

NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, February 2, 2004
Slatington Elementary School Gymnasium
7:30 P.M.

AGENDA

- I. A. By notice of the President, Board Members are advised that all 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. SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS

- A. Lehigh Career and Technical Institute Mrs. Lauren A. Ganser
- B. Carbon-Lehigh Intermediate Unit Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer
- C. Lehigh Carbon Community College Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr.
- D. Committee Reports and/or Meetings
 - 1. Minutes of the Technology/Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting held on January 7, 2004. (**Attachment #1**)
- E. Student Representatives To The Board Report Ms. Amberly Gable
Ms. Ashley Kunkle
- F. Solicitor's Report Attorney Charles Stopp
- G. Legislative Report Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos
- H. Federal and Other Programs Update Mrs. Lynne B. Fedorcha
- I. Superintendent's Report Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Sr.
 - National School Counseling Week – February 2-6, 2004
- J. Executive Session will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the boardroom.

III. PERSONNEL

A. Approve the request of Jayne Hamm, Head Cook at the Slatington Elementary School, to take an unpaid leave of absence from her cafeteria duties. The requested leave is effective January 5, 2004 and continues until she is released by her physician or until the six month maximum leave time is reached. This request is made in accordance with Article X – Section 1 of the Northern Lehigh Educational Support Personnel Association Collective Bargaining Agreement.

B. Substitutes

1. Instructional

Approve the following substitute teachers for the 2003-2004 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:

Lacey Hutson – Elementary

Zimfira Dorward – All Subject Areas (CLIU Guest Teacher Program)

C. Unpaid Volunteer Coach

Approve to appoint Tim Churetta as an unpaid volunteer baseball coach for the 2004 baseball season.

D. Request For Child Rearing Leave

Approve the request of Janet Bashore to take a child rearing leave of absence from her 4th grade teaching position at Peters Elementary School. Mrs. Bashore is requesting permission to begin using her 35.5 unused sick days on or about noon on March 22, 2004. Upon exhaustion of her sick days, on or about May 12, 2004, she is requesting a Family Medical Leave of Absence.

E. Request for Family Medical Leave

Approve the request of Janet Bashore to take a 12-week Family Medical Leave of Absence. Upon exhaustion of her 35.5 unused sick days, beginning on or about noon on May 12, 2004, she requests permission to take a Family Medical Leave of Absence. Her leave will end on or about August 4, 2004. She plans to return to her teaching position at the start of the 2004-2005 school year. She will be responsible for contributing a monthly co-payment for dependent medical benefits during her FMLA Leave.

F. Co-Curricular Positions for Spring 2003-2004

Head Girls Soccer Coach – Timothy Nickischer --- \$4545.00

Assistant Girls Soccer Coach – Crystal Kistler* and Jamie Machik* \$ 2525.00 (Will Share Stipend)
(*Pending Verification of Clearances)

IV. POLICY**A. Conferences**

1. Approve the request of Sandra Michalik, high school special education teacher, to attend a Student Assistance Program Training conference in Bethlehem, PA sponsored by Project Care from February 10-13, 2004. Expenses for this conference include \$375.00 for registration plus the cost of a substitute teacher for 4 days and will be funded through Title IV funds. (Attachment #2)
2. Approve the request of Michael Anderson, high school guidance counselor, to attend a Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Renewal Program conference sponsored by the International Association of Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Certified Instructors. Expenses for this conference, which will be held in Philadelphia on May 4,5 & 6, 2004, include \$130.00 for meals, \$203.00 for lodging for an approximate total cost of \$333.00 and will be funded through Safe & Drug Free Schools funds. (Attachment #3)
3. Approve the request of Dawn Wadsworth, School Psychologist, to attend the Association of School Psychologists of Pennsylvania Spring Conference in Harrisburg from March 10-12, 2004. Expenses for this conference include \$225.00 for registration, \$58.00 for travel, \$90.00 for meals, \$171.00 for lodging for an approximate total cost of \$544.00 and was included in the 2003-2004 psychology department budget. (Attachment #4)
4. Approve the request of Laurie Mott, Peters Elementary 2nd grade teacher, to attend a Bureau of Education and Research conference in Allentown on February 24, 2004. Expenses for this conference, entitled “Using Guided Reading to Accelerate the Success of All your Students (Grades 1-3)” include \$159.00 for registration plus the cost of a substitute teacher for one day and will be funded through Title I funds. (Attachment #5)

B. Attendance of Non Resident Student

Approve the request of a 12th grade high school student, whose parents are residing in another district while their home is being repaired due to a fire, to remain in attendance for the duration of this school year in accordance with School Board Policy #202.

V. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**VI. OLD BUSINESS****VII. NEW BUSINESS**

VIII. FINANCIAL

- A. Approve abatement of per capita taxes, for the residents that fall within the guidelines, as listed in **attachment #6**.
- B. Approve payment of bills from the Construction Account, as presented in **attachment #7**.
- C. Approve payment of bills from the Extended Construction Account, as presented in **attachment #8**.
- D. Approve the Arthurs Lestrage Cash Management Portfolio for the month of December 2003. (Attachment #9)
- E. Approve a refund in the amount of \$9.80 to Sarah Ganser for 2003-04 per capita taxes. This refund is within the guidelines for abatement eligibility contained within NLSB board policy #606.
- F. Approve the extension of the district's current contract, for a point-to point OC-3 line between Slatington Elementary School and the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21, with PenTeleData Limited Partnership I of Palmerton, PA until June 30, 2005. Currently we are in the final year of a five (5) year contract with PenTeleData Limited Partnership I, to provide a point-to-point OC-3 band with connection between Slatington Elementary School and Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21 in Schnecksville. The current contract expires in February of 2005. This extension will make the contract expiration date coincide with the end of the e-rate funding year. (Attachment #10)

IX. LEGAL**X. CORRESPONDENCE****XI. INFORMATION**

- A. Minutes of the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit Board of Directors meeting held on December 15, 2003.
- B. Minutes of the Lehigh Career & Technical Institute JOC meeting held on December 3, 2003. (Attachment #11)
- C. Notification has been received from the PA Department of Education of their approval of PlanCon Part I: Interim Reporting for Change Order G-16 for additions and alterations of the middle school. (Attachment #12)

XII. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**