

NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Special Meeting
Board Minutes

Slatington, PA
December 11, 2023

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PURPOSE The special meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors was called to order by the President, Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr., at 5:45 p.m. on Monday, December 11, 2023, in the Northern Lehigh Administration Building Board Room.

ROLL CALL Members present: Mr. Chad Christman, Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha, Mrs. Rhonda Frantz, Mr. Mathias Green, Jr., Mrs. Gale Husack, and Mrs. Donna M. Kulp (6)

Members absent: Mr. Robert L. Kern, Jr. and Mrs. Natalie Snyder (2)

Non-members present: Mr. Matthew Link, Mr. Eric Hill, and Mr. Terry Ahner (Press).

VISITORS Approximately 2 visitors attended the meeting and eighty-seven visitors viewed the meeting.

NOMINATION OF CANDIDATE TO FILL SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY Mr. Green commented okay we have one purpose tonight and that's to fill the vacant seat. So at this time, I will accept nominations for the open seat.

Mrs. Husack commented I thought we were pulling out of a hat.

Dr. Link commented well they have to be nominated first then all nominated names will go in this cup.

Mr. Fedorcha made a motion to nominate Mrs. Beleno.

Mr. Christman nominated Angela Williams.

Mr. Green commented thank you. Are there any other nominations?

Mrs. Kulp made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Fedorcha, to close the nominations.

YEA: Mr. Chad Christman, Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha, Mrs. Rhonda Frantz, Mr. Mathias Green, Jr., Mrs. Gale Husack, and Mrs. Donna M. Kulp (6)

NAY: None (0)
Motion carried.

Dr. Link commented so Mr. President, at this time I would like to hand these two slips, each applicant's name, over to our School Board Secretary, Mrs. Husack. Mrs. Husack I would like you to fold each one the same amount of time and then put them into the cup.

Mrs. Husack commented got it.

Mrs. Kulp commented is Mr. Kern participating by phone?

Mrs. Husack commented he is not.

NOMINATION OF CANDIDATE TO FILL SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY (cont.)

Dr. Link commented so I am just stirring them around a little bit. Then, I'm going to hand the mug back to our school board secretary to draw a name out, please.

Mrs. Husack the list is Carrie Beleno as the first one to list.

Mr. Green commented okay, let's just do the roll call.

YEA: Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha, Mr. Mathias Green, Jr. (2)

NAY: Mr. Chad Christman, Mrs. Rhonda Frantz, Mrs. Gale Husack, and Mrs. Donna M. Kulp (4)
Motion failed.

Mr. Green commented okay we have three-three, that did not pass. So we are down to the other candidate, so let's do a roll call on Angela.

YEA: Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha, Mrs. Rhonda Frantz, Mrs. Gale Husack, Mrs. Donna M. Kulp, and Mr. Chad Christman (5)

NAY: Mr. Mathias Green, Jr. (1)
Motion carried.

Mr. Green commented congratulations, you're the new board member. Thank you.

Dr. Link commented congratulations, Mrs. Williams.

Attorney Smith commented I think we have to have, it's a formal process. Yeah, I'm not even allowed to do it anymore.

Mr. Green commented you did it before?

Mr. Link commented I've never done that, sir.

Mr. Green commented there's no one here that can swear her in.

Dr. Link commented so the process will be, after adjournment this evening, my administrative assistant, Mrs. Elivonne Nehmeh, will contact you. She is also our school district notary, she will make an appointment with you in the next couple of days, preferably before the end of this week, for you to come in. She will swear you in to be our new school board member. Then, at that time, I'll schedule a time for you to go through your onboarding here with cabinet members in this office to kind of help get you up to speed on some of the things that we're going through and working through right now as a school district.

Mr. Green commented I'm going to do it this way, does anyone on the board have a concern if we ask her to join our executive session this evening for the evaluation.

Mr. Fedorcha commented I was going to ask if that's possible. Yes, I'm in favor.

Mrs. Kulp commented can you stay?

Mrs. Williams commented yes, I can stay.

Mr. Green commented we will be adjourning. We have two items to do tonight, so we will do that in the back room and you're more than welcome to join us. Did you come together or do you have separate cars?

Mrs. Williams commented he'll come back.

**ADJOURN-
MENT**

Mr. Christman made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Kulp, that the special meeting of the Northern Lehigh School District Board of School Directors adjourned.

YEA: Mr. Chad Christman, Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha, Mrs. Rhonda Frantz, Mr. Mathias Green, Jr., Mrs. Gale Husack, and Mrs. Donna M. Kulp (6)

NAY: None (0)
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Gale Husack
Acting Secretary

BOARD APPROVED

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**Northern Lehigh
School District**

ATTEST



President

Mr. Matthias J. Green, Jr.