mr. Green, Mrs. Heckman, Mrs. Husack, Mr. Keegan, Mr. Kern, Mrs. Kulp, Mrs. Martineau, and Mr. Fedorcha (9)

NAY: None (0)

Respectfully submitted,

Gale N. Husack  
Secretary

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ President  
Gary S. Fedorcha