

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

**Slatington, PA
December 5, 2005**

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 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 5, 2005 in the boardroom of the Slatington Elementary School.

ROLL CALL PRESENT DIRECTORS Members present: Mr. Franklin D. Beers, Mr. Robert J. Cox, Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer, Mr. Raymond J. Follweiler, Jr., Mrs. Susan H. Fullas, Mrs. Lauren A. Ganser, Mr. William H. Hazzard, Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr. (8)

Members absent: Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos (1)

Non-members present: Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Mrs. Lynne B. Fedorcha, Mr. Philip Bertolino (arrived at 7:05 p.m.), Mr. Robert Kern, Dr. Linda Marcincin, Mrs. Karen Nicholas, Mr. John Hrizuk, Mr. David Papay, Mr. John Fidelibus, Mr. Brian Geiger, Ms. Christine Stafford, Attorney Charles Stopp (Solicitor), Atty. Keith Strohl (Solicitors Office), Mr. Jeffrey Bachman, Ms. Laurie Newman-Mankos, Mrs. Andrea Madochick, Mrs. Doneta J. Merkle

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

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 The Secretary requested a motion to open the floor for nominations for Temporary President
TEMPORARY PRESIDENT of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors.

Open Nominations For Temporary President Mr. Beers made a motion to open the nominations for Temporary President of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors. Mrs. Ganser seconded her motion.

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

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

Vote On Closing Nominations YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Fullas, Mrs. Ganser, Mr. Hazzard, Mr. Green (8)
NAY: None (0)

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

Appoint Temporary Secretary Mr. Dorshimer appointed Mr. Raymond J. Follweiler, Jr. as Temporary Secretary of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors while he is Temporary President.

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.

**ADMINIS-
TRATION
OF OATH**

District Justice, Edward Hartman, 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.

**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.

Close
Nominations

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

Vote On
Lauren A.
Ganser For
President

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

Lauren A.
Ganser
President

Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer confirmed Mrs. Lauren A. Ganser to be unanimously declared duly elected President of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Board Directors for a one-year term.

Mr. Dorshimer assumed his duties as Board Secretary.

**ELECTION
OF
VICE
PRESIDENT**

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

Nominations
For Vice
President

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

Mr. Green nominated Mr. Gregory S. Williams for Vice President of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors for a one-year term. Mr. Follweiler seconded the motion.

Close
Nominations
For Vice-
President

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

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

Vote On ROLL CALL: YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Green (3)
Raymond J. NAY: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Giles,
Follweiler, Jr. Mr. Ruth, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Ganser (6)
For Vice- Motion defeated.
President

Vote On Vote on nomination of Mr. Gregory S. Williams as Vice President of the Northern
Lehigh Gregory S. Board of School Directors for a one-year term.
Williams For
V-President

ROLL CALL: YEA: Mr. Dengler, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Mr. Ruth,
Mr. Williams, Mrs. Ganser (7)
NAY: Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Beers (2)
Motion carried.

Gregory S. Mr. Gregory S. Williams was declared duly elected Vice President of the Northern
Lehigh Williams Board of School Directors for a one-year term.
Board Vice
President

Nominations Mr. Dorshimer nominated Mr. Raymond J. Follweiler, Jr. for Treasurer of the Northern
For Treasurer Lehigh Board of School Directors to fill the unexpired one year term of Mr. Robert J. Cox,
ending June 30, 2006. There was no second the this motion.

Mr. Williams nominated Mr. Peter A. Ruth for Treasurer of the Northern Lehigh Board of
School Directors to fill the unexpired one year term of Mr. Robert J. Cox,
ending June 30, 2006. Mrs. Giles seconded the motion.

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

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

Vote On ROLL CALL: YEA: Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Green, Mr. Beers (3)
Raymond J. NAY: Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Ruth, Mr. Williams, Mr. Dengler,
Follweiler, Jr. Mrs. Ganser (6)
For Treasurer Motion defeated

Vote On ROLL CALL: YEA: Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Mr. Ruth, Mr. Williams, Mr. Beers,
Peter A. Ruth Mr. Dengler, Mrs. Ganser (7)
For Treasurer NAY: Mr. Follweiler, Mr. Dorshimer (2)
Motion carried.

Peter A. Mrs. Lauren A. Ganser confirmed Mr. Peter A. Ruth to be declared duly
Ruth elected Treasurer of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Board Directors to fill the
Treasurer unexpired one year term of Mr. Robert J. Cox ending June 30, 2006.

**SET BOARD
MEETING
TIMES AND**

A motion was made by Mr. Williams, with a second by Mrs. Giles, that the Board of Education
approve to open up for discussion setting the Board meeting times and places.

PLACES
board

Mrs. Ganser opened up the floor for discussion on setting the meeting dates. The was considering consolidating some of the meetings into two nights rather than three or four committee meetings a month and two school board meeting nights a month. A discussion ensued.

Mr. Dorshimer had some concerns about the time limits associated with holding committee meetings before a board meeting and the start time for some of the committee meetings.

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Mr. Green stated that holding Finance committee meetings before board meetings would not work because of time constraints. He indicated that being on the board commitment.

There was also some concern about holding Executive Sessions prior to board meetings. Mrs. Ganser felt that the board could break during the regular meeting to hold Executive Sessions.

Mrs. Ganser suggested that the December and January committee meetings continue to be held following the old schedule while the board works on developing a new schedule.

Mr. Follweiler made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Beers that the Board of Education approves to table the discussion on setting the board meeting dates and committee meeting dates.

ROLL CALL: YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Dengler, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Ruth,
Mr. Williams, Mrs. Ganser (7)
NAY: Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Green (2)

Motion carried.

Public
Comment

Robert Cox – Washington Township
He reminded the board that the decision needs to be discussed in the Sunshine. It cannot be settled in the interim.

RULES AND

As stipulated in Section 407 of the Pennsylvania School Code of 1949, as amended, all

REGULA-
TIONS

Board meetings will be conducted according to the rules and regulations approved in Northern Lehigh School District Policy #006.

ADJOURN-
MENT

A motion was made by Mr. Dorshimer, with a second by Mr. Beers, that the Reorganization Meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors be adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond J. Follweiler, Jr.
Temporary Secretary

Bryan C. Dorshimer
Secretary

ATTEST: _____ President
 Lauren A. Ganser