

NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Minutes

Slatington, PA
February 11, 2002

PURPOSE The regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors was called to order by the President, Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha, at 7:39 p.m., on Monday, February 11, 2002 in the cafeteria of the Slatington Elementary School.

ROLL CALL Members present: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mr. Fedorcha (8)

Members absent: Mrs. Giles (1)

Non-members present: Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Sr., Mrs. Lynne B. Fedorcha, Mr. Christopher Iacobelli, Dr. Linda Marcincin, Mrs. Karen Nicholas, Mr. John Hrizuk, Mr. David Papay, Mr. Robert Mack, Mr. Bernard Rockovich, Ms. Laurie Newman (arrived at 7:45 p.m.), Ms. Pamela Grammes and Mrs. Doneta J. Merkle

VISITORS Alan Behnke, Barry Brobst and Sharon Minnich, reporter for The Times News attended the meeting.

APPROVE MINUTES A motion was made by Mr. Newhard, with a second made by Mr. Green, that the minutes of the regular school board meeting held on January 7, 2002 and the regular school board meeting held on January 14, 2002 be approved and ordered filed.

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos
Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mr. Fedorcha (8)

NAY: None (0)

SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS All board members received a copy of the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on January 28, 2002.

Student Representatives To The Board Report -- Pamela Grammes gave her report for the month of February.

Legislative Report -- Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos

Mrs. Geronikos reported that she was unable to make her trip to Washington, DC due to illness. She will be contacting Representative Toomey to meet with him sometime in April. She did attend the PSBA Legislative conference in Hershey and shared information she obtained at that conference with the board.

Federal and Other Programs -- Mrs. Lynne B. Fedorcha

Mrs. Fedorcha brought the district up to date on the strategic plan. She reported on the Public Education Celebration 2002. She would like to tap into student organizations in the district to showcase what they do. She also distributed a written Administrative Assistant Report which she highlighted.

Mrs. Fedorcha's curriculum report was done via distance learning. Mrs. Jane Englert, senior high school librarian, gave a presentation to the board by updating them on the status of the Library and Information Literacy Curriculum Committee. She gave her report from her library in the senior high school.

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

1. Dr. Sham publicly thanked Mr. Mack and his staff for the wonderful token of appreciation he received from them.
2. Dr. Sham congratulated Mr. Iacobelli, Slatington Elementary Principal, on the birth of his second set of twins

3. Dr. Sham reported that it is the consensus of the administration to accommodate the Election Board and set up the 2003-2004 district common calendar and schedule in-service days to coincide with election day beginning in November 2003.
4. Dr. Sham presented Mrs. Escott with a Certificate of Recognition for completion of the School Board Academy Courses 1-4. Mrs. Giles also was acknowledged in her absence as receiving the same recognition.
5. Dr. Sham read the Pennsylvania Education Policy letter he received from CLIU 21 which dealt with the 2002-2003 Proposed State Budget.
6. A written Superintendent's Bulletin was distributed and Dr. Sham highlighted items contained in it, particularly the item dealing with replacement of the middle school roof.

A discussion ensued and Mr. Barry Brobst from The Architectural Studio talked about what would be the best possible direction for our board to take with regard to bidding/or not bidding replacement of the middle school roof in order to get the most economical cost possible. It was stated that is important that we get the best roof for the money. Sometimes the cheapest roof is not always the best roof.

Mr. Brobst cautioned the board that when a roof is replaced it is important to make certain that you don't put more weight back on the structure than the structure can handle. A determination needs to be made as to what type of materials or system should be used to replace the current roof both from a safety standpoint and an economical standpoint.

An Executive Work Session was held before and after the meeting to discuss personnel issues.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mr. Dorshimer, with a second made by Mrs. Geronikos, that the Board of Education approve the following personnel items:

Salary Adjustment Acknowledge the following teachers who have completed the requirements per the Collective Bargaining Agreement that would entitle them to a salary increase for the second half of the 2001-2002 school year:

Michele Dotta	Michele D. Dotta		
	From: 4B		\$35,800
	To: 4B+24		\$36,400

Susanne Hegedus	Susanne Hegedus		
	From: 5B		\$35,900
	To: 5B+24		\$37,000

Employ Dawn Wadsworth As School Psychologist Approve the recommendation of the administration that, effective February 12, 2002, the Board of Education employs Mrs. Dawn Wadsworth as a school psychologist at a salary of \$62,500.00 (prorated for the 2001-2002 school year). Mrs. Wadsworth will work 191 days per year with an additional maximum stipend of \$5000 for added summer duties paid on a per diem basis. She will be a member of the Act 93 Administrative Group.

Unpaid Volunteer Aide Approve the following individual as an unpaid volunteer aide in the Slatington Elementary School for the 2001-2002 school year: Janet Brunner

Substitutes-Non-Inst. Approve the following substitute aide for the 2001-2002 school year at the substitute rate of \$7.25 per hour: Janet Brunner

Unpaid Leave Approve the request of Gloria Rentschler, Title I Aide in the Slatington Elementary School, to take a five-day unpaid leave for personal reasons from March 4-8, 2002.

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos
Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mr. Fedorcha (8)

NAY: None (0)

POLICY

Conference

A motion was made by Mr. Newhard, with a second made by Mrs. Geronikos, that the Board of Education approve the request of Brian Geiger to attend the 47th Annual Conference & Exhibits sponsored by PSABO (Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials) in Hershey, PA from March 12-15, 2002. Expenses include \$350.00 for registration, \$50.00 for travel, \$576.00 for lodging for a total cost of \$976.00 and was included in the 2001-2002 budget.

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos
Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mr. Fedorcha (8)

NAY: None (0)

**NEW
BUSINESS**

A motion was made by Mrs. Escott, with a second made by Mrs. Geronikos, that the Board of Education approve the following New Business items:

Proceed With
Planning And
In-Service For
Middle School

Approve to authorize the administration to proceed with the planning and in-service for the middle school transition as outlined in the January 7, 2002 school board meeting, pending adoption of a final budget.

Community
Liaisons

Approve to appoint the following individuals as Community Liaisons for a one-year term:
Slatington Borough – Mrs. Geronikos
Walnutport Borough – Mr. Newhard
Washington Township – Mr. Fedorcha

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos
Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mr. Fedorcha (8)

NAY: None (0)

FINANCIAL

A motion was made by Mr. Dorshimer, with a second made by Mr. Cox, that the Board of Education approve the following financial items:

Treasurer's
Report

Approve the report of the Treasurer, Mr. Cox, as presented, for the month of January 2002.

Reports
(Info Only)

All board members received the January 2002 Expenditure Reports for the Cafeteria, General and Capital Reserve Funds.

General Fund
Bills

Approve payment of General Fund bills for the month of January 2002, as presented.

Carbon Lehigh
Intermediate
Unit Budget
For 2002-2003

Approve the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit 2002-2003 Operational and Program Services Budget in the amount of \$1,483,404.00, a 1.01% increase over last year. Northern Lehigh's share will be \$19,391.00, no increase over last year's budget. It is further recommended that proper officials be authorized to execute the CLIU 21 2002-2003 Budget Resolution.

Budgetary
Transfers

Approve budgetary transfers as presented.

CTC Assoc.
Data
Cabling For
Middle School

Approve to authorize CTC Associates (approved State ITQ Contractor #: ME2081366-3I) to install the data cabling for Phase I of the Middle School Renovation Project in accordance with State ITQ contract guidelines and pricing in the amount of \$12,781.00. It is also recommended that the old cabling be removed at an additional cost not to exceed \$950.00.

Fiber Optic

Approve the purchase and installation of fiber optic cable, to connect the two outlying

Cable For telecommunications closets to the main telecommunications closet at Peters Elementary School, Peters Elem. from CTC Associates for \$5434.00. Funds to be taken from the 2001 AA Bond.

FINANCIAL
(Con't.)

Resolution To Participate Chester Co. School District Joint Purchasing Board
Approve a resolution, that is effective January 30, 2002 through December 31, 2002, requesting permission to participate in the Chester County School Districts' Joint Purchasing Board Apple Computer hardware, software, supplies, and miscellaneous items bid.

PA Education Joint Purchasing Council
Approve to authorize proper officials to enter into an agreement, that is effective January 17, 2002 to June 30, 2002, with the Pennsylvania Education Joint Purchasing Council, a cooperative purchasing consortium, at an annual fee of \$250.00.

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos
Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mr. Fedorcha (8)

NAY: None (0)

TAS Coordinate New Middle School Roof System
A motion was made by Mr. Cox, with a second made by Mr. Green, to approve to have The Architectural Studio work with and coordinate the necessary changes to the Northern Lehigh Middle School for the installation of a new roofing system. The scope of work is to include, but not be limited to:

- a. structural investigation to determine current roof load capabilities;
 - b. determine current insulation values;
 - c. locate low points of roof for installation of new roof drains;
 - d. coordinate information with school district's roofing representative.
- Compensation is to be hourly, based upon Articles 11.3.2 and 11.3.3 of the Owners/Architect Contract.

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos
Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mr. Fedorcha (8)

NAY: None (0)

INFORMATION
All board members received a copy of the minutes of the Lehigh Carbon Community College Board of Trustees meeting held on January 3, 2002.

COMMENT
Mr. Green asked where we stand on the budget. When will the board see a rough, preliminary budget?

ADJOURNMENT
A motion was made by Mr. Newhard, with a second made by Mrs. Geronikos, that the regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh School District Board of School Directors be adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Escott, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos
Mr. Green, Mr. Newhard, Mr. Fedorcha (8)

NAY: None (0)

Respectfully submitted,

Jane J. Escott
Secretary

ATTEST: _____ President
 Gary S. Fedorcha