

**NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Board Minutes**

**Slatington, PA  
July 11, 2005**

**PURPOSE** A special meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors, for the purpose of hiring a senior high principal and for general purposes, was called to order by the President, Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr., at 7:35 p.m. on Monday, July 11, 2005 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. Mathias J. Green, Jr. (8)

Members absent: Mr. William H. Hazzard (1)

Non-members present: Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Sr., Mrs. Lynne B. Fedorcha, Mr. Robert Kern, Dr. Linda Marcincin, Mr. David Papay, Mr. Brian Geiger, Mrs. Laurie Newman-Mankos, and Mrs. Doneta Merkle

**VISITORS** Approximately 8 visitors attended the meeting, in addition to Joel Kern, reporter for The Times News and Terry Ahner, reporter for The Chronicle.

**SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS** Lehigh Career and Technical Institute – Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos  
Mrs. Geronikos announced that our district was the only district that did not unanimously approve the budget for LCTI. She urged board members to address any concerns they have with her.

Legislative Report – Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos  
Mrs. Geronikos discussed the state budget indicating that our district lost \$66,500 that will have to be taken out of the 2005-2006 budget that was already adopted.

Federal and Other Programs Update – Mrs. Lynne B. Fedorcha  
Mrs. Fedorcha distributed a full day kindergarten newsletter that she mailed home to all parents who registered their children for kindergarten for the 2005-2006 school year. She also announced that the accountability block grant was approved.

Superintendent's Report – Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Sr.  
Brian Geiger explained the criteria of the Laidlaw Contract extension which appears later on the agenda.

**PERSONNEL** Mrs. Fullas made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Geronikos, that the Board of Education approves the following items listed under Personnel:

Resignations Accept the resignation of Carol Silvius from her position as a fourth grade teacher in Slatington Elementary School, effective June 30, 2005, at which time she will retire from the Northern Lehigh School District after 34 years of teaching.

Accept the resignation of Jamie Martin from her position as Family and Consumer Science teacher in the high school, effective August 31, 2005.

Accept the resignation of Darlene Griffith from her position as an English/Social Studies teacher in the high school, effective June 21, 2005.

Appointments Instructional John Fidelibus  
Assignment: Assistant High School Principal, replacing Robert Kern who was administratively transferred to serve as middle school/high school assistant principal.  
Salary: \$70,000  
Effective Date: July 12, 2005

**PERSONNEL**  
(Con't.)

Amanda Beer  
Assignment: Temporary Professional Employee  
Grade 4 elementary teacher, replacing Jennifer  
Schlegel who was administratively transferred to Grade 2.  
Salary: \$38,200 (Step 2 Bachelors on the 2005-2006 CBA  
Salary Schedule)  
Effective Date: August 22, 2005

Diane Saeger  
Assignment: Temporary Professional Employee  
Kindergarten teacher, Peters Elementary School  
New Position  
Salary: \$39,200 (Step 3 Bachelors+24 on the 2005-2006 CBA  
Salary Schedule)  
Effective Date: August 22, 2005

Jessica Claycomb  
Assignment: Temporary Professional Employee  
Family & Consumer Science teacher at the high school, replacing Jamie Martin, who  
resigned.  
Salary: \$38,000 (Step 1 Bachelors on the 2005-2006 CBA  
Salary Schedule)  
Effective Date: August 22, 2005

ROLL CALL: YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Cox, Mrs. Fullas, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green (5)  
NAY: Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser (3)

Motion carried.

**NEW  
BUSINESS**

Mrs. Ganser wanted to know if the district has been monitoring the alarm systems. She was made aware that the alarms have been going off quite often resulting in having the police being called.

**FINANCIAL**

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

Berkheimer  
Assoc. Del.  
Per Capita  
Tax Claims  
Enact resolution(s) to authorize fees associated with Berkheimer Associates for continued collection efforts regarding delinquent per-capita tax claims where liens were previously filed.

Refund of  
Real Estate  
Taxes  
Approve a refund in the amount of \$379.26 to Jackie C. & Kimberly S. Hankee, 1504 Fernwood Rd, Slatington. The refund is due to an assessment change as a result of fire damage for 6 months of the 2004-2005 real estate tax bill.

Extension Of  
Transportation  
Contract  
Approve a contract extension for student transportation with Laidlaw Education Services for the school years 2007-2008, 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 with a rate increase following the Consumer Price Index (CPI) with a minimum of 2.5% and a maximum of 3.5% annually each year of the extension. Additionally, Laidlaw will purchase and install, at their cost, video cameras and boxes in the existing fleet of vehicles. This will include the 23 current vehicles (20 current runs and 3 spare vehicles) to be equipped plus 2 future runs. Upon the completion of the 2009-2010 school year, Laidlaw will turn ownership of the video systems over to the district.

Extension Of Approve the contract extension for Laidlaw Education Services to lease the Northern Lehigh

Lease Agree-  
ment for Bus  
Garage

Bus Garage in accordance with the current student transportation agreement date April 5, 2004. This lease will run concurrent with the student transportation agreement for the school years 2007-2008, 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 and will follow the same terms as set in the April 5, 2004 agreement at the following rates:

September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2008 - \$17,390  
September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2009 - \$18,000  
September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010 - \$18,540

ROLL CALL: YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Fullas,  
Mrs. Geronikos (7)  
NAY: Mrs. Ganser (1)

Motion carried.

**RECOG-  
NITION  
OF  
GUESTS**

Donna Kulp – Asked how the district’s final budget ended up for the 2004-2005 school year.

**ADJOURN-  
MENT**

Mr. Beers made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Follweiler, that the special meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of Directors be adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan C. Dorshimer  
Secretary

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ President  
Mathias J. Green, Jr.