

NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting
Board Minutes

Slatington, PA
October 13, 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 7:30 p.m. on Monday, October 13, 2008 in the boardroom located in the Slatington Elementary School.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Mr. Donald H. Dengler, Mr. Raymond J. Follweiler, Jr., Mrs. Lauren A. Ganser, Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos, Mrs. Donna M. Kulp, Mr. Gregory S. Williams, Mr. Edward E. Hartman (7)

Members absent: Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer, Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr. (2)

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. Jeremy Melber, Mr. Michael Michaels, Mrs. Karen Nicholas, 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 thirty visitors attended the meeting which included the High School Student Council in addition to Terry Ahner reporter for The Times News.

**BOARD
MEMBER
RESIG-
NATION**

Board President, Mr. Edward Hartman, read a letter from Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer, Board Secretary, resigning his position on the Board effective immediately, October 13, 2008.

Mrs. Ganser made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Geronikos, that the Board of Education accepts Mr. Dorshimer's resignation.

Board members stated that they will miss Mr. Dorshimer and they wanted to acknowledge and thank him for his many years of service.

YEA: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Kulp, Mr. Williams, Mr. Hartman (7)

NAY: None (0)

**TEMPORARY
SECRETARY**

Mr. Hartman asked if there were any objects to Mrs. Lauren A. Ganser serving as temporary secretary for the October 13, 2008 school board meeting in the absence of Board Secretary Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer. Hearing none, Mrs. Ganser served as temporary secretary for the meeting.

**SPECIAL
BOARD
REPORTS**

Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit

Mr. Hartman asked Mr. Dengler if he would like to serve on the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit Board of Directors. Mr. Donald Dengler accepted the position. Hearing no objections from the Board, Mr. Dengler will serve on the CLIU Board of Directors.

Legislative Report – Mr. Gregory S. Williams reported SB1258 was passed in both chambers of the general assembly and has been forwarded to Governor Rendell. The bill reduces the right that school districts and municipalities have to appeal the underassessments of properties.

Committee Reports and/or Meetings

Minutes of the Technology Building and Grounds Committee Meeting held on October 8, 2008 was distributed.

Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on October 8, 2008 was distributed.

SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS (cont.)

Student Representatives to the Board Report

Mr. Michael Showak and Ms. Taylor Trapp distributed their written student representative report and verbally reported on its contents.

Federal and Other Programs Update - Mrs. Lynne B. Fedorcha introduced Mrs. Dawn Wadsworth who talked about a program that is a partnership between NLSD and Lehigh University. This partnership would allow for Lehigh University school psychologist students to train in schools that have been implementing Response to Intervention. This is a two year commitment and MaryKate Wright is currently assigned to work in our district with our school psychologists. In year one she will be observing instruction, data analysis, teaming, etc. and in year two it will be a full term internship program.

Mrs. Fedorcha distributed her written report and verbally reported on its contents. Attached to her report was a copy of an ad that was placed by an anonymous donor in the Northern Valley Gazette congratulating Northern Lehigh School District on meeting adequate yearly progress as a district for 5 consecutive years.

Business Manager's Report – Mr. Jeremy G. Melber shared with the Board that he reviewed the districts current outstanding debt structure with the districts financial advisor, Les Bear, and the current debt will be completely paid off in 6-7 years. They also looked at possibly refinancing the debt but the current interest rate on this debt at 1-5% and in the current economy the district will not get better interest rates than that.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Michael W. Michaels

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Mr. Derr stated that Provident Energy, a consulting firm to help look for energy savings, gave a presentation at the Buildings and Grounds meeting and he asked the Board if they were interested in having them return to give a presentation to the entire Board at the November 3, 2008 board meeting. It was decided to have Provident Energy return on November 3rd to a presentation to the Board.

Mr. Michaels reported that he met with Don Snyder, President LCCC, to talk about the new programs being offered at LCCC and the collaboration between LCCC and LCTI.

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Mrs. Aileen Yadush introduced Mrs. Dawn Wehr, Student Council Advisor, who introduced the Student Council Officers. Each officer reported briefly on what Student Council has done so far this year, what they are planning for the remainder of the year and what they hope to accomplish throughout the year. All Student Council members were also introduced to the Board. Student Council Officers presented all Board Members with a gift.

Mrs. Fedorcha presented a PowerPoint presentation on AYP to the Board as requested at a previous board meeting.

PERSONNEL

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

Appointments Non-Instructional

Sharon Sherman*
Assignment: Bookkeeper Ii in the Business Office – New Position in the 2008-2009 budget
Salary: \$33,299 (Level I on the 2008-2009 Clerical Salary Schedule)
Effective Date: October 14, 2008
***60 Day probationary period ending December 12, 2008**

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:

Andrea Price – Elementary

PERSONNEL**(cont.)**

Co-Curricular	Patrice Arnold	MS and HS Dance Team Advisor
Volunteers	Adrian Mohrey	MS Dance Team Advisor
2008-2009	LeAnn Hoch	HS Dance Team Advisor
	Dianna Hoch	HS Dance Team Advisor
	Jeff Miller*	Asst. Boys Basketball Coach

***Pending Verification of Clearances**

Rescind Motion Rescind the appointment of Kristen Skinker from her co-curricular position as MS ACE Advisor which was approved at the April 7, 2008 board meeting. Mrs. Skinker is no longer employed by the district.

Rescind the appointment of Robert Hughes from his position as volunteer Asst. Basketball Coach which was approved at the August 4, 2008 board meeting.

YEA: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Kulp, Mr. Williams, Mr. Hartman (7)

NAY: None (0)

**CONFER-
ENCES**

Mr. Dengler made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Kulp, that the Board of Education approves the following conference items:

Robert Hicks – 2008 TEAP Conference – November 6-7, 2008 – Radisson Penn Harris Hotel & Conference Center, Camp Hill, PA – Registration: \$35.00, Travel: \$70.00, Lodging: \$110.16, Meals: \$70.00 – Total Approximate Cost: \$285.00 – Funding: Middle School Curriculum and Instruction Budget

Scott Gerould – 2008 PSAHPERD Convention – November 20-23, 2008 – Pittsburgh Hilton, Pittsburgh, PA – Registration: \$120.00, Travel: \$171.00, Lodging: \$125.00, Meals: \$120.00 – Total Approximate Cost: \$536.00 – Funding: Project 720 Grant

YEA: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Kulp, Mr. Williams, Mr. Hartman (7)

NAY: None (0)

POLICY

Mrs. Geronikos made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Williams, that the Board of Education approve the following policy item:

Addition of High School Young Democratic Club Approve the request of the high school administration to conduct a Young Democratic Club in the high school. This club will provide students with a forum to discuss their opinions on issues of the day, current events, and upcoming elections, as well as, participate in local charity events and organize debates for students. There will be no cost to the district to conduct this club.

YEA: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Kulp, Mr. Williams, Mr. Hartman (7)

NAY: None (0)

**OLD
BUSINESS**

Mr. Williams requested that administration contact PSBA to ask for information on Board Secretary responsibilities and duties.

Mr. Hartman asked the Boards wishes on how to fill the vacant school board member seat.

Mr. Williams stated he would like the position to be advertised and publicly seek applicants for the open seat. He would then suggest that the board review applications and appoint a person for the vacant seat during the November 3, 2008 board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS (cont.)

Advertise
Open Board
Seat

Mr. Williams made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Ganser, that the Board allow administration to advertise for applicants for an open Northern Lehigh School Board Member seat on the district website and in the Times News with an e-mail to Sarah Fulton from the Morning Call asking for an article to be published about the vacant board seat.

The Board asked that the applications be forwarded home with the November 3, 2008 board agenda. Board members were encouraged not to discuss applicants with each other until the November 3, 2008 board meeting.

YEA: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Kulp, Mr. Williams, Mr. Hartman (7)

NAY: None (0)

Mr. Williams asked if administration could get a study from the IU of the number of pupils per buildings compared to the number of administration in the building for surrounding school districts.

NEW BUSINESS

Aide
Agreement

Mr. Williams made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Geronikos, that the Board of Education approve the following new business item:

Approve a four year Memorandum of Understanding Agreement with the Educational Support Staff effective July 1, 2008. The following job classifications are covered under this agreement: **(Agreement Distributed to All Board Members with October 6, 2008 Agenda)**

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| Centralized Duplicating Aide | Library Aide |
| Office Aide | Office Aide – Cafeteria |
| Personal Care Assistant/One on One Aide | Special/Regular Education Instructional Aide |
| Study Hall/Cafeteria/Hall Monitor | Title I Aide |

YEA: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Kulp, Mr. Williams, Mr. Hartman (7)

NAY: None (0)

Mr. Hartman read the letter from the Northern Lehigh Education Support Personnel Association (NLESP) concerning commencing negotiations for a successor agreement beginning November of this year. Mr. Hartman appointed himself, Donald Dengler and Lauren Ganser as members of the negotiations committee with Donna Kulp serving as alternate.

FINANCIAL

Financial
Reports

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

Approve the Following Financial Reports:
NLMS Activities Account month of September
NLHS Activities Account month of September

Bill
Payment

Approve the Following List of Bills:
General Fund month of September
Cafeteria Fund month of September
Capital Projects month of September
Athletic Fund month of September
Refreshment Stand Fund month of September

Renewal
Cell Phone
Athletic
business.
Director

Authorize administration to renew a one year cell phone service contract with Verizon Wireless for the Athletic Director. The contract will be for one cell phone for 900 minutes per month at a cost of \$49.19 per month. The cell phone is to be used exclusively for Athletic Director

YEA: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Kulp, Mr. Williams, Mr. Hartman (7)

NAY: None (0)

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Mrs. Fedorcha introduced, Mr. Paul Leonzi, Middle School Guidance Counselor, who helped her today in the data workshops she did at Slatington Elementary and the Middle School. She thanked him for his assistance today.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dengler made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Kulp, that the regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh School District Board of School Directors is adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

YEA: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Kulp, Mr. Williams, Mr. Hartman (7)

NAY: None (0)

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren A. Ganser
Acting Secretary

ATTEST: _____ President
Edward E. Hartman