

NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular School Board Meeting
February 14, 2005
Slatington Elementary Boardroom
7:30 p.m.
AGENDA

I. ROLL CALL

- A. By notice of the President, Board Members are advised that all votes on 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 January 3, 2005.
- B. Regular school board meeting held on January 10, 2005

III. SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS

- A. Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer
- B. Lehigh Career & Technical Institute Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos
- C. Legislative Report Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos
- D. Lehigh Carbon Community College Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr.
- E. Committee Reports and/or Meetings
- F. Student Representatives To The Board Report..... Ms. Ashley Kunkle
Ms. Jessica Fidler
- G. Solicitor's Report Atty. Charles Stopp
- H. Federal and Other Programs Mrs. Lynne B. Fedorcha
- I. Superintendent's Report Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Sr.
 - Slatington Elementary Distance Learning
 - Reminder: The March 7 board meeting will be held in the Peters Elementary School.
 - Sheila Lanshe – Lehigh Carbon School Counselor's Association Counselor of the Year
- J. Executive Session

IV. PERSONNEL**A. Substitutes****1. Instructional**

Approve the following substitute teacher for the 2004-2005 school year at the substitute teacher rates of \$70.00 for 1-10 non-consecutive days; \$80.00 for 11-20 non-consecutive days; and \$90.00 for 21+ non-consecutive days:

Donald Rehrig – Middle School Mathematics

B. Resignation

Accept the resignation of Jessica Jones from her position as special education aide in the middle school, effective at the end of the day on February 18, 2005.

C. Request for Leave Without Pay

Approve the request of Barbara Mantz, first grade teacher, to take an unpaid day of absence on March 11, 2005. She will be using this day in conjunction with four personal days on March 7, 8, 9 and 10, 2005. Her request will not be considered a precedent for future requests per correspondence received from the Northern Lehigh Education Association.

V. POLICY**VI. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION****A. CLIU 2005-2006 Facilities Plan Committee Report**

Approve the following resolution to adopt the 2005-2006 Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit Facilities Plan Committee report that was unanimously adopted by the CLIU Facilities Plan Committee on February 1, 2005. (**Attachment #1**)

RESOLVED: It is recommended that the Northern Lehigh School District Board of Directors approve the 2005-2006 Facilities Plan Committee Report as unanimously adopted by the CLIU Facilities Plan Committee on February 1, 2005. In addition, the Board reaffirms its commitment to the original construct of the Facilities Planning, approved November 1, 1989, which consists of a series of prioritized inquiries to be considered in determining future locations of the CLIU and school district special education classes.

B. Conferences

1. Approve the request of Dawn Wadsworth, School Psychologist, to attend the Association of School Psychologists of Pennsylvania Spring Conference from March 2-4, 2005. Expenses for this conference include \$260.00 for registration, \$75.00 for meals, \$60.00 for travel, \$180.00 for lodging for an approximate total cost of \$575.00 and will be funded through IDEA. (**Attachment #2**)

2. Approve the request of Philip Bertolino to attend a PA Association of Elementary & Secondary Principals conference at the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit. Expenses for this conference include \$100.00 for registration and will be funded through the 2004-2005 senior high budget. **(Attachment #3)**
3. Approve the request of Maria Pinnata, school psychologist, to attend attend the Association of School Psychologists of Pennsylvania Spring Conference on March 3, 2005. Expenses for this conference include \$130.00 for registration, \$29.00 for travel for a total approximate cost of \$179.00 and will be funded through IDEA funds. **(Attachment #4)**
4. Approve the request of Linda Thompson, Peters Elementary guidance counselor, to attend the Pennsylvania School Counselors Association conference in State College, PA on April 21 and 22, 2005. Expenses for this conference include \$270.00 for registration, \$100.00 for travel, \$117.00 for lodging for an approximate total cost of \$487.00 and will be funded through the Peters Elementary 2004-2005 budget. **(Attachment #5)**

VII. OLD BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

IX. FINANCIAL

- A. Approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2005.
- B. Approve the Cafeteria Reports for the months of December 2004 and January 2005. (Information Only)
- C. Approve payment of General Fund bills for the months of January and February 2005.
- D. Approve the Northern Lehigh Middle School Student Activity Fund Account statement for the month of January 2005. **(Attachment #6)**
- E. Approve the Northern Lehigh High School Student Activity Fund Account statement for the month of January 2005. **(Attachment #7)**
- F. Approve a one-year contract for local and long-distance telephone service with Telcove. Telcove was approximately \$300/month less than the nearest competitor. Please refer to the **Attachment #8** "Comparison of Telephone Proposals for E-Rate Year 2005" for details.

- G. Approve the purchase of equipment, software, and labor from Eastern Telephone and Telecommunications, Inc. for \$15,581.00 (Pennsylvania ITQ) to upgrade the telephone system in the Peters Elementary School to support VOIP (Voice Over IP) as presented to the Technology/Buildings and Grounds Committee at the January 12, 2005. This upgrade will allow us to integrate our telephone service, between Peters Elementary and Slatington Elementary, over our existing data telecommunications line between the two schools. This upgrade will allow us to discontinue the T1 line between Peters and Slatington which will save the district \$400.00 per month on telecommunications charges. In 39 months (3 years and 3 months) the savings will pay for the telephone upgrade. **(Attachment #9)**
- H. Approve a resolution regarding the 2005-06 Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit Operational and Program Services budget. Total expenditures equal \$1,808,877, an increase of \$93,536, (5.5%) over the 2004-05 budget. Northern Lehigh's share is proposed to be \$17,947, a decrease of \$330 from the 2004-05 budget. **(Attachment #10)**
- I. Authorize district officials to solicit bids for general and art supplies for the 2005-06 school year if adequate materials cannot be obtained through the U.S. Communities program.
- J. Approve the Single Audit, Earned Income Tax and OPT Audits for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004 as prepared by Hutchinson, Gorman & Freeh.
- K. Approve the agreement for the Indoor Air Quality Study and Environmental Evaluation with JMSI Environmental Corp. of Swoyersville, PA. Cost for this project is not to exceed \$15,250.00. Funds for this are to come from the General Fund. **(Attachment #11)**

X. LEGAL

XI. CORRESPONDENCE

XII. INFORMATION

XIII. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

XIV. ADJOURNMENT