

**NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Minutes**

**October 3, 2005
Slatington, PA**

PURPOSE

At the regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr., Board President, passed the gavel to Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos, Board Vice-President who called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. on Monday, October 3, 2005 in the JOC Boardroom located at the Lehigh Career and Technical Institute in Schnecksville, PA. Mrs. Geronikos is the board representative on the Joint Operating Committee of the Lehigh Career and Technical Institute.

**APPOINT
TEMPORARY
SECRETARY**

Mrs. Geronikos appointed Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr. as Temporary Secretary for the meeting in the absence of Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer, Board Secretary.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Mr. Raymond J. Follweiler, Jr., Mrs. Susan H. Fullas, Mrs. Lauren A. Ganser, Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos, Mr. William H. Hazzard, Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr. (6)

Members absent: Mr. Franklin D. Beers, Mr. Robert J. Cox, Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer (3)

Non-members present: Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Mrs. Lynne Fedorcha, Mr. Philip Bertolino, Mr. Robert Kern, Dr. Linda Marcincin, Mrs. Karen Nicholas, Mr. John Hrizuk, Mr. David Papay, Mr. John Fidelibus, Mr. Brian Geiger, Ms. Christine Stafford, Atty. Janie Slamon (Solicitor), Mr. Jeffrey Bachman, Mrs. Laurie Newman-Mankos, Mrs. Andrea Madochick, Mr. Nathan Hunsicker, and Mrs. Doneta Merkle

VISITORS

Approximately 5 visitors attended the meeting, in addition to Joel Kern, reporter for The Times News and Terry Ahner, reporter for The Chronicle newspapers.

**SPECIAL
BOARD
REPORTS**

Lehigh Career and Technical Institute – Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos
Mrs. Geronikos gave her report for the evening.

Legislative Report – Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos
Mrs. Geronikos reported on House Bill 1968 and Act 72 reenactment.

Committee Reports and/or Meetings

Mrs. Geronikos made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Green, to add Mr. Robert Kern to the attendance list for the minutes of the Policy/Education/Personnel Committee meeting held on September 19, 2005 and to appoint Donna Marushak as a member of the Policy/Education/Personnel Committee.

YEA: Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Fullas, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Hazzard, Mr. Green (6)
NAY: None (0)

All board members received copies of the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on September 26, 2005.

Student Representatives to the Board Report – Nathan Hunsicker gave his report for the month of October.

Solicitor's Report – Attorney Janie Slamon addressed the ProCon Roofing issue that would be voted on under the financial portion of the agenda.

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

Dr. Sham discussed the Messenger proposal, the debate club situation, and announced that the board needed to hold a grievance hearing sometime during the week of October 17.

An Executive Session was held prior to the meeting to discuss clerical negotiations.

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

Administrative
Transfers

Kathryn Showak
From: Remediation/Instructional Aide – Slatington Elementary
To: Special Education Learning Support Aide – Slatington Elementary – Replacing Judith DeBias, who resigned.
Effective Date: September 26, 2005

Margaret Butz
From: Lunchroom Aide – Senior High School
To: Remediation/Instructional Aide – Slatington Elementary, replacing Kathryn Showak who was administratively transferred.
Effective Date: September 26, 2005

Appointment
Non-Instructional

Gloria Kern*
Assignment: Special Education Emotional Support Aide – Senior High School, replacing Connie Kistler, who resigned.
Salary: \$9.17 Per Hour/6 ½ Hours Per Day/5 Days Per Week
(2002-2005 Educational Support Staff Agreement)
Effective Date: September 27, 2005
*60 Day Probationary Period

Substitute Senior High Administrative Detention Supervisor - Approve to appoint Veronica Scheffler as a Substitute Administrative Detention Supervisor in the senior high school. Effective September 26, 2005 she will work as a substitute when needed on Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. throughout the 2005-2006 school calendar year that warrants detention. Salary will be \$30.00 for each day worked.

Junior High Administrative Detention Supervisor - Approve to appoint Veronica Scheffler as a Substitute Administrative Detention Supervisor in the middle school. Effective September 26, 2005 she will work as a substitute when needed on Monday and Wednesday from 2:20 to 3:20 p.m. throughout the 2005-2006 school calendar year that warrants detention coverage. Salary will be \$20.00 per hour.

Math high/middle Administrative Assistant - Approve to appoint Bryan Geist to the position of Math Administrative Assistant in the senior school at a stipend of \$1854.54, effective October 4, 2005.

Co-Curricular Appointments for 2005-2006

Assistant Wrestling Coach – Robert Marlatt -- \$4168.66

Unpaid
Volunteer

Approve the following unpaid volunteer for the 2005-2006 school year:
Jenna Andrews – Volunteer Dance Team Advisor

Adjust Rate
Lewis Kern

Approve to adjust the per day rate for Lewis Kern, Administrative Detention Supervisor at the senior high school, from \$28.50 to \$30.00. His salary was listed incorrectly on the August 1, 2005 agenda.

ROLL CALL: YEA: Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Fullas, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Hazzard, Mr. Green (5)
NAY: Mrs. Ganser (1)

Motion carried.

POLICY

Mrs. Ganser made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Follweiler, that the Board of Education approves the following items listed under Policy:

Conferences

Tanya Simms – SAP Training – Sponsored by Project Care – November 15-18, 2005.
Total Approximate Cost – \$375.00 – Senior High Budget

Dr. Linda Marcincin – DataNotGuesswork – Sponsored by CLIU 21 – October 4 & 5, 2005 – Total Approximate Cost -- \$200.00 – Title IIA

Marilyn Steckel – DataNotGuesswork – Sponsored by CLIU 21 – October 4 & 5, 2005 – Total Approximate Cost -- \$200.00 – Title IIA

Andrea Fella – DataNotGuesswork – Sponsored by CLIU 21 – October 4 & 5, 2005 – Total Approximate Cost -- \$200.00 – Title IIA

Stephen Drake – Technology Education Association of Pennsylvania -- November 3 & 4, 2005 – Registration: \$35.00 – Travel, \$65.32 – Meals -- \$46.00, Lodging -- \$103.68 – Total Approximate Cost: \$250.00 – Title IID

Susan Bowser – National Middle School's Association Annual Conference – November 3-5, 2005 – Philadelphia, PA – Registration: \$152.00, Meals: \$35.00, Travel: \$21.50 – Total Approximate Cost: \$208.30 – Funding: Title IIA

Theresa Kokinda – National Middle School's Association Annual Conference – November 3-5, 2005 – Philadelphia, PA – Registration: \$152.00, Meals: \$35.00, Travel: \$21.50 – Total Approximate Cost: \$208.30 – Funding: Title IIA

Robert Kern – National Middle School's Association Annual Conference – November 3-5, 2005 – Philadelphia, PA – Registration: \$152.00, Meals: \$35.00, Travel: \$21.50 – Total Approximate Cost: \$208.30 – Funding: Title IIA

Beth Case – National Middle School's Association Annual Conference – November 3-5, 2005 – Philadelphia, PA – Registration: \$152.00, Meals: \$35.00 – Total Approximate Cost: \$187.00 – Funding: Title IIA

David Papay – National Middle School's Association Annual Conference – November 3-5, 2005 – Philadelphia, PA – Registration: \$152.00, Meals: \$35.00 – Total Approximate Cost: \$187.00 – Funding: Title IIA

Michael Lehtonen – PA Council of Teachers of Mathematics Conference – October 26, 27, 28, 2005 – Harrisburg, PA – Registration: \$70.00, Meals: \$16.00, Travel: \$120.00 – Total Approximate Cost: \$206.00 – Funding: Title IIA

Brian Geiger – PASBO Conference – Building Positive Relationships in Transportation – October 27 & 28, 2005 – Registration: \$240.00, Travel: \$160.00, Lodging: \$175.00 – Total Approximate Cost: \$575.00 – Funding: Support Services Budget

Board Policy Approve to replace school board policy #220 – Pupils – Student Expression, with new
PSBA 1ST Reading recommended policy #220 – Pupils – Student Expression/Distribution and Posting of Materials, as presented.

POLICY

(Con't.)

Unpaid
Leave

Approve the request of Lora Krum, elementary music teacher, to take a one-half day unpaid leave of absence on December 2, 2005. Her request will not be considered a precedent for future requests per correspondence received from the Northern Lehigh Education Association.

Field Trip
PTO

Slatington Elementary Grade 4 Students – Quiet Valley – May 8, 2005 – Sponsored by

YEA: Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Fullas, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Hazzard, Mr. Green (6)

NAY: None (0)

**OLD
BUSINESS**

Mr. Green made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fullas, that the Board of Education approves the Northern Lehigh School District Goals and Action Plans for the 2005-2006 school year that were distributed at the September 12, 2005 board meeting.

YEA: Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Fullas, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Hazzard, Mr. Green (5)

NAY: None (0)

ABSTAIN: Mrs. Ganser (1)

Mr. Follweiler wanted to know the status of the cameras that were to be installed on our school busses.

**NEW
BUSINESS**

Mrs. Fullas made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Hazzard, that the Board of Education approves to authorize the superintendent to execute a letter of agreement for the 2005-2006 academic year with the Lehigh Valley Drug & Alcohol Intake Unit. The Student Assistance Teams in our school district will use these services.

YEA: Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Fullas, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Hazzard, Mr. Green (6)

NAY: None (0)

FINANCIAL

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

PC Abate-
ments

Approve abatement of per capita taxes, for the residents that fall within the guidelines.

Construction
3, Account
2004 AAA
Financing

Approve payment of bills from the Construction Account 2004 AAA Financing for October 2005.

Cash Manage-
ment Portfolio

Approve the Arthurs Lestrangle Cash Management Portfolio for the month of August 2005.

NLHS Student
Activity
Fund State-
ment

Approve the Northern Lehigh High School Student Activity Account Fund Statement for the month of August 2005.

FINANCIAL

(Con't.)

William K. Trust Authorize appropriate district officials to execute the "Release and Agreement of Indemnity" Stone Trust and "Election to Receive Assets in Cash or Kind" related to the William K. Stone Trust

currently held by Wachovia Bank.

Authorize appropriate district officials to establish a "William K. Stone Memorial Scholarship Fund". Upon release from Wachovia Bank all proceeds shall be deposited to this scholarship fund and an annual award of \$100 shall be awarded to a qualifying Northern Lehigh senior. Qualification for the scholarship shall be the same as those in place for other graduating seniors of Northern Lehigh School District applying under the standard scholarship program. If funds from this scholarship fund are depleted in future years, the award shall be discontinued.

Open an Account Approve the request of the senior high school to open a "Class of 2009" account in accordance with the Student Activity Fund Account. The purpose of this account is to raise funds for the students.

Close an Account Approve the request of the senior high school to close the "Class of 2005" account in accordance with the Student Activity Fund Account. This class has graduated and cleared their account.

Post-Audit the Adjustments Approve the post-audit adjustments as submitted by Hutchinson, Gorman and Freeh for 2004-05 fiscal year.

Refund of Real Estate Approve a real estate tax refund in the amount of \$142.06 to Penn'sTerrace Inc., 1150 S Cedar Crest Blvd, Allentown, PA 18103. The refund is due to parcel #J2-18-Taxes 29B-1 on Lehigh Gap Street in Walnutport being deleted from the tax rolls effective August 1, 2005.

Approve a real estate tax refund in the amount of \$260.44 to Penn'sTerrace Inc., 1150 S Cedar Crest Blvd, Allentown, PA 18103. The refund is due to parcel #J2-18-29G on S Best Ave in Walnutport being deleted from the tax rolls effective August 1, 2005.

Approve a real estate tax refund in the amount of \$445.11 to Penn'sTerrace Inc., 1150 S Cedar Crest Blvd, Allentown, PA 18103. The refund is due to parcel #J2-18-29H on S Best Ave in Walnutport being deleted from the tax rolls effective August 1, 2005.

Approve a real estate tax refund in the amount of \$459.32 to Scott C & Tina M Owens, 631 Williams Ave, Walnutport, PA 18088. The refund is due to parcel #J2SW1C-16-1A on 631 Williams Ave in Walnutport being deleted from the tax rolls effective August 1, 2005.

Payment From Pro-Com Roofing of this Accept payment from Pro-Com Roofing Corporation of Warrington PA ("the company") in the amount of \$12,700 for settlement of failure to perform on a contract conditionally awarded the company Roofing on or about August 9, 2004. Northern Lehigh School District further agrees upon acceptance of this payment to execute the attached release.

INFORMATION

Minutes of the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit 21 Board of Directors meeting held on August 15, 2005.

Minutes of the Washington Township Board of Supervisors meeting held on August 9, 2005.

Minutes of the Lehigh Career & Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee meeting held on August 24, 2005 and the LCTI Director's Report for September 2005.

**ADJOURN-
MENT**

Mr. Follweiler made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Ganser, that the regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh School District Board of School Directors is adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

YEA: Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Fullas, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Hazzard, Mr. Green (6)

NAY: None (0)

Respectfully submitted,

Mathias J. Green, Jr.
Acting Secretary

ATTEST: _____ (Acting President)
Lori H. Geronikos