

NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, March 5, 2007
Peters Elementary School
7:30 P.M.



- 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. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING MEETINGS

- A. Regular school board meeting held on February 5, 2007.
- B. Regular school board meeting held on February 12, 2007.

III. SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS

- A. Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer
- B. Lehigh Career and Technical Institute Mrs. Sheryl A. Giles
- C. Legislative Report Mr. Gregory S. Williams
- D. Lehigh Carbon Community College Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr.
- E. Committee Reports and/or Meetings
 - Minutes of the Technology/Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting held on February 7, 2007. **(Attachment #1)**
 - Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on February 7, 2007. **(Attachment #2)**
- F. Student Representatives to the Board Report Mr. Nathan Hunsicker
Ms. Rachael Parisi
- G. Solicitor's Report Attorney Charles Stopp
- H. Federal and Other Programs Update Mrs. Lynne B. Fedorcha
- I. Business Manager's Report Mrs. Lisa A. Blank
- J. Superintendent's Report Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Sr.
 - LCCC Budget Presentation
- K. An executive session will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Faculty Room.

IV. PERSONNEL

A. Upon satisfactorily completing the 6 month probationary period and upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve a salary increase of \$3,000.00 for Greg Derr, Director of Buildings and Grounds, effective February 22, 2007.

B. Substitutes

1. Non-Instructional

a. Approve the following individuals as substitute custodians for the 2006-2007 school year at the 2006-2007 substitute rate of \$7.25 per hour.

Richard Nichol

b. Approve the following individuals as substitute secretaries/aides for the 2006-2007 school year at the 2006-2007 substitute rate of \$7.25 per hour.

Jessica Matyascik

C. Co-curricular Position 2006-2007

Mark Hoffman	Middle School Spring Intramural – Weightlifting	\$758.83
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D. Co-Curricular Positions 2007-2008

Joe Tout	Head Football Coach	\$6,543.21
Steve Hluschak	Assistant Football Coach	\$4,252.45
Mark Hoffman	Assistant Football Coach	\$4,252.45
Doug Reynolds	Assistant Football Coach	\$4,252.45
Dan Blazosky	Assistant Football Coach	\$4,252.45
Chad Henritzy	Assistant Football Coach	\$4,252.45
Mark Lavine	Assistant Football Coach	\$4,252.45 Shared Stipend
Andrew Lynn	Assistant Football Coach	\$4,252.45 Shared Stipend
Jess Schoenberger	Head Field Hockey Coach	\$3,920.19
Kelly Follweiler	Assistant Field Hockey Coach	\$2,547.65
Elissa Fry	Middle School Field Hockey Coach	\$2,497.20
Dave Oertner	Head Cross Country Coach	\$3,920.19
Beth Case	Assistant Cross Country Coach	\$2,547.65
John Sitaras	Head Boys Soccer Coach	\$4,729.54

E. Co-Curricular Volunteers 2007-2008 School Year

Ryan VanNorman	Assistant Football Coach
Terry Bowman	Assistant Football Coach
Amy Zeiser	Assistant Cross Country Coach

F. Approve to advertise for a half-time (3 hrs. per day) Aide for a student with special needs at Peters Elementary School.

G. Salary Adjustment

Acknowledge the following teacher who has completed the requirements per the Collective Bargaining Agreement that would entitle them to a salary increase for the second half of the 2006-2007 school year:

Kristin Skinker

From: Step 4B + 24
To: Step 4M

H. Unpaid Leave of Absence

1. Approve the request of employee #3880, a High School Aide, to take a six week unpaid leave of absence beginning on March 5, 2007. She is planning to return to work upon release from her doctor on or about April 13, 2007.
2. Approve the request of employee #2755, a Slatington Elementary School Cook, to take an unpaid leave of absence beginning on January 3, 2007. She is planning to return to work upon release from her doctor on or about February 28, 2007.

V. CONFERENCES

- A. Aileen Yadush – PASA Women’s Caucus Conference – May 2-4,2007 – Hershey, PA – Registration: \$350.00, Lodging: \$189.00, Total Approximate Cost: \$539.00 – Funding: C & I Budget (**Attachment #3**)
- B. Kristie Borger – Increasing Your Effectiveness as a Reading Specialist or Literacy Coach – March 21, 2007 – Allentown, PA – Registration: \$185.00, Funding: C & I Budget (**Attachment #4**)
- C. Gail Lafferty - Increasing Your Effectiveness as a Reading Specialist or Literacy Coach – March 21, 2007 – Allentown, PA – Registration: \$185.00, Funding: C & I Budget (**Attachment #4**)
- D. Diane Ruff – Wellness and Academic Success: From Policy to Action Conference – April 30, - May 1, 2007 – State College, PA – Registration: \$35.00, Travel: \$81.60, Lodging: \$146.76 - Total Approximate Cost: \$263.36 – Funding: Cafeteria Budget (**Attachment #5**)

VI. POLICY

A. Resolution Authorizing the May 15, 2007 Primary Ballot Question

Background: **Act 1 mandates a referendum on whether the school district shall increase or impose an income tax for the purpose of generating revenues to be used to fund homestead/farmstead property tax exclusions for qualified homestead/farmstead property. The purpose of this resolution is to approve the referendum question and related steps.**

RESOLVED, by the Board of School Directors of Northern Lehigh School District, as follows:

1. **The school district shall place a referendum question on the May 15, 2007 primary election ballot. The referendum question shall be in substantially the following form, with additions or changes (other than the tax rate) as determined by the school board President and election officials prior to the election:**

The current earned income tax rate is 1%. Do you favor imposing an additional 1% earned income tax? The revenue generated from the increased tax rate will be used to reduce taxes on qualified residential properties (homestead/farmstead) by an estimated amount of \$342.00

2. The school district administration, in consultation with the school board, shall prepare and present to election officials a non-legal interpretative statement that shall accompany the referendum question in accordance with the Pennsylvania Election Code.

3. School district officials shall take any and all action necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.

4. Should a majority of electors voting on the May 15, 2007 referendum question vote in the affirmative, the school district shall take action to assess and levy the tax beginning on July 1, 2007. This tax shall be self-executing and shall continue in force on a fiscal year basis without annual reenactment except in a year in which the rate of the tax is changed or the tax is repealed.

B. Resolution High School Science Lab

Approve the agreement between Northern Lehigh School District and the Northern Lehigh Education Foundation, Inc., for the building of the Herman P. Snyder Science Lab. (Attachmen#6)

C. Homebound Instruction

It is recommended that the Board of Education grant homebound instruction for a 9th Grade Student, Student No.1009350, for five hours per week, effective February 28, 2007 and continuing until March 14, 2007.

VII. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

X. FINANCIAL

A. Approve payment of bills from the construction fund account, as presented. (Attachmen#7)

XI. LEGAL

XII. CORRESPONDENCE

XIII. INFORMATION

A. Minutes of the Borough of Slatington Parks & Recreation Commission meeting held February 19, 2007.

B. Minutes of the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit 21 Board of Directors meeting held on January 15, 2007.

C. Minutes of the Lehigh Carbon Community College Board of Trustees meeting held on February 1, 2007.

D. Minutes of the Lehigh Career & Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee meeting held on January 24, 2007 and the LCTI Director's Report for February 2007.

XIV. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

XV. ADJOURNMENT