

**NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Minutes**

**Slatington, PA
November 12, 2001**

PURPOSE The regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors was called to order by the President, Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha, at 7:35 p.m. on Monday, November 12, 2001, in the boardroom of the Slatington Elementary School.

ROLL CALL Members present: Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer, Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos, Mrs. Sheryl A. Giles, Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr., Mrs. Lynn C. Sechler, Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha (6)

Members absent: Mr. Robert J. Cox, Mrs. Jane J. Escott, Mr. Jason M. Newhard (3)

Non-members present: Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Mr. Christopher Iacobelli, Dr. Linda Marcincin, Mrs. Karen Nicholas, Mr. John Hrizuk, Mr. David Papay, Mr. Robert Mack, Mr. Brian Geiger, Mr. Bernard Rockovich, Mrs. Doneta Merkle

VISITORS Approximately 6 visitors attended the meeting in addition to Sharon Minnich, reporter for The Times News.

**APPROVE
MINUTES** A motion was made by Mrs. Sechler, and seconded by Mrs. Geronikos, that the minutes of the regular school board meeting held on October 1, 2001 and the regular school board meeting held on October 8, 2001 be approved and ordered filed.

YEA: Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Mrs. Sechler, Mr. Fedorcha (6)
NAY: None (0)

**SPECIAL
BOARD
REPORTS** Lehigh Career & Technical Institute -- Mrs. Lynn C. Sechler
Mrs. Sechler's report highlighted the following items: Approval of an architectural agreement with Breslin Ridyard Fadero Architects, a demonstration of a computer simulation device that helps to teach students in the Security and Law Enforcement Program about the use of force. She also reported that a new contract was ratified for the LCTI Education Association and it will be in effect until 2004.

Committee Reports and/or Meetings All board members received a copy of the Technology/Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting held on November 7, 2001.

In the absence of our student representatives, Mr. Fedorcha announced that the high school will hold their all school play on November 17.

Legislative Report -- Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos
Mrs. Geronikos gave a brief legislative report which dealt with districts abolishing the Occupational Privilege Tax, members of Congress Conference Committee considering the reauthorization of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act recently announced agreements on some provisions but noted that many controversial issues still need to be negotiated.

Federal and Other Programs -- Mrs. Lynne B. Fedorcha
A written Administrative Assistant report was distributed to all board members and administrators.

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

Dr. Sham introduced Mr. & Mrs. John Moyer who presented the district with a defibrillator in memory of their son, Gregory W. Moyer. This donation was made possible through the Gregory W. Moyer Defibrillator Fund Grant. The district will provide the training and follow the guidelines established by the grant.

Dr. Sham announced that American Education Week would be celebrated from November 12-16.

Dr. Sham asked for some suggestions as to what direction the board would like to go with regard to school board meeting dates for 2002. A recommendation was made to move the Policy/Education committee meeting to the third Monday of the month and then begin all board meetings at 7:30 p.m.

There was a brief Executive Session following the meeting for personnel issues.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mr. Dorshimer, and seconded by Mrs. Sechler, that the Board of Education approve the following personnel items:

Administrative Transfer Approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to administratively transfer Middle School Assistant Principal, Dr. Linda Marcincin, to the Senior High School as an Assistant Principal, until June 30, 2001. It is also recommended that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to advertise for a Dean of Students to work half time in the senior high school and half time in the middle school until the end of the 2001-2002 school year at a stipend to be determined at a later date.

Unpaid Volunteer Aide Approve the following individual as an unpaid volunteer aide in the Slatington Elementary School for the 2001-2002 school year, pending verification of her clearances:

Michele A. Miller

Leave Without Pay Approve the request of Susan Mendes, Slatington Elementary School special education teacher, to take a five-day leave without pay, from December 3-7, 2001. Her request will not be considered a precedent for future requests per correspondence received from the Northern Lehigh Education Association.

YEA: Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Mrs. Sechler, Mr. Fedorcha (6)
NAY: None (0)

POLICY

A motion was made by Mrs. Giles, and seconded by Mr. Green, that the Board of Education approve the following items listed under Policy:

NLSHS Student Activities Fund Statement Approve the Northern Lehigh High School Student Activities Fund Statement for the month of October 2001.

NLMS Student Activities Fund Statement Approve the Northern Lehigh Middle School Student Activities Fund Statement for the month of October 2001.

Homebound Instruction Grant homebound instruction for the following students:

A 4th grade student, Student No. 10-12500, for five hours per week, effective November 6, 2001 and ending on or about December 1, 2001.

A 10th grade student, Student No. 14-71982, for five hours per week, effective November 8, 2001 and continue until on or about February 2, 2002.

Conferences Approve the request of Bernard Rockovich to attend a Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants Tax Clinic on December 7, 2001 in Wilkes-Barre, PA. Expenses include \$125.00 for registration, \$21.00 for travel, for a total cost of \$146.00

YEA: Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Mrs. Sechler, Mr. Fedorcha (6)
NAY: None (0)

FINANCIAL A motion was made by Mr. Dorshimer, and seconded by Mrs. Giles, that the Board of Education approve the following financial items:

Treasurer’s Report Approve the report of the Treasurer, Mr. Cox, for the month of October 2001.

Reports (Info Only) Approve the October 2001 Revenue and Expenditure Reports for the Cafeteria, General, and Capital Reserve Funds, as presented.

General Fund Bills Approve payment of General Fund bills for the month of October 2001, as presented.

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

PPL Energy Savings Study Approve to proceed with the next phase of the PPL Energy Savings Study, pending review by the district solicitor.

Removal & Replacement SE Sidewalks Approve a proposal from F.A. Rohrbach, Inc. of Allentown for the removal and replacement of the lower sidewalks at Slatington Elementary School. Cost for this project is \$9,982.00 and is in the 10-4200-710-000-10 account of the 2001-2002 school budget.

Transfer Of Funds Approve the following transfer from Curriculum and Instruction to Technology to cover the cost for freight charges on the library book security system in the high school. The grant awarding the security system does not pay for freight charges.

	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
10-2840-750-000-30-80	\$1,500	
10-2260-320-00-30-80		\$1,500

YEA: Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Mrs. Sechler, Mr. Fedorcha (6)
NAY: None (0)

Before adjournment, Mr. Fedorcha recognized Mrs. Sechler who was attending her last official meeting as a Northern Lehigh School Board member and thanked her for all her hard work.

ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by Mr. Dorshimer, and seconded by Mrs. Sechler, that the Northern Lehigh School District Board of School Directors be adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

YEA: Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Mrs. Sechler, Mr. Fedorcha (6)
NAY: None (0)

Respectfully submitted,

Lori H. Geronikos
Secretary

ATTEST: _____ President
Gary S. Fedorcha