

**NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Minutes**

**Slatington, PA
November 8, 2004**

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 7:30 p.m. on Monday, November 8, 2004 in the boardroom located in the Slatington Elementary School.

ROLL CALL Members present: Mr. Franklin D. Beers, Mr. Robert J. Cox, Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer, Mr. Raymond J. Follweiler, Jr., Mrs. Susan H. Fullas, Mrs. Lauren A. Ganser, Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos, Mr. William H. Hazzard, Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr. (9)

Members absent: None (0)

Non-members present: Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Sr., Mrs. Lynne Fedorcha, Mr. Philip Bertolino, Mr. Robert L. Kern, Jr., Dr. Linda Marcincin, Mrs. Karen Nicholas, Mr. John Hrizuk, Mr. David Papay, Mr. Brian Geiger, Ms. Christine Stafford, Ms. Laurie Newman-Mankos, Ms. Ashley Kunkle, Ms. Jessica Fidler, and Mrs. Doneta Merkle

VISITORS In addition to Sharon Minnich, reporter for the Times News and Terry Ahner, reporter for The Chronicle approximately 7 visitors attended the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEM Mrs. Donna Kulp and Mrs. Sheryl Giles reserved the right to comment on any agenda item.

REVIEW MINUTES Mr. Dorshimer made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fullas, that the minutes of the regular school board meeting held on October 4, 2004, and the regular school board meeting held on October 11, 2004 be approved and ordered filed.

YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Fullas, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Hazzard, Mr. Green (9)

NAY: None (0)

SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS Legislative Report – Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos
Mrs. Geronikos reported on a legislative proposal called “A Plan for Pennsylvania’s Future”.

Student Representatives To The Board Report – Ashley Kunkle and Jessica Fidler distributed a written report and reported orally on its contents.

Lehigh Carbon Community College – Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr.
Mr. Green reported on state funding at the college level. He also acknowledge Lehigh County Commissioner Marc Grammes who was in the audience.

Federal and Other Programs – Mrs. Lynne B. Fedorcha
Mrs. Fedorcha distributed a written Director of Curriculum & Instruction Report and reported on its contents.

Superintendent’s Report – Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Sr.
Dr. Sham awarded School Board Academy Boardmanship Awards to Mrs. Susan Fullas and Mr. Mathias Green.

Dr. Sham gave a personal invitation to all board members from the Northern Lehigh Connections group to attend a community forum on November 17, 2004 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at St. John’s U.C.C. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the issue of school and community relations.

Executive Sessions An Executive Session was held prior to the meeting at 6:30 p.m. to discuss personnel issues.

Mr. Green also asked for an Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter with a possibility of a grievance with the education association. Mr. Green asked Mr. Bertolino to also join the board in the Executive Session. The board reconvened at 8:20p.m.

An Executive Session was also held after the meeting to continue personnel issues.

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

Co-Curricular Appointments for 2004-2005

Assistant Softball Coach – Brian Schell – \$2680.84

Assistant JV Softball Coach – Jennifer L. Pinot – \$2680.84

Unpaid Volunteer Approve the following individuals as unpaid volunteer aides in the Peters Elementary School for the 2004-2005 school year: *Pending Clearances

Pamela Stokes*

Felicia Thomas*

Substitutes Instructional Approve the following substitute teacher as part of the CLIU Guest Teacher Program 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:
Joseph Verenna

Appointment Instructional Jane Wessner Temporary Vacancy Replacement
Assignment: Slatington Elementary sixth grade teacher, replacing Tara Balliet who was granted a child rearing leave.
Salary: \$37,000.00 (pro-rated) Step 1 Bachelors on the 2004-2005 CBA Salary Schedule
Effective Date: November 8, 2004
Termination Date: On or about January 25, 2005

Non-Instructional Jasmine Suarez* (Pending verification of clearances)
Assignment: Lunchroom Aide in the senior high school, replacing Angela Schoenberger who was administratively transferred.
Salary: \$9.17 Per Hour (Step 0 on the 2004-2005 Educational Support Staff Hourly Rate Schedule)
3 Hours Per Day/5 Days Per Week
Effective Date: November 8, 2004
*60-Day Probationary Period

Administrative Transfer Darryl Keiser*
From: Middle School Second Shift Custodian
2:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Fulltime 12-Month Position
To: District-Wide Maintenance, replacing Thomas Trimble who was administratively transferred.
Day Shift – 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Fulltime 12-Month Position
Salary: \$10.16 Per Hour
Effective Date: November 9, 2004
*60-Day Probationary Period

ROLL CALL: YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Cox, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Fullas, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Hazzard, Mr. Green (8)

NAY: Mr. Dorshimer (1)

Motion carried.

POLICY

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

Conferences

Approve to authorize the Superintendent to attend the 137th AASA National Conference on Education in San Antonio, Texas from February 17 – 20, 2005. Expenses for this conference include \$525.00 for registration, \$280.00 for workshop fees, \$836.00 for lodging, \$480.00 for travel, \$225.00 for meals for an approximate total cost of \$2346.00 and was included in the 2004-2005 district budget.

Approve the request of Janet Hofelich to attend a conference sponsored by the Bureau of Education and Research on January 19, 2005 in Allentown. Expenses for this conference includes \$175.00 for registration plus the cost of a substitute for one day and will be funded through Title I.

Approve to authorize Christine Leslie to attend the PA Science Teacher's Association conference in Hershey on December 2 and 3, 2004. Expenses for this conference include \$75.00 for registration, \$5.00 for meals, \$100.00 for lodging, \$20.00 membership fee, for a total cost of \$200.00 plus the cost of a substitute for two days and will be funded through the senior high budget.

Approve to authorize Julie Everett to attend the PA Science Teacher's Association conference in Hershey on December 2 and 3, 2004. Expenses for this conference include \$75.00 for registration, \$5.00 for meals, \$100.00 for lodging, \$20.00 membership fee, for a total cost of \$200.00 plus the cost of a substitute for two days and will be funded through the senior high budget.

Approve to authorize Theresa Cinicola to attend the PA Science Teacher's Association conference in Hershey on December 2 and 3, 2004. Expenses for this conference include \$75.00 for registration, \$5.00 for meals, \$100.00 for lodging, \$20.00 membership fee, for a total cost of \$200.00 plus the cost of a substitute for two days and will be funded through the senior high budget.

Extend Homebound Instruction

Approve to extend homebound instruction for Student #687700. This student was previously granted homebound instruction through October 2004 and is now requesting to extend the homebound instruction for five days per week from November 1, 2004 through May 4, 2005.

ROLL CALL: YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Fullas, Mrs. Geronikos,
Mr Hazzard, Mr. Green (6)
NAY: Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Ganser, Mr. Beers (3)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Donna Kulp – Washington Township -- Asked whether people who go to conferences share the information they learn at the conferences.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Mrs. Ganser made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Geronikos, that the Board of Education approves the addition of the following senior high school courses for the 2005-2006 school year at no additional staff or cost to the district.

1. Honors Integrated Science
2. Art III Independent Study
3. German In Germany

YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Fullas, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Hazzard, Mr. Green (9)
NAY: None (0)

FINANCIAL A motion was made by Mr. Cox, with a second made by Mrs. Geronikos, that the Board of Education approves the following financial items:

Treasurer's Report Approve the report of the Treasurer, Mr. Cox, for the month of October 2004 as presented.

Reports (Info Only) All board members received the October 2004 Revenue and Expenditure Reports for the Cafeteria, General, and Capital Reserve Funds, as presented.

General Fund Bills Approve payment of General Fund bills for the months of October and November 2004, as presented.

NL Refreshment Stand Account Report Approve the Northern Lehigh Refreshment Stand Account Report for the month ending October 31, 2004 as presented.

NL Athletic Fund Report Approve the Northern Lehigh Athletic Fund Report for the month of October 2004, as presented.

NL Sports Account Report Approve the Northern Lehigh Sports Accounts Financial Report for the two months ending October 31, 2004, as presented.

YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Fullas, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Hazzard, Mr. Green (9)

NAY: None (0)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sheryl Giles – Washington Township – Asked for an explanation as to what the nature of the emergency is with the modular office area at Slatington Elementary.

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

New Modular Office At Slatington Elementary Approve the purchase of a new modular office to replace the current modular office at Slatington Elementary from Williams Scotsman thru the Pennsylvania Education Joint Purchasing Council (PAEJPC) contract number AEPA IFB002-PA. Cost for this unit is \$124,377.00 plus \$8,000 for demolition and removal of the old unit plus a 1% AEPA Administrative Fee totaling \$133,700.77. The disconnect for the plumbing is included in the demolition. The electrical disconnect and reconnect is \$4715.00 plus a 1% administrative fee. The plumbing reconnect is \$2430.00 plus a \$23.30 administrative fee. Altronics Security System will cost \$399.00 for a total cost of the project, not including any permits through the borough, for a total cost of \$141,316.22. The 2004 AAA Bond will fund this project.

PDE-3074b Submission Approve to have proper officials submit form PDE-3074b Self-Certification for Non-Reimbursable Construction Project with the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the emergency replacement of the modular trailers at Slatington Elementary.

ROLL CALL: YEA: Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Fullas, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Hazzard, Mr. Beers, Mr. Cox, Mr. Green (7)

NAY: Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Ganser (2)

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

All board members received a copy of the minutes of the Lehigh Carbon Community College Board of Trustees meeting held on October 7, 2004.

Mrs. Geronikos reported that she witnessed a distance learning class and she was very impressed.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Marc Grammes – Washington Township – Urged the district to encourage students to visit the Lehigh County Game Preserve and in particular the zoo and some other items of interest.

Linda Eberhart – Washington Township – Announced that the student representatives failed to mention that the all district dinner theatre will be held on November 20 and 21.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dorshimer made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Beers that the regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh School District Board of School Directors is adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Fullas, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Hazzard, Mr. Green (9)

NAY: None (0)

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan C. Dorshimer
Secretary

ATTEST: _____ President
Mathias J. Green, Jr.