

**NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Minutes**

**Slatington, PA
March 14, 2005**

PURPOSE The regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors was called to order by the President, Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr., at 7:33 p.m. on Monday, March 14, 2005 in the boardroom located in the Slatington Elementary School.

**APPOINT
TEMPORARY
SECRETARY** In the absence of Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer, Board Secretary, Mr. Green appointed Mrs. Susan H. Fullas as Temporary Secretary for the meeting.

ROLL CALL Members present: Mr. Franklin D. Beers, Mr. Raymond J. Follweiler, Jr
Mrs. Susan H. Fullas, Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos,
Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr. (5)

Members absent: Mr. Robert J. Cox (arrived at 7:35 p.m.), Mrs. Lauren A. Ganser (arrived at 7:35 p.m.), Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer,
Mr. William H. Hazzard (4)

Non-members present: Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Mrs. Lynn Fedorcha, Mr. Philip Bertolino, Mr. Robert Kern, Dr. Linda Marcincin, Mrs. Karen Nicholas, Mr. Brian Geiger, Ms. Christine Stafford, Mrs. Laurie Newman-Mankos, Ms. Andrea Madochick, Ms. Jessica Fidler and Mrs. Sherri Molitoris

VISITORS Approximately 12 visitors attended the meeting, in addition to Sharon Minnich, reporter for The Times News and Terry Ahner, reporter for The Chronicle.

Public Comment Mrs. Donna Kulp questioned public comment which was allowed at the last meeting. She also requested permission to have the right to comment on any item listed on this meeting's agenda.

**APPROVE
MINUTES** Mr. Beers made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Geronikos, that the minutes of the regular school board meeting held on February 7, 2005 and the regular school board meeting held on February 14, 2005 be approved and ordered filed.

YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Cox, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Fullas, Mrs. Ganser,
Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green (7)
NAY: None (0)

**SPECIAL
BOARD
REPORTS** Lehigh Career & Technical Institute – Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos
Mrs. Geronikos announced there would be a public auction at LCTI. Summer fun camp will be held in June.

Legislative Report – Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos
She reported that there is nothing new to report on Act 72. She announced that she had a copy of the Moody's report if anyone was interested. She did pass on some information about what would happen to bonds once they are issued.

Student Representatives To The Board Report – Ms. Jessica Fidler distributed a written report and verbally reported on its contents.

Superintendent's Report – Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Sr.
Dr. Sham's report included the following:

1. He introduced Lynn Sechler from the Northern Lehigh Educational Foundation who gave the board an update on the status of the Foundation. She spoke of the Bigs & Littles Program

SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS

(Con't.)

that was reinstated through a grant called Teen Works which was written and presented by students to the Teen Works Board. Also in attendance were three of the students who wrote the grant and received \$1350.00 which will provide all of the supplies needed to start the program.

She also introduced students from the Middle School Junior National Honor Society who informed the board about the 2005 Senior Prom. Mr. Achey from Teen Works award them a grant in the amount of \$800.00 to help them with their senior prom for senior citizens in our community.

2. He announced that the CLIU 2005 School Board Conference will be held on March 30, 2005 at the Days Inn at 5:30 p.m.
3. He reminded board members that the April 4 board meeting will be held in the Middle School Auditorium.
4. He reminded those in attendance that the Board/Administration Retreat will be held on Saturday, April 2 – LCTI.
5. He distributed a synopsis of the conferences and workshops he attended at the National Superintendent's Conference.
6. Mr. Green announced that the date for the finance committee meeting has been changed from March 28 to March 29.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A brief Executive Session was held after the meeting for negotiations.

POLICY

Mrs. Ganser made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Beers, that the Board of Education approves the following items listed under Policy:

Request for Unpaid Leave

Approve the request of Tim Weaber to take a one-day leave, without pay, on April 27, 2005 to represent his church at its annual conference of churches meeting. His request will not be considered a precedent for future requests per correspondence received from the Northern Lehigh Education Association.

Conferences

Approve the request of Lora Krum to attend the PA Music Educators Association Annual Convention in Hershey, PA on April 21,22, and 23 2005. Expenses for this conference include \$80.00 for registration, \$45.00 for travel for an approximate total cost of \$125.00 and will be funded through the General Fund.

Approve the request of Dr. Linda Marcincin to attend the NAESP (National Association of Elementary School Principal) 84th annual conference in Baltimore, MD on April 16th – 19th, 2005. Expenses for this conference include \$260.00 for registration, \$167.00 for travel, \$180.00 for meals and \$555.00 for lodging for an approximate total cost of \$1,162.00 and will be funded through Title IIA.

YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Cox, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Fullas, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green (7)

NAY: None (0)

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Mrs. Geronikos made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Ganser, that the Board of Education approves the purchase of the 2004 Prentice Hall, *Conceptual Chemistry, Understanding Our World of Atoms and Molecules, 2nd Edition*, authored by John A. Suchocki to replace the text, *ChemCom: Chemistry in the Community*, copyright 1993. The textbook is used with students who are interested in taking Introductory Chemistry. This book is written for students in grades 9-10 and features revised and expanded end-of-chapter materials, standards-aligned principles and applications, frequent comprehension checks to assist at-risk readers, hands-on, practical chemistry activities, and a supportive web site. The total cost of the purchase, which includes 30 books, is \$2,364.23 and is funded through the Accountability Block Grant.

YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Cox, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Fullas, Mrs. Ganser,
Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green (7)
NAY: None (0)

**OLD
BUSINESS**

Mr. Cox made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fullas, that the Board of Education approves Item VI A on last week's agenda to allow Heather Tift to attend the Attendance/Child Accounting Professional Association Spring Conference from March 30 to April 1, 2005 in Hershey, PA. Expenses for this trip include \$155.00 for registration, \$20.00 for meals, \$123.00 for lodging for a total cost of \$298.00 and will be funded through the Business Office budget.

Public Comment Donna Kulp – Washington Township – Questioned how this person would get the knowledge of this job if she wasn't approved to attend the conference.

ROLL CALL: YEA: Mr. Cox, Mrs. Fullas, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green (4)
NAY: Mr. Beers, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser (3)
Motion carried.

FINANCIAL

Mr. Cox made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Beers, that the Board of Education approves the following items listed under Financial:

Treasurer's Report Approve the report of the Treasurer, Mr. Cox, for the month of February 2005.

Reports (Info Only) All board members received the February 2005 Expenditure Reports for the Cafeteria, General and Capital Reserve Funds.

General Fund Bills Approve payment of General Fund bills for the months of February and March 2005.

Refreshment Report Approve the Northern Lehigh Refreshment Stand Financial Report as presented for month Stand ended February 28, 2005.

Sports Accounts Financial Report Approve the Northern Lehigh Sports Accounts Financial Report as presented for the month ended February 28, 2005.

NLMS Student Activity Fund Report Approve the Northern Lehigh Middle School Student Activity Fund Account statement for the month of February 2005.

Award Contract For Bus Garage Roof Approve the awarding of the contract for the replacement of the Bus Garage Roof to Atlantic Roofing Corp of Green Lane, PA, pending solicitor review of Roof documents. Cost for this project to be \$158,000.00.

NLHS Student Activity Account Statement Approve the Northern Lehigh High School Student Activity Fund Account statement for the month of February 2005.

There was some discussion about the need to replace the bus garage roof prior to approval.

ROLL CALL: YEA: Mr. Cox, Mrs. Fullas, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green (4)
NAY: Mr. Beers, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser (3)
Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Some discussion continued between board members about what exactly should be done with the bus garage and what was the alternative if the roof is not repaired.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Beers made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Ganser, that the regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh School District Board of School Directors be adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Cox, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Fullas, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green (7)

NAY: None (0)

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H. Fullas
Temporary Secretary

ATTEST: _____ (President)
Mathias J. Green, Jr.