

**NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Board Minutes**

**June 7, 2004**

**Slatington, PA**

**PURPOSE**

The regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors was called to order by the President, Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr., at 7:35 p.m. on Monday, June 7, 2004 in the Slatington Elementary School gymnasium.

**ROLL CALL**

Members present: Mr. Franklin D. Beers, Mr. Robert J. Cox, Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer, Mr. Raymond J. Follweiler, Jr., Mrs. Lauren A. Ganser, Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos, Mr. William H. Hazzard, Ms. Angeline M. Papay, Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr. (9)

Members absent: None (0)

Non-members present: Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Sr., Mrs. Lynn B. Fedorcha, Mr. Philip Bertolino, Dr. Linda Marcincin, Mr. John Hrizuk, Mr. David Papay, Mr. Robert Mack, Mr. Brian Geiger, Ms. Christine Stafford, Attorney Charles Stopp (Solicitor), Mr. Jeffrey Bachman, Ms. Laurie Newman, Ms. Amberly Gable, Mrs. Doneta Merkle

**VISITORS**

Approximately 90 visitors attended the meeting, in addition to Terry Ahner, reporter for The Chronicle newspaper, Sharon Minnich, reporter for The Times News, and Stacy Duck reporter for The Morning Call.

**PUBLIC**

Sheryl Giles and Steven Bandzi requested permission to reserve the right to comment on any item listed on the agenda.

**COMMENT  
ON AGENDA**

**SPECIAL**

Lehigh Career and Technical Institute – Mrs. Lori Geronikos

**BOARD**

Mrs. Geronikos reported on the students from Northern Lehigh who were given awards for their performance at LCTI. She announced that Chloe Manescu won the Donnely Award through LCTI.

**REPORTS**

Legislative Report – Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos

Mrs. Geronikos reported on her trip to Harrisburg where she met with Rep. Julie Harhart along with other representatives on sub committees on education and discussed referendum with them.

Committee Reports and/or Meetings

All board members received copies of the minutes of the Technology/Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting held on May 5, 2004, the minutes of the Policy/Education/Staffing Committee meeting held on May 17, 2004, and the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on May 24, 2004.

Student Representatives To The Board Report -- Ms. Amberly Gable gave her report for the month of June.

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

Mrs. Fedorcha distributed a written report to the board and summarized its contents. She ended her report by having Laurie Newman, Special Education Coordinator, share some information with the board about the Progress Monitoring Grant the district received for special needs students.

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

Dr. Sham reported that the board has requested, if possible, to have an Executive Session on Monday, June 14 at 6:30 p.m. regarding the legal issue Attorney Stopp has addressed.

Dr. Sham wanted to make mention to the public, and the board that, the annual Running of the Dawgs was conducted by the Educational Foundation last week and he wanted to thank all the volunteers. It was a great success.

**SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS** 2004 Northern Lehigh High School Track & Field Team. (See Attached)  
 Lauren Ganser made a motion to approve the Proclamation, there was a unanimous second to her motion.

Proclamation

2004 Track Team  
 YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Hazzard, Ms. Papay, Mr. Green (9)  
 NAY: None (0)

There was an Executive Session at 6:45 p.m. in the boardroom for four legal issues, two personnel issues, and one negotiations issue.

Reconvene Executive Session  
 Mr. Green called for a continuation of the Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. The board reconvened its regular meeting at 7:40 p.m. and Mr. Green reported that the board discussed negotiations and a legal item.

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

Resignation/Retirement Instructional  
 Rose Lee Goldberg, Title I Reading Teacher, has submitted her letter of resignation, effective June 28, 2004 at which time she will begin her retirement from the Northern Lehigh School District after 15 years of service in the district.

Non-resignation  
 Judith Mack, Administrative Secretary in the Central Administration Office, has submitted her letter of Instructional resignation, effective August 4, 2004 at which time she will begin her retirement from the Northern Lehigh School District after 18 years of service in the district.

Patricia Gilbert To Retire  
 In accordance with Item 16 of the 2002-2005 Clerical Salary and Benefit Agreement between the Northern Lehigh School District and the Northern Lehigh Clerical Staff, "In recognition of service to the Northern Lehigh School District, non-instructional office and supervisory personnel with more than twenty (20) years of service in the Northern Lehigh School District shall receive a salary increment of \$500.00 in excess of their job rate during the employee's last year of service prior to their retirement. The payment of the Five Hundred Dollar (\$500.00) salary increment is contingent upon the employee giving the district notice of their intention to retire at least twelve and one-half (12 ½) months prior to the employee's retirement date". The Superintendent's Office was notified on May 12, 2004 that Patricia Gilbert plans to retire from her position as Administrative Secretary to the Director of Curriculum and Instruction in the Central Administration Office. Mrs. Gilbert has been employed in the district since 1975 and in her position since 1983. She plans to retire in July 2005.

Rescind Previous Motion  
 Rescind the previous motion made on May 3, 2004 to approve the employment of Kristen Lapatchak as a substitute instructional aide for the 2003-2004 school year.

Substitutes Instructional  
 Approve the following substitute teacher 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:

Christina Dieter – Mentally &/or Physically Handicapped and Elementary K-8

Non-Instructional  
 Approve the following substitute secretary/instructional aide for the 2003-2004 school year at the 2003-2004 substitute rate of \$7.25 per hour: Dawn Wehr

Middle School Co-Curricular Appointments for 2004-2005

Middle School Girls Field Hockey Coach – Kelly Follweiler -- \$2424.00  
 Middle School Girls Basketball Coach – Eugene Roberts -- \$4046.00  
 Middle School Boys Basketball Coach – George Weaver -- \$2778.00

**PERSONNEL**

(Con't.)

**Unpaid Leave** Approve the request of Grace Reppert, Special Education Life Skills Aide in the afternoon at Peters Elementary School, to take an unpaid leave of absence from her duties for personal reasons. The requested leave is effective May 11, 2004 and continues for the remainder of the 2003-2004 school year. Approval or denial of this request shall not be deemed as precedent setting.

ROLL CALL: YEA: Mr. Cox, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Hazzard, Ms. Papay, Mr. Green (5)  
 NAY: Mr. Beers, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser (4)

Motion carried.

**POLICY**

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

**Conferences** Approve the request of Ellen Yenser to attend the PaTTAN conference on July 14, 15 and 16, 2004 in State College, PA. Expenses for this conference include \$118.36 for travel, \$322.25 for lodging for a total cost of \$440.61 and will be funded through IDEA funds.

Approve the request of Suzanne Gower to attend the C.E.S.T.A. (Continuing Excellence in Science Teaching Alliance) conference from July 18-21, 2004 at Messiah College. Expenses for this conference include \$145.00 for registration and will be funded through Title IIA funds.

Approve the request of Elizabeth Vasquez to attend a CLIU conference on August 9, 2004. Expenses for this conference include \$150.00 for registration and will be funded through IDEA funds.

Approve the request of Elizabeth Vasquez to attend a CLIU conference on August 27, 2004. Expenses for this conference, include \$150.00 for registration and will be funded through IDEA funds.

Approve the request of Tracy Hoffman to attend Student Assistance Program Training sponsored by Project Care in Bethlehem, PA from June 15-18, 2004. Expenses for conference include \$375.00 for registration and will be funded through Drug Free funds.

Approve the request of Theresa Lobach to attend a Wilson Reading System Two-Day Overview conference in Allentown on June 29 and 30, 2004. Expenses for this conference include \$225.00 for registration and will be funded through IDEA funds.

**Student Representative To The Board** Approve Jessica A. Fidler as a Student Representative to the Board for the 2004-2005 school year. Jessica has been elected as the junior representative to the board and will serve from September 2004 through June 2005. Ashley Kunkle will serve as a student representative to the board as the senior representative until June 2005.

**Homebound Instruction** Grant homebound instruction for a 10<sup>th</sup> grade student, student #06-55000, effective May 17, 2004 through September 2004.

**Board Policy** Revisions To Existing Policy:

**Policy #217** Second Reading -- Approve revisions to existing school board policy #217 – Pupils – Graduation Requirements, after second second.

**Policy # 826** First Reading -- Approve revisions to existing school board policy #826 – Operations – HIPAA Compliance, after first reading.

**POLICY**

(Con't.)  
Policy #915

New Policy – First Reading -- Approve new school board policy #915 – Community – Concession Stand Operation, as presented after first reading.

Amend  
Motion

Mrs. Ganser made a motion, and Mrs. Geronikos seconded her motion, to amend the previous motion to omit first reading of new policy #915 send the policy back to the Policy Committee.

Vote On  
Amendment

YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos,  
Mr. Hazzard, Ms. Papay, Mr. Green (9)  
NAY: None (0)

Public  
Comment

Tamra Blizzard – Had a question on Graduation Requirements policy. Asked if the graduation date could be moved to January?

Vote On Main  
Motion

ROLL CALL: YEA: Mr. Cox, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Hazzard  
Ms. Papay, Mr. Beers, Mr. Green (8)  
NAY: Mr. Dorshimer (1)  
Motion carried.

**CURRIC-  
ULUM AND  
INSTRUC-  
TION**

Mr. Cox made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Hazzard, that the Board of Education approves the following items listed under Curriculum and Instruction:

Title I, Title  
VI, Title II & Free  
Drug-Free  
Schools &  
Communities  
Act –  
2004-2005

Approve to authorize proper officials to execute contracts for Title I, Title VI, Title II, and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Acts for the 2004-2005 school year.

East Strouds-  
burg Affiliation  
Agreement

Approve a five-year “Affiliation Agreement For Use of A Facility As An Internship Site” with East Stroudsburg University in the area of Movement Studies/Physical Education/Exercise Science/Athletic Training beginning with the 2003-2004 school year.

Driver Ed  
Agreement

Approve to authorize proper officials to ratify a contractual agreement between the Northern Lehigh School District and the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21 to continue the Driver Education Program in our district, effective July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

Summer Reading  
Camp

Approve to authorize the administration to employ a total of up to six elementary teachers at a stipend of \$1404.00 per teacher (\$8424.00 total) to conduct a Title I Summer Reading Camp for selected K-3 students based on teacher recommendation. The Reading Camp will be conducted in the middle school from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday from July 19 through August 12, 2004. Expenses for this program will be paid for through Title I funds.

YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos,  
Mr. Hazzard, Ms. Papay, Mr. Green (9)  
NAY: None (0)

**FINANCIAL**

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

PC Abatements

Approve abatement and exonerations of per capita taxes, for the residents that fall within the guidelines, as presented.

Extended Con-

Approve payment of bills from the Extended Construction Account, as presented.

## struction Bills

**FINANCIAL**

(Con't.)

Portfolio  
Summary

Approve the Arthurs Lestrangle Cash Management Portfolio Summary for the month of April 2004.

Solicit  
Proposals

Borrow

Approve Christine Stafford, Business Manager and Les Bear, Financial Consultant with Arthurs LeStrange to solicit proposals from financial institutions for the purpose of borrowing funds in the form of a General Obligation Note of 2004 during the 2004-05 fiscal year. The purpose of the note is to provide financing for uncompleted capital projects.

Real Estate  
Refund

Approve a real estate refund in the amount of \$33.70 to Vincent & Brenda Morris, Walnutport Borough, due to an assessment reduction from \$42,600 to \$37,800 effective April 1, 2004.

Renew Expiring  
Bonds for  
2004-2005

Approve to renew the following expiring bonds for the 2004-2005 fiscal year through HRH Palley Simon Associates:

A \$50,000 Board Secretary Bond for the term July 1, 2004 to July 1, 2005 at an annual premium cost of \$175.00.

A \$50,000 Board Treasurer Bond for the period July 1, 2004 to July 1, 2005 at an annual premium cost of \$269.00.

Renew Public  
Relations  
Consortium  
At LCTI

Approve the recommendation of the administration to renew a \$3000.00 expenditure for the Public Relations Consortium at the Lehigh Career and Technical Institute. This figure was not included in the member District Cost Calculation figures in the 2004-2005 LCTI budget document.

Tax Assessor  
Legal Ad

Authorize the Secretary to publish a legal advertisement notifying every resident or inhabitant within the territorial limits of the Northern Lehigh School District attaining eighteen (18) years of age, and every resident or inhabitant in said school district to notify the proper assessor within twelve (12) months of his or her becoming a resident or inhabitant, in accordance with the School Laws of Pennsylvania, Section 680, as amended August 16, 1972, Act 138. The assessors to contact are as follows:

**BOROUGH OF WALNUTPORT**

Christine Simock – Borough Secretary  
Walnutport Borough Building  
417 Lincoln Avenue, Walnutport, PA 18088  
610-767-1322

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP**

Diane Frantz – Township Secretary  
Washington Township Municipal Building  
PO Box 27, Slatedale, PA 18078  
610-767-8108

**BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON**

Ronald Klevenhagen  
Northern Lehigh School District  
Earned Income Tax Office  
125 S. Walnut Street, Slatington, PA 18080  
610-767-9845

Student  
Accident &  
Athletic  
Insurance

Appoint Mid-Penn Insurance Associates as the 2004-2005 Student Accident and Athletic Insurance carriers. The renewal rate is \$6015.00 an increase of \$285.00 over last year, to include all interscholastic sports, band, and cheerleading. Voluntary school coverage is \$22.00 for the school time rate and \$88.00 for the 24-hour rate, which is a reduction from \$27.00 and \$98.00 last year.

Approve  
Financial  
Institutions  
For 2004-05

Authorize the following financial institutions to act as approved depositories for school district funds and or temporary investments. The Northern Lehigh School Board further authorizes the following financial institutions to transfer funds on deposit to any other bank for the credit of the Northern Lehigh School District. The Board further authorizes the Business Manager and/or Superintendent to

enter into agreements, supplements or amendments to agreements to implement the foregoing operations for the 2004-2005 school year:

**FINANCIAL**

(Con't.)

AllFirst Trust	Prudential-Bache Government
Citizens National Bank	Securities Trust
Patriot Bank	Wachovia National Bank
Pennsylvania Local Government	Neff's National Bank
Commerce Bank of Pennsylvania	Investment Trust

Ron Klevenhagen – EIT, EIT OPT, Real Estate & Per Capita Tax Collector  
 Appoint Mr. Ronald Klevenhagen as Earned Income Tax Collector, Delinquent Earned Income Tax Collector, Occupational Privilege Tax Collector, and Real Estate and Per Capita Tax Delinquent Collector for the 2004-2005 school year. It is further recommended that proper officials be authorized to secure, on behalf of the above named individual, a \$250,000.00 bond for the fiscal year July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

NLMS Student Activities Acct. Approve the Northern Lehigh Middle School Student Activities Account fund statement for the month of April 2004.

Insurance For broker for Property, Casualty, Liability and Workers' Compensation Insurance for the 2004-2005 school year.  
 Appoint Hilb, Rogal and Hamilton Company (HRH) Palley Simon Associates as the district insurance Broker for the 2004-2005 school year.

Delinquent Per Capita Tax Collector Approve the appointment of Statewide Tax Recovery as the delinquent per capita tax collector for the district for the 2004-2005 school year.

Award Bids Approve the awarding of bids for general supplies, art supplies, and lumber supplies as presented.

Give PPL Right of Way Approve to give PPL the Right of Way to install underground cabling and transformer on district property for the field house project.

Verizon Right of Way Approve the request from Verizon for a Right of Way to place a pole and cabinet on the property at Peters Elementary School. Verizon will pay the district \$100.00 for the placement of the pole.

Purchase Lockers For House used in the four locker rooms of the field house.  
 Approve to purchase 220 locker room lockers from the Pennsylvania Correctional Industries under state contract #03-0391M at a cost of \$207.57 per unit for a total cost of \$45,665.40. These lockers will be Field House used in the four locker rooms of the field house.

Solicit Bids For High School Sound System Approve to authorize proper officials to solicit bids for the replacement of the high school auditorium sound system.

Upgrade Telephone Slatington Elementary Main Wiring Closet to support VOIP (voice over IP) and provide voice services to the Field House and Press Box as presented to the Technology/Buildings and Grounds Committee at the June 2, 2004 meeting. This upgrade will also allow the district to use VOIP within the District Office, Slatington Elementary and the High School. Funds to be taken from the 2001AA bond.  
 Approve the purchase of equipment, software, and labor from Eastern Telephone and Telecommunications, Inc. for \$19,938.00 (Pennsylvania ITQ) to upgrade the telephone system in the System Slatington Elementary Main Wiring Closet to support VOIP (voice over IP) and provide voice services to the Field House and Press Box as presented to the Technology/Buildings and Grounds Committee at the June 2, 2004 meeting. This upgrade will also allow the district to use VOIP within the District Office, Slatington Elementary and the High School. Funds to be taken from the 2001AA bond.

Telecommunications Equipment For Field House Press Box Approve the purchase of cable, equipment and installation of voice and data cabling from Eastern Telephone and Telecommunications, Inc. for \$18,980.00 (State of Pennsylvania Small Key Contract #5805-55) for the Field House and Press Box. This project will include all the data and voice wiring within the Field House and Press Box. It will also include the installation and termination of fiber optic And cable between Slatington Elementary's Main Wiring Closet and Field House and the Field House and Press Box. Funds to be taken from the 2001AA bond.

**FINANCIAL**

(Con't.)

- Network Electronics For Field House And Press Box      Approve the purchase of the network electronics from Corporate Networking, Inc. for \$5,065.40 (PEPPM bid list pricing) for the Field House and Press Box. These are the network switches needed to provide connectivity to our data network and telephone system. Funds to be taken from the 2001AA bond.
- UPS For Field House      Approve the purchase of a rackmount UPS (uninterruptible power supply) from ePlus Technology of PA for \$1085.54 (PEPPM bid list pricing). This is a UPS for the Field House to keep the network equipment and telephones working in the event of a power failure. Funds to be taken from the 2001AA bond.
- Pay Bills In July      Approve to grant permission to the business office to pay construction bills that are scheduled for payment during the month of July as required by contract. There is no scheduled board meeting in July.
- Budgetary Transfers      Approve budgetary transfers for fiscal year 2003-2004 as presented.
- Amend Motion      Mr. Follweiler made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Beers, that the Board of Education tables approval of replacing the bus garage roof using the Pennsylvania Education Joint Purchasing Council. Replacement of the roof would be done through TREMCO. Cost for this project is estimated to be \$160,000.00.
- Public Comment
- Sheryl Giles – Washington Township – Questioned the bid process with Tremco.
- Larry Green – Washington Township – Questioned how did Tremco give a quote without measuring the roof?
- Melvin Gildner – Washington Township – Asked if there is someone in the district watching over district buildings. He stated that rust does not happen over night. This should have been taken care of before when it was minor.
- David Edwards – Washington Township – Asked why wasn't the roof inspected before we built the field house?
- William Turk – Walnutport – Asked if Mr. Green was on the school board when the roof was put on? Told him that the cost of replacing the former Walnutport School roof, a rubber roof done by a local contractor in Slatington, cost \$52,000 with a 50-year guarantee. The district didn't want the school so the borough purchased it for their Borough Hall. Walnutport is considering moving out of the district and going to Northampton School District.
- Unknown Gentleman – You cannot replace part of the roof. You will have leaks every time.
- Vote On Amendment To Table Replacement Of Garage Roof      YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Hazzard, Ms. Papay, Mr. Green (9)  
NAY: None (0)
- Amend Motion      Ms. Papay made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Ganser, that the Board of Education omit the motion to approve removing Alternate G-3 from the Field House Project. Alternate G-3 was for the general contractor to provide only the scheduled block filler and /or primer on all interior wall surfaces thus using volunteers to do the painting. Original cost for the alternate was -\$13,000. By removing this alternate we will be adding back into the contract \$13,000.
- Amend      Mr. Cox amended the amendment to appoint Ms. Papay and Mrs. Ganser as co-chairs to formulate a

Amendment volunteer committee to paint the field house.

### FINANCIAL

(Con't.)

Vote On YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos,  
Amendment Mr. Hazzard, Ms. Papay, Mr. Green (9)  
To Amend NAY: None (0)

Direction Mr. Cox suggested that the board authorizes Mr. Geiger to have the architect prepare the plans and bid On  
Amendment specs as soon as possible and advertise this for bid. If there is a need for a special meeting to vote on it,  
the board should do this.

Public Sheryl Giles – Asked why the district's custodial staff couldn't paint the field house?  
Comment

Tamara Blizzard – Why is it an issue for volunteers to wear respirators to paint. Asked why did the district  
wasted time and money sending out post cards if the use of volunteers was determined to not be cost  
effective.

Chad Trego -- Asked why such toxic paid needed to be used? Why are many of the actions the  
board is taking seem to be based on assumptions alone.

Herbert Achey – Why not use concrete walls where you don't need to paint at all.

Vote on ROLL CALL: YEA: Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Ms. Papay, Mr. Beers,  
Amendment Mr. Hazzard, Mr. Green (7)  
To Omit NAY: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer (2)  
Removal Motion carried.  
Of Alternate  
G-3

Vote On ROLL CALL: YEA: Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Hazzard, Ms. Papay, Mr. Cox,  
Main Motion Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Green (7)  
NAY: Mrs. Ganser, Mr. Green (2)  
Motion carried.

Public Sheryl Giles – Asked for clarification on the difference between Item K and Item N on the agenda.  
Comment

Melvin Gildner – Indicated that there was a statement made in the newspaper that indicated one of the board  
members would have voted no for reconfiguration. Mrs. Geronikos addressed this issue and indicated that  
at a finance committee meeting it was suggested that the district was going to do away with an elementary  
principal. At that time she stated that she was not in favor of eliminating an elementary principal and  
appointing a head teacher in light of the fact that the district was reconfiguring the elementary schools. Her  
statement was that had she known that that was going to be a part of the mix, that the district was only  
going to have one elementary principal for 1200 elementary students in the middle of a reconfiguration, that  
she absolutely would not have voted for it.

Christina DeSanctis – Asked if any board members have children in the elementary schools. Addressed the  
fact that educational programs are part of the cut list. She said that there are many people in the community  
who are not in favor of reconfiguration. The money the district used for the field house could have been put  
into Title I for reading.

Shawn Surdoval -- High School Student – His question referred to a policy passed for credits for band and  
chorus. He indicated that he was willing to help look at the policy to see if a solution to the problem could  
be solved.

Sheryl Giles – Washington Township – Commented on reconfiguration and indicated that she has numerous  
emails from several board members basically saying how much reconfiguration is going to cost the district and how



other board members and administrators lied to them about equipment and reconfiguration. She stated that reconfiguration is not closed in the eyes of the community. If reconfiguration does go through this year you can almost guarantee that it will be changed back as soon as existing board members are not longer on the board. Please take another look at reconfiguration and look a little bit respectable in the eyes of the community.

Denise Plotsko – Washington Township – Stated that whatever board members are be giving information to Mrs. Giles should be giving it to everyone. She asked the board to tell her who is giving Mrs. Giles the information. Stated that teachers are not against reconfiguration.

Melvin Gildner – Washington Township – Wanted to tell the board that there are some teachers in the district that have said when this whole reconfiguration issue started that they were told to work together as a unit, work as one to get it through.

David Edwards – Washington Township – Why was reconfiguration done?

**INFORMA-  
MATION**

Board members received copies of the minutes of the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit Board of Directors meeting held on April 19, 2004, the minutes of Washington Township Board of Supervisors meeting held on April 13, 2004, and the minutes and LCTI Director's report for the Lehigh Career & Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee meeting held on April 28, 2004.

Direction On  
Garage  
Roof

Mr. Cox made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Follweiler, that the Board of Education authorize proper officials to authorize plans and bid documents to be prepared for the roof discussion previously and authorize them to advertise bids and come back to the board.

YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos,  
Mr. Hazzard, Ms. Papay, Mr. Green (9)

NAY: None (0)

**RECESS**

Mr. Green called for a short courtesy break at 10:40 p.m. The board reconvened at 10:55 p.m.

**BUDGET  
DISCUSSION**

Mr. Green opened the floor to budget discussion stating that for purposes of the discussion the board will consider a mill to be worth \$200,000. If any board member wishes to reduce the mileage then they need to come up with cuts that approximate the cost of the reduction, or if a board member wants to add something they must also do the same thing.

Table  
Budget  
Discussion

Mr. Cox made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Ganser, that the Board of Education table until next week adoption of the 2004-2005 budget so that the board can discuss it rationally. He also requested that adoption of the budget should be the first item on the agenda for next week's meeting.

ROLL CALL: YEA: Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Hazzard, Ms. Papay, Mr. Beers,  
Mr. Cox, Mr. Follweiler (7)

NAY: Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Green (2)

Motion carried.

**RECOGN-  
ITION**

**OF GUESTS** Chad Trego – Stated that many of the people have sat at the meeting for a considerable amount of time to discuss the budget and no matter how long it takes the board should allow the public to speak. He felt it was not in the best interest of the community to put off adopting the budget again. He read an opinion letter he composed to the board. Chad was asked to cut his speech short because he had exceeded the 5 minute allotment for public comment.

John Kisthardt – Slatinton Library Board of Directors – thanked the board for their financial support over the years and asked them to reconsider their decision to support the library this year because of the reduction in state aide the library will be receiving.

Sheryl Giles – Washington Township – Finished Chad Trego's remarks.

