

NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Reorganization Meeting
Board Minutes

Slatington, PA
December 4, 2023

Civility and Decorum – District officials and members of the public are expected to conduct themselves with civility and to afford each other a measure of dignity and respect. Shouting, personal insults, and attacks or any conduct that disrupts the flow of business is considered to be out of order. Members of the public are to direct their comments to the Board in its entirety, cannot single out Board Members for response, nor can a member of the public address specific issues with other members of the community who may be present at the meeting or who are virtually present if it is a virtual or hybrid meeting. In addition, members of the community shall not bring signs or placards to the meeting and shall not applaud or engage in any actions that would impede another community member's right to make comments at the meeting. At the discretion of the Board/Board President, individuals who are disruptive shall be subject to removal from the venue of the Board meeting, unless the disruptive individual agrees to maintain civility and decorum.

PURPOSE The regular meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors was called to order by the President, Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr., at 6:55 p.m. on Monday, December 4, 2023, in the Northern Lehigh Administration Building Board Room..

ROLL CALL Members present: Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha, Mrs. Rhonda Frantz, Mr. Mathias Green, Jr., Mrs. Gale N. Husack, Mr. Robert L. Kern, Jr., Mrs. Donna M. Kulp, and Mrs. Natalie Snyder (7)

Members absent: Mr. Chad Christman (1)

Non-members present: Dr. Matthew Link, Dr. Tania Stoker, Ms. Victoria Hanna, Ms. Jalah Cook, Mr. Todd Breiner, Dr. Lori Bali, Mrs. Michele Dotta, Mr. Bryan Geist, Mr. David Jones, Mr. David Hauser, Mr. Eric Hill, Mr. Eugene Marks, Mrs. Sherri Molitoris, Mr. Christopher Mann, Mr. Scott Pyne, Mr. James Schnyderite, Mr. Michael Strohl, Atty. Elizabeth Kelly, and Mr. Terry Ahner (Press).

VISITORS Approximately 1 visitor attended the meeting and two hundred and forty-nine visitors viewed the meeting.

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION MEETING The notice of organization was read by Mrs. Gale Husack.

OPEN NOMINATIONS TEMPORARY PRESIDENT Mrs. Husack opened nominations for Temporary President of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors.

NOMINATION FOR TEMPORARY PRESIDENT Mr. Green made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Natalie Snyder, to nominate Mr. Gary Fedorcha for Temporary President of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors.

Vote on Closing Roll Call.
YEA: Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha, Mrs. Rhonda Frantz, Mr. Mathias Green, Jr., Mrs. Gale N. Husack, Mr. Robert L. Kern, Jr., Mrs. Donna M. Kulp, and Mrs. Natalie Snyder (7)
NAY: None (0)
Motion carried.

Mr. Gary Fedorcha was unanimously declared duly elected Temporary President of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors.

Mr. Fedorcha read the list of newly elected or re-elected school board directors and length of term: Mrs. Rhonda Frantz for a 2 year term, Mr. Mathias Green, Jr. for a 4 year term, Mrs. Gale Husack for a 4 year term, Mr. Robert L. Kern, Jr. for a 4 year term, Mrs. Donna M. Kulp for a 4 year term. Mrs. Natalie Snyder is elected for both a two and a four.

Vote on
Closing
(cont.)

Mr. Fedorch asked Mrs. Snyder how do you choose?

Mrs. Snyder commented I choose the four.

Mr. Fedorcha commented Mrs. Snyder is choosing the four year term. So that means we will have an opening and a motion to approve the vacancy for a two year term.

Mr. Kernn made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rhonda Frantz, to declare the vacancy of a two year term seat on the board of school directors.

Mr. Fedorcha commented any questions about that? What it means is that Mrs. Snyder's term for 2 years is now open and we are now authorizing that opening to be posted and to be approved.

Roll Call.

YEA: Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha, Mrs. Rhonda Frantz, Mr. Mathias Green, Jr., Mrs. Gale N. Husack, Mr. Robert L. Kern, Jr., Mrs. Donna M. Kulp, and Mrs. Natalie Snyder (7)

NAY: None (0)

Motion carried.

Mr. Fedorcha commented would all of the duly elected board members please stand for an oath of office.

Mr. Fedorcha read the Oath of Office to newly elected or re-elected school board directors.

SECTION 321 -- OATH OF OFFICE

I, (state your name), 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. Gary Fedorcha, Temporary President, called for nominations for President of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors for a one-year term.

Nominations For President Mrs. Kulp made a motion to nominate Mr. Mathias Green, Jr. for President of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors for a one-year term.

Close Nominations A motion was made by Mr. Robert Kern, which was seconded by Mrs. Rhonda Frantz, that nominations for President of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors be closed.

Vote on Mathias J. Green, Jr. Nomination Roll Call.
YEA: Gary S. Fedorcha, Mrs. Rhonda Frantz, Mr. Mathias Green, Jr., Mrs. Gale N. Husack, Mr. Robert L. Kern, Jr., Mrs. Donna M. Kulp, and Mrs. Natalie Snyder (7)
NAY: None (0)
Motion carried.

Mathias J. Green, Jr. Board President Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr. was declared by a vote of 7 to 0, duly elected President of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors for a one-year term.

ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT President Green called for nominations for Vice-President of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors for a one-year term.

Nominations For Vice-President Mrs. Donna Kulp made a motion to nominate Mr. Gary Fedorcha for Vice-President of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors for a one-year term.

Close Nominations For V.P. Election A motion was made by Mr. Robert Kern, with a second by Mrs. Rhonda Frantz, that the nominations for Vice-President of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors to be closed.

Vote on Gary Fedorcha for V.P. Roll Call.
YEA: Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha, Mrs. Rhonda Frantz, Mr. Mathias Green, Jr., Mrs. Gale N. Husack, Mr. Robert L. Kern, Jr., Mrs. Donna M. Kulp, and Mrs. Natalie Snyder (7)
NAY: None (0)
Motion carried.

Gary Fedorcha Vice-President Mr. Gary Fedorcha was declared by a vote of 7 to 0, duly elected Vice-President of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors for a one-year term.

SET BOARD MEETINGS TIMES AND PLACES Mr. Green commented next item is to set the committee meetings and I think they're on this colorful have a copy of that in front of you. So we will look for a motion to approve the committee meetings as they are listed on that sheet.

Vote on 2024 Board and Committee Meetings Times and Places Roll Call.
YEA: Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha, Mrs. Rhonda Frantz, Mr. Mathias Green, Jr., Mrs. Gale N. Husack, Mr. Robert L. Kern, Jr., Mrs. Donna M. Kulp, and Mrs. Natalie Snyder (7)
NAY: None (0)
Motion carried.

Mr. Green commented now I would like to, let me make sure I have the right date here. December 11th, which is next Monday, I would like to direct the administration to advertise the vacancy. Preceding our executive session at 6, at 5:45 we will have a special meeting to hopefully elect a person to fill Mrs. Snyder's 2 year term. So that will be at 5:45 next week, if you would advertise that, please. We would ask anyone who's interested in applying to have their paperwork in to either Dr. Link or your secretary by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, would that work for you?

Dr. Link commented I believe 3:00 p.m. on Friday would work better to share it out to all board members.

Mr. Green commented 3 would work better for you, okay then you have time to work through, good idea. 3:00 p.m. on Friday then would have to be present to the district. There will probably be some questions sent out to answer and a brief resume of who you are, why you're here, etc.. Any questions on that?

Mrs. Husack commented Mr. Green, can you just confirm the date? Is that December 9th that you want those in?

Dr. Link commented December 8th.

Mrs. Husack commented December 8th, okay. Just so we can get the right date on there. Just to confirm, thank you.

Mr. Green commented they have to begin December 8th because the meeting is actually December 11th.

Vote on 2024
Board and
Committee
Meetings
Times and
Places

Mrs. Husack commented exactly. I just want to make sure we have the date out there so everybody knows the right Friday.

Mr. Green commented 3:00 p.m. on December 8th and the meeting will be on December 11th at 5:45 p.m. Okay? .

**ADJOURN-
MENT**

Mr. Fedorcha made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Snyder that the reorganization meeting of the Northern Lehigh School District Board of School Directors adjourned.

YEA: Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha, Mrs. Rhonda Frantz, Mr. Mathias Green, Jr., Mrs. Gale N. Husack, Mr. Robert L. Kern, Jr., Mrs. Donna M. Kulp, and Mrs. Natalie Snyder (7)

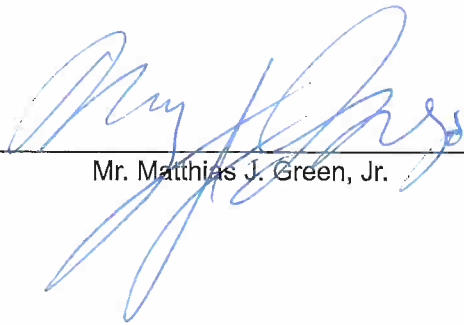
NAY: None (0)
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Gale Husack
Secretary

ATTEST:



President

Mr. Matthias J. Green, Jr.

BOARD APPROVED

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**Northern Lehigh
School District**