

**NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Reorganization Meeting
Board Minutes**

**Slatington, PA
December 4, 2006**

PURPOSE The annual Reorganization Meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors was called to order by the Secretary, Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer, at 7:10 p.m. on Monday, December 4, 2006 in the gymnasium of the Slatington Elementary School.

ROLL CALL Members present: Mr. Franklin D. Beers, Mr. Donald H. Dengler, Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer,

PRESENT DIRECTORS Mr. Raymond J. Follweiler, Jr., Mrs. Sheryl A. Giles, Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr., Mr. Peter A. Ruth, Mr. Gregory S. Williams, Mrs. Lauren A. Ganser. (9)

Members absent: None (0)

Non-members present: Mr. Jeffrey Bachman, Mrs. Lisa Blank, Mr. Greg Derr, Mrs. Lynne Fedorcha, Mr. John Hrizuk, Mr. Nathan Hunsicker, Dr. Linda Marcincin, Mrs. Sherri Molitoris, Mrs. Laurie Newman-Mankos, Mrs. Karen Nicholas, Mr. David Papay, Ms. Rachel Parisi, Ms. Maria Pinnata, Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Mr. Keith Strohl (Solicitor's Office), Mrs. Dawn Wadsworth, Mrs. Aileen Yadush.

VISITORS Approximately ten visitors attended the meeting, in addition to Sarah Fulton, reporter for The Morning Call, and Terry Ahner, reporter for The Times News.

Notice of Organization Meeting The Board Secretary, Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer, acknowledged the fact that all board members received the Notice of Organization Meeting, which was signed by the Board Secretary.

ELECTION TEMPORARY PRESIDENT The Secretary opened the floor for nominations for Temporary President of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors.

Nomination For Temporary President Mrs. Ganser nominated Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer for Temporary President of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors. Mr. Follweiler seconded the motion.

Close Nominations A motion was made by Mr. Green to close the nominations for Temporary President of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors. Mrs. Ganser seconded the motion.

Vote On Closing Nominations YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Mr. Ruth, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Ganser (9)
NAY: None (0)

Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer was unanimously declared duly elected Temporary President of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors.

List of Legally Elected School Officials The list of duly elected Board members and their terms of office were acknowledged by Temporary President, Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH District Justice, Rod Beck, administered the Oath of Office to School Board members:
Franklin D. Beers
Donald H. Dengler
Bryan C. Dorshimer
Raymond J. Follweiler, Jr.
Lauren A. Ganser
Sheryl A. Giles
Mathias J. Green, Jr.
Peter A. Ruth
Gregory S. Williams

SECTION 321 – OATH OF OFFICE

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, obey, and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth, and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity.

Resignation Office of Treasurer Mr. Ruth handed in his letter of resignation for the Office of Treasurer, effective December 4, 2006. Mr. Dorshimer read his resignation letter. Mr. Dorshimer asked if there were any objections to Mr. Ruth's resignation letter. Hearing none, he accepted the resignation.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer, Temporary President, called for nominations for President of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors for a one-year term.

Nominations For President

Mr. Beers nominated Mrs. Lauren A. Ganser for President of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors for a one-year term. Mr. Follweiler seconded her motion.

Mrs. Giles nominated Mr. Ruth for the President of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors for a one-year term. Mr. Dengler seconded her motion.

Mrs. Ganser and Mr. Ruth's nominations for president were made simultaneously and Mr. Dorshimer asked for an opinion from the solicitor on whether he could take the voting in a ballot form and then read the ballots. Attorney Strohl said that it does not have to be a public vote. There were objections to taking a ballot vote. Mr. Ruth conceded that Mrs. Ganser was nominated first and should be voted on first.

Mr. Green nominated Mr. Follweiler for the President of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors for a one-year term.

Close Nominations

A motion was made by Mr. Williams that the nominations for President of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors be closed. Mrs. Ganser seconded the motion.

Vote On Closing Nominations

YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Mr. Williams, Mr. Ruth (9)
NAY: None (0)

ROLL CALL:

Vote On Lauren A. Ganser For President

YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Follweiler, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Ganser (4)
NAY: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Mr. Ruth (5)

Motion Defeated.

ROLL CALL:

Vote On Peter A. Ruth For President

YEA: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Mr. Ruth (6)
NAY: Mr. Beers, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Ganser (3)

Motion Carried.

Peter A. Ruth President

Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer confirmed Mr. Peter A. Ruth to be declared by a 6 to 3 vote, duly elected President of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Board Directors for a one-year term.

**ELECTION
OF VICE
PRESIDENT**

President Ruth called for nominations for Vice-President of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors for a one-year term.

Nominations
For Vice
President

Mr. Dengler nominated Mrs. Sheryl A. Giles for Vice President of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors for a one-year term.

Mr. Beers nominated Mr. Raymond J. Follweiler, Jr. for Vice President of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors for a one-year term.

Close
for
Nominations
For Vice-
President

A motion was made by Mr. Dorshimer, with a second by Mrs. Ganser, that the nominations for Vice President of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors be closed.

Vote On
Closing
Nominations

YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Mr. Williams, Mr. Ruth (9)
NAY: None (0)

ROLL CALL:

Vote On
Sheryl A. Giles
For Vice-
President

YEA: Mr. Dengler, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Mr. Ruth (4)
NAY: Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Ganser, Mr. Beers (5)

Motion Defeated.

ROLL CALL:

Vote On
Raymond J.
Follweiler, Jr.
For Vice-
President

YEA: Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mr. Green, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Ganser, Mr. Beers (6)
NAY: Mrs. Giles, Mr. Ruth, Mr. Dengler (3)

Motion Carried.

Raymond J.
Follweiler, Jr.
Board Vice
President

Mr. Dorshimer confirmed Mr. Raymond J. Follweiler, Jr. was declared by a 6 to 3 vote, duly elected Vice President of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors for a one-year term.

**ELECTION
OF
TREASURER**

President Ruth called for nominations for Treasurer of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors to finish the unexpired one year term of Mr. Peter A. Ruth, ending June 30, 2007.

Mr. Follweiler nominated Mr. Franklin D. Beers for Treasurer of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors.

Mr. Williams nominated Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr. for Treasurer of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors.

Close
Nominations
For Treasurer

A motion was made by Mr. Dorshimer, with a second by Mr. Dengler, that the nominations for Treasurer of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors be closed.

Vote On
Closing
Nominations

YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Mr. Williams, Mr. Ruth (9)
NAY: None (0)

ROLL CALL:

Vote On Franklin D. Beers For Treasurer
YEA: Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mr. Beers, Mr. Dorshimer (4)
NAY: Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Mr. Ruth, Mr. Williams, Mr. Dengler (5)
Motion defeated

ROLL CALL:

Vote On Mathias J. Green, Jr. For Treasurer
YEA: Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Mr. Ruth, Mr. Williams, Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler (7)
NAY: Mrs. Ganser, Mr. Beers (2)
Motion carried.

Mathias J. Green, Jr. Treasurer
Mr. Dorshimer confirmed Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr. to be declared by a 7 to 2 vote, duly elected Treasurer of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Board Directors to fill the unexpired one year term of Mr. Peter A. Ruth ending June 30, 2007.

SET BOARD MEETING TIMES AND PLACES

A motion was made by Mrs. Giles, with a second by Mr. Williams, that the Board of Education approve the Board Meeting Calendar dates and places as presented for 2007.

Mr. Dorshimer expressed his concerns with the current schedule of board meetings on the first Monday and third Wednesday of the month. He stated that he understood what the Board was trying to do when they set those dates last year but feels that returning to the first two Mondays of the month for regular school board meetings would be more advantages. He stated that board members involved in other organizations have times throughout the year when those organizations meet on the third Wednesday of the month and it prevents those board members from attending the school board meetings.

Mr. Beers made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Dengler, that the regular scheduled board meetings of the Northern Lehigh Board of Directors be held on the first and second Monday of the month.

ROLL CALL:

YEA: Mr. Green, Mr. Ruth, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Ganser, Mr. Beers, Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Giles (9)
NAY: None (0)

Motion Carried.

Mr. Green asked if administration could look at the new calendar and if there are any Mondays that would be effected by a school closing or holiday that adjustments to the calendar be made to reflect such changes in meeting days/dates. He asked that a revised calendar be submitted to the board for approval at the next board meeting.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Mr. Beers made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Giles, that as stipulated in Section 407 of the Pennsylvania School Code of 1949, as amended, all Board meetings will be conducted according to the rules and regulations approved in Northern Lehigh School District Policy #006.

ROLL CALL:

YEA: Mr. Ruth, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Ganser, Mr. Beers, Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green (9)
NAY: None (0)

Motion Carried.

**ADJOURN-
MENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Beers, with a second by Mrs. Giles, that the Reorganization Meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors be adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Dengler, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Mr. Williams, Mr. Ruth (9)

NAY: None (0)

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan C. Dorshimer
Secretary

ATTEST: _____ President
Peter A. Ruth