

**NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Board Minutes**

**Slatington, PA**  
**December 10, 2007**

**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, December 10, 2007 in the boardroom located in the Slatington Elementary School.

**ROLL CALL**

Members present: Mr. Donald H. Dengler, Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer, Mr. Raymond J. Follweiler, Jr., Mrs. Lauren A. Ganser, Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos, Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr., Mr. Gregory S. Williams, Mr. Edward E. Hartman (8)

Members absent: Mrs. Donna M. Kulp (1)

Non-members present: Mr. Donald Allen, Mrs. Lisa Blank, Mrs. Jill Chamberlain, Mr. Greg Derr, Mrs. Lynne Fedorcha, Mr. John Hrizuk, Dr. Linda Marcincin, Mrs. Laurie Newman-Mankos, Mrs. Karen Nicholas, Mr. David Papay, Ms. Rachel Parisi (Student Rep.) Mrs. Diane Ruff, Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Sr., Mr. Michael Showak (Student Rep), Mrs. Aileen Yadush and Mrs. Sherri Molitoris.

**VISITORS**

Approximately ten visitors attended the meeting in addition to Terry Ahner reporter for The Times News.

**SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS**

Lehigh Career and Technical Institute

Mr. Follweiler made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Dengler, to appoint Mrs. Donna M. Kulp as Board Representative for Lehigh Career and Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee.

YEA: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mr. Williams, Mr. Hartman (8)

NAY: None (0)

Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos will serve as the alternate.

Legislative Report – Mr. Gregory S. Williams reported on changes to HB 446 Karen Byler's Cyber Charter Schools Bill. After some significant changes, the bill has been approved by the Education Committee.

Committee Reports and/or Meetings

Mr. Williams made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Dengler, that the Board of Education approves the School Board Committee Meeting Calendar for 2008 as presented.

YEA: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mr. Williams, Mr. Hartman (8)

NAY: None (0)

Minutes of the Technology Building and Grounds Meeting held on December 5, 2007 were distributed.

Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on December 5, 2007 were distributed.

Student Representatives to the Board Report

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

There was discussion on the School Board Committee Meeting Member List for 2008. Mr. Hartman will submit the additions and changes to the Committee Meeting Member list to Mrs. Molitoris. The list will be updated and placed on the January 7, 2008 board agenda for approval.

**SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS (cont.)**

Federal and Other Programs Update - Mrs. Lynne B. Fedorcha distributed her written report and verbally reported on its contents which included information on purchasing 2 Mimios from the Accountability Block Grant, Safe and Drug Free Schools and Community Grant will be offering 7 weeks of the Strengthening Families Program, visitation from teachers of Pleasant Valley School District, Monroe Career and Technical Institute and Stroudsburg Area School District to observe Middle School Reading Apprenticeship Framework, new web link for Wellness Advisory Council on NLSD home page and administration is seeking interested community members to serve on committees for our Strategic Plan 2008-2014.

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Business Manager's Report – Mrs. Lisa A. Blank distributed revisions, in draft format, to Policy 707 which was results from discussions at the December 5, 2007 Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting. She stated that this will be on the December 12, 2007 Policy Committee meeting agenda. She also addressed the board concerning a letter received from NLYAA requesting a revision to their invoice for the Fall of 2007. She encouraged the board to not address this letter or the invoice until revisions to policy 707 are complete.

Mr. Dorshimer stated that he advised NLYAA to contact administration with concerns to revisions to their current bill and administration would then come to the board with their recommendation. Mr.

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refund.

Dorshimer further stated that this organization has not paid a bill for two years. If the board them from paying this bill it will be three years they would not have paid for use of facilities. stated that if the board agrees to that he will make a motion recommending that all that have been charged in the last three years for use of facilities be given a

Dr. Sham suggested that the policy committee should deal with the policy. He further stated there are three or four board members that are on the policy committee and that committee should the request from NLYAA and make a recommendation back to the board on charges to NLYAA.

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Superintendent's Report - Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Sr.

Dr. Sham recognized Mrs. Karen Nicholas, Peters Elementary Principal, for participating in PDE's Pennsylvania Inspired Leadership Initiative SUPPORT program. Mrs. Nicholas reported on her experience to date.

Dr. Sham recognized Mr. David Papay, Middle School Principal, for receiving the Learning for Life Staff "Golden Apple Award" as the 2007-2008 Principal of the Year.

Dr. Sham reported on an Alert received from the Walnutport Borough Police dealing with Crystal Methamphetamine and being distributed to children at playgrounds disguised as "pop rocks".

Mr. Hartman stated that there was an executive session held prior to tonight's meeting in the superintendent's office to discuss personnel issues.

**PERSONNEL**

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

Substitute  
Non-  
Instructional

Approve the following substitute teacher aides for the 2007-2008 school year at the 2007-2008 substitute teacher aide rate as approved on the Supplementary Personnel Salary Schedule:

Brenda Hauck  
Debi Hollenbach

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Approve the following substitute secretary for the 2007-2008 school year at the 2007-substitute secretary rate as approved on the Supplementary Personnel Salary Schedule:

Brenda Hauck

**PERSONNEL** (cont.) Approve the following substitute cafeteria worker for the 2007-2008 school year at the 2007-2008 substitute cafeteria worker rate as approved on the Supplementary Personnel Salary Schedule:

Brenda Hauck

Content Area Coordinators 2007-2008 Approve the following list of employees as Content Area Coordinators for the 2007-2008 school year. Stipend for this position is \$1,800 per year and is funded through the Project 720 Grant. This is one of the Project 720 initiatives for the next three years.

Christine Leslie – Science  
 Renee Evans – English  
 Stephen Drake – Related Arts  
 Erwin Pruztman – Business/Technology  
 James Yadush – Social Studies  
 Gregory King – Mathematics  
 Tanya Simms – Wellness/Fitness (K-12)

Game Worker 2007-2008 Approve the following person as a Game Worker for the 2007-2008 school year. Game Workers consist of ticket sellers and takers, game announcers, scoreboard operators, timers, field judges, scorekeepers. Rate of pay is consistent with the rates approved on the 2007-2008 Supplementary Personnel Salary Schedule.

Paula Seiler

Unpaid Leave Of Absence Approve the request of Dawn Mayer, Peters Elementary teacher, to take an unpaid leave of absence. She will be taking a personal day on April 9, 2008 and is requesting two unpaid days on April 10 & 11, 2008. Her family will be traveling to Daytona, Florida to see her daughter compete in a competition. Her request will not be considered a precedent for future requests per correspondence received from the Northern Lehigh Education Association.

Extension Of Unpaid Leave Approve the request of employee #220, Slatington Elementary teacher, to extend her original requested unpaid leave for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year. She plans to return to her current teaching position on the first day of the 2008-2009 school year.

Substitute Non-Instructional Approve the following individual as a substitute teacher aide, substitute cafeteria worker, substitute secretarial and substitute custodian for the 2007-2008 school year at the approved 2007-2008 Supplementary Personnel Salary Schedule substitute rates:

Ryan Mayberry\*  
**\*Pending Verification of Clearances**

YEA: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mr. Williams, Mr. Hartman (8)

NAY: None (0)

**CONFERENCE** Mr. Dorshimer made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Williams, that the Board of Education approves the following conference items:

Jill Chamberlain – Annual Reading Apprenticeship Conference – February 28 – March 2, 2008 – Plainsboro, NJ –Lodging: \$345.00 + taxes & fees, Travel: \$106.70 + tolls, Meals: \$45.00 – Total Approximate Cost: \$496.70 – Funding: Curriculum and Instruction Budget

YEA: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mr. Williams, Mr. Hartman (8)

NAY: None (0)

**POLICY** Mr. Williams made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Ganser, that the Board of Education approves the following policy items:

Board Policy Second Reading Approve school board policy #209 – Pupils – Health Examinations/Screenings, as presented after second reading.

**POLICY**  
**(cont.)**

Approve school board policy #236 – Pupils – Student Assistance Program, as presented after second reading.

Approve school board policy #800 – Operations – Records Management, as presented after second reading.

Homebound  
Instruction

It is recommended that the Board of Education grant homebound instruction for a 9<sup>th</sup> grade student, Student No. 1090034 for five hours per week, effective December 3, 2007 and continuing until approximately March 3, 2008.

Field  
Trip

Gifted & Enrichment Class – Middle School – PA Farm Show, Harrisburg, PA – January 11, 2008 – Funded by Gifted and Enrichment Budget

Concert Choir – Middle and High Schools – New York City, NY – January 19, 2008 – Funded by Students & Parents

Homebound  
Instruction

It is recommended that the Board of Education grant homebound instruction for a 9<sup>th</sup> grade student, Student No. 1112600 for five hours per week, effective December 10, 2007 and continuing until approximately January 15, 2008.

YEA: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mr. Williams, Mr. Hartman (8)

NAY: None (0)

Policy  
Language  
Using  
Modular Units  
For Storage  
Space

Mrs. Ganser made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Williams, that the Board of Education directs administration to include language in the policy being developed regarding outside organizations utilizing our facilities for storage space to specifically prohibit storage in the modular units.

## ROLL CALL:

YEA: Mr. Dorshimer (1)

NAY: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mr. Williams, Mr. Hartman (7)

Motion Defeated.

Mr. Dorshimer made a comment that our insurance carrier suggested not to do this.

Mr. Dengler stated his understanding was the insurance company suggested a couple of ways to proceed.

**CURRIC-  
ULUM AND  
INSTRUC-  
TION**

Mrs. Ganser made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Williams, that the Board of Education approves the following curriculum and instruction item:

HS Program  
Studies Book  
2008-2009

Approve the High School Program of Studies Book for the 2008-2009 school year as presented and recommended by administration.

YEA: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mr. Williams, Mr. Hartman (8)

NAY: None (0)

**NEW  
BUSINESS**

Mrs. Ganser asked administration when the next Messenger was being mailed. She was told it would be mailed the week of December 17, 2007.

**FINANCIAL**

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

**FINANCIAL**

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Financial Reports      Approve the Following Financial Reports:  
General Fund month of November  
NLMS Student Activities Account month of October  
NLHS Student Activities Account month of November

Payment Of Bills      Approve the Following List of Bills:  
General Fund months of November  
Capital Project Fund for month of November  
Cafeteria Fund month of November  
Athletic Fund month of November  
Refreshment Stand Fund month of November

YEA: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green,  
Mr. Williams, Mr. Hartman (8)  
NAY: None (0)

**LEGAL**

Mr. Green made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Geronikos, that the Board of Education approves the following legal item:

Appoint Steckel & last Stopp Solicitor's 2008      Approve to appoint the law firm of Steckel & Stopp as solicitors for the Northern Lehigh Lehigh School District for 2008 at a retainer fee of \$1,875.00. There is no increase over year's fee.

YEA: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green,  
Mr. Williams, Mr. Hartman (8)  
NAY: None (0)

**CORR-ESPONDENCE**

Mr. Green informed board members that they received information on PSBA's New Board Member Orientation Training. He stated that this conference will also be offered in the Lehigh Valley in January 2008.

**INFORMATION**

Minutes of the Lehigh Carbon Community College Board of Trustees meeting held on November 1, 2007 were distributed.

Minutes of the Washington Township Board of Supervisors meetings held on July 7, 2007, August 14, 2007, September 11, 2007 and October 9, 2007 were distributed.

**RECOGNITION OF GUESTS**

Sandy Young – Washington Township stated that she was upset that Mr. Dorshimer continues to make the comment that you need to take care of your own first. She stated that these kids are elementary students and part of this school district.

Jim Lehman – Washington Township asked that, if possible, in the future if a classroom needs to be evacuated for safety reasons that parents should be notified.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

YEA: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green,  
Mr. Williams, Mr. Hartman (8)  
NAY: None (0)

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan C. Dorshimer  
Secretary

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ President  
Edward E. Hartman