

NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Minutes

Slatington, PA
March 3, 2003

PURPOSE The regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors was called to order by the President, Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha, at 7:32 p.m. on Monday, March 3, 2003 in the multi-purpose room located in the Peters Elementary School.

ROLL CALL Members present: Mr. Robert J. Cox, Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer, Mrs. Jane J. Escott, Mrs. Lauren A. Ganser, Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos, Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr., Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha (7)

Members absent: Mrs. Sheryl A. Giles, Mr. Jason M. Newhard (2)

Non-members present: Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Sr., Mrs. Lynne B. Fedorcha, Mr. Philip Bertolino, Mr. Christopher Iacobelli, Dr. Linda Marcincin, Mrs. Karen Nicholas, Mr. John Hrizuk, Mr. David Papay, Mr. Robert Mack, Mr. Brian Geiger, Atty. Neil Ettinger (Solicitor), Ms. Laurie Newman, Mrs. Doneta Merkle

VISITORS Approximately 33 visitors attended the meeting, in addition to Sharon Minnich, reporter for The Times News.

SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS Lehigh Career and Technical Institute -- Mr. Jason M. Newhard
A motion was made by Mrs. Geronikos, with a second made by Mr. Green, that the Board of Education approve to appoint Jason Newhard as the Lehigh Career and Technical Institute representative and appoint Sheryl Giles as the alternate.

Change
Appointed
LCTI
Representatives

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

Carbon-Lehigh Intermediate Unit – Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer
Copies of the CLIU Board Briefs and the CLIU Update were distributed. Mr. Dorshimer highlighted items listed on the Board Briefs.

Lehigh Carbon Community College – Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr.
Mr. Green highlighted information contained in the LCCC 2003-2004 proposed budget that was distributed to all board members.

Committee Reports and/or Meetings
All board members received a copy of the minutes of the Technology/Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting held on February 5, 2003.

Legislative Report – Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos
Mrs. Geronikos informed board members and administration about Act 212 and how it may affect the number of chaperones required for school proms, etc.

Federal and Other Programs Update – Mrs. Lynne B. Fedorcha
Mrs. Fedorcha distributed her Curriculum and Instruction Report and highlighted its contents. Mrs. Fedorcha also read a thank you letter from the Slatington Public Library for a donation they received through a fundraiser conducted by the senior high student council. Mr. Dorshimer requested that the policy committee examine the district's policy on fund raising.

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

1. Mrs. Nicholas, Peters Elementary principal, addressed the board on Random Acts of Kindness, a project the Peters Elementary students participated in during the month of February. She introduced several students who read their essay on the random act of kindness they performed. She also announced that author, Steven Kroll, visited the school in recognition of "Read Across America".
2. Janet Bashore and Marilyn Steckel's students reported about their experience with video conferencing.
3. Amanda Glassic and several of her students shared their charity work experience with the board.

4. A middle school team of teachers did a presentation as to what has been accomplished at the middle school to date and shared some of the things that the middle school has been working on.
5. Dr. Sham shared some information with board members about the new Booster Seat legislation.
6. Dr. Sham announced that election forms for members to the CLIU board would be mailed to board members after April 1.

Executive Session An Executive Session was held, for personnel issues, before and after the meeting, in the Peters Elementary faculty room.

PERSONNEL A motion was made by Mr. Cox, with a second made by Mrs. Escott, that the Board of Education approve the following personnel items:

Co-curricular Appointment 2002-2003

Middle School Web Page Design Advisor – Donna Marushak -- \$365.00

Assistant Girls' Soccer Coach – Patricia Jones -- \$2500.00

Unpaid Volunteers Approve Peter Konek as an unpaid volunteer softball coach for the 2003 softball season. (Pending verification of clearances.)

Approve Timothy Churetta as an unpaid volunteer baseball coach for the 2003 baseball season.

Approve Jonathan DeFrain as a volunteer softball coach for the 2003 softball season.

Leave Without Pay – Julia Witmer Approve the request of Julia Witmer to take a one-day leave of absence, without pay, on April 25, 2003. Her request will not be considered a precedent for future requests per correspondence received from the Northern Lehigh Education Association.

ROLL CALL: YEA: Mr. Cox, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mr. Fedorcha (6)

NAY: Mr. Dorshimer (1)

Motion carried.

POLICY A motion was made by Mrs. Geronikos, with a second made by Mrs. Ganser, that the Board of Education approve the following items listed under Policy:

Homebound Instruction Grant homebound instruction for an eleventh grade student, Student No. 04-39900, for five hours per week, effective March 4, 2003 and continue until the end of the 2002-2003 school year.

Board Policies 2nd Reading Approve revisions to existing school board policy #006: Local Board Procedures – Meetings, as presented after 2nd reading.

Approve revisions to existing school board policy #801: Operations – Public Records, as presented after 2nd reading.

Approve revisions to existing school board policy #210: Pupils – Use of Medications, as presented after 2nd reading.

Approve to replace existing school board policy #807: Operations – Opening Exercises with new school board policy #807: Operations – Opening Exercises/Flag Displays, as presented after 2nd reading.

Approve to adopt new school board policy #822: Operations – Automated External Defibrillator, as presented after 2nd reading.

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mr. Fedorcha (7)

NAY: None (0)

POLICY (Con't.)

Conferences A motion was made by Mrs. Geronikos, with a second made by Mrs. Escott, that the Board of Education approve the following conferences listed under Policy:

Approve the request of Terry Jenkins to attend the PA Music Educator's Association Convention in Hershey, PA on April 10 and 11, 2003. Expenses for this conference include \$75.00 for registration, \$37.80 for travel for a total cost of \$112.80 and have been approved by the district's Continuing Professional Education Committee.

Approve the request of Suzanne Gower to attend a National Science Teacher's Association conference in Philadelphia, PA on March 27 and 28, 2003. Expenses for this conference include \$130.00 for registration, plus the cost of a substitute teacher for two days and have been approved by the district's Continuing Professional Education Committee.

Approve the request of Joanne Perich, Denise Papay, and Claire Heim to attend a Bureau of Education and Research conference in Malvern, PA on March 20, 2003. Expenses for this conference include \$165.00 each for registration, \$42.00 for travel for a total cost of \$537.00 plus the cost of two substitute teachers for one day and will be paid for through Title I funds.

Approve the request of Tim Weaber to attend a Staff Development Resources conference in Philadelphia, PA on March 3, 2003. Expenses for this conference include \$165.00 for registration, plus the cost of one substitute teacher for one day and has been approved by the district's Continuing Professional Education Committee.

Approve the request of Linda Thompson to attend the PA School Counselor's Association conference in State College, PA on April 3 and 4, 2003. Expenses for this conference include \$280.00 for registration, \$100.00 for travel, \$110.67 for lodging for a total cost of \$490.67 and have been included in the 2002-2003 budget.

Approve the request of Laurie Newman, to attend the 31st Annual Education Law Conference at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, PA on May 9, 2003. Expenses for this conference include \$125.00 for registration and will be funded through IDEA money.

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mr. Fedorcha (7)

NAY: None (0)

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INSTRUCT-
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A motion was made by Mr. Dorshimer, with a second made by Mrs. Ganser, that the Board of Education approve the following Resolution to adopt the 2003-2004 Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit Facilities Plan Committee report that was unanimously adopted by the CLIU Facilities Plan Committee on February 4, 2003.

CLIU Facilities
Plan
Committee
Report For
2003-2004

RESOLVED: It is recommended that the Northern Lehigh School District Board of Directors approve the 2003-2004 Facilities Plan Committee Report as unanimously adopted by the CLIU Facilities Plan Committee on February 4, 2003. 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 the future location of the CLIU and school district special education classes.

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mr. Fedorcha (7)

NAY: None (0)

**OLD
BUSINESS**

A motion was made by Mrs. Geronikos, with a second made by Mr. Green, that the Board of Education approve to appoint Brian Geiger as an alternate representative of the district on the Lehigh

County Schools Joint Purchasing Board for the purpose of attending meetings of the board and vote in the interest of the district in the absence of Bernard Rockovich.

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mr. Fedorcha (7)

NAY: None (0)

**NEW
BUSINESS**

Commit
\$1.5 Million
For Stadium
Project

A motion was made by Mr. Green, with a second made by Mr. Dorshimer, that the Board of Education agrees to commit up to \$1.5 million for a stadium project and that the board further agrees to reinvest any and all funds that are saved by having volunteers help assist the district with this renovation project back into the stadium project.

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mr. Fedorcha (7)

NAY: None (0)

FINANCIAL

A motion was made by Mr. Cox, with a second made by Mr. Green, that the Board of Education approve the following financial items:

Construction
Account Bills

Approve payment of bills from the Construction Account, as presented.

Extended
Construction
Bills

Approve payment of bills from the Extended Construction Account, as presented.

Cash
Management
Portfolio

Approve the Arthurs Lestrage Cash Management Portfolio for the month of January 2003, as presented.

NLMS Student
Activities
Account

Approve the Northern Lehigh Middle School Student Activities Account Fund Statement for the month of January 2003.

NLHS Student
Activities
Account

Approve the Northern Lehigh High School Student Activities Account Fund Statement for the month of January 2003.

Distribution of
LCCC
Budget
(Info Only)

The Lehigh Carbon Community College 2003-2004 Operating, Debt Service, and Capital Expenditure Budget was distributed to all board members.

Athletic Trainer
Agreement
2003-2006

Approve to authorize proper officials to execute an agreement between the Northern Lehigh School District and Orthopedic Associates Allentown Sports Medicine for the purpose of providing the services of a qualified athletic trainer for the 2003-2004, 2004-2005, and 2005-2006 school years. Costs for said services would be \$22,400 for 2003-2004, \$23,150 for 2004-2005, and \$23,900 for 2005-2006.

**INFORM-
ATION**

All board members received copies of the minutes of the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit Board of Directors meeting held on January 16, 2003.

All board members received copies of the minutes of the Washington Township Board of Supervisors meeting held on January 14, 2003.

ADJOURN-
MENT

A motion was made by Mr. Dorshimer, with a second made by Mrs. Ganser, that the regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors be adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mr. Fedorcha (7)

NAY: None (0)

Respectfully submitted,

Jane J. Escott
Secretary

ATTEST: _____ President

Gary S. Fedorcha