

LEHIGHTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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“Partnering with students, families, and community to provide opportunities for life-long success through academic excellence and individual growth in a safe and supportive environment.”

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 5:45 p.m.

- A. The November 4, 2020 Policy Committee Meeting of the Northwestern Lehigh School District Board of Directors was called to order at 5:45 PM
- B. Opening exercises included the Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Attendance:

PR/AB:

PR	Mr. David Bradley, Sr.	PR	Mrs. Rita Spinelli	PR	Mr. Larry Stern
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Also Present:

Floyd Brown, Gail Maholick, Timothy Tkach, Jonathan Cleaver and Janine Partenio

D. Bradley and L. Stern discussed how to host the Meeting. L. Stern suggested moving forward with the Policy Committee Meeting to review amendments to the specific District policies.

- D. Policy Review

- 1) [Policy #122 – Extracurricular Activities](#)
- 2) [Policy #123 – Interscholastic Athletics](#)

J. Cleaver explained the amendments to policies 122 and 123 were issued by PSBA for legal liability purposes. He said the District has been currently implementing the procedures listed; however, the District is looking to add it to the policy. He explained how student athletes, parents and physicians sign off on the PIAA physical forms prior to the athletic season. The physical forms contain information on traumatic brain injury and sudden cardiac arrest. He noted that LVHN completes the physical. He also mentioned the policies address students’ attendance and conduct at school sponsored activities.

D. Bradley asked if the District is in agreement with the additions to the policy. He mentioned the PA Auditor General stated the District was failing to honor its policy “Meeting Governments” and felt that L. Stern should preside over the meetings more comprehensively. R. Spinelli mentioned the Zoom meetings are hosted by the Superintendent, which is not illegal.

D. Bradley questioned why the District allows three drug offenses. L. Stern stated the District does not believe in “throwing the students away.” He said we give them a chance to redeem themselves after an occurrence. D. Bradley asked if the first offense means a student has been convicted of a drug offense. J. Cleaver explained how, as a school district, we are not responsible to convict students. D. Bradley had made accusations about abuse of Middle School students. L. Stern and R. Spinelli agreed to move on to the next policy

- 3) [Policy #805 – Emergency Preparedness and Response](#)

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4) [Policy #805.1 – Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies](#)

J. Cleaver attempted to explain the Title IX athletic information that was reported and posted but was interrupted by D. Bradley. R. Spinelli stated that she had reviewed all of the updates to the policy, was comfortable with the changes and made a motion to move the policies for first reading at the next Board Meeting since they were unable to hold a discussion. L. Stern seconded and recommended to adjourn the meeting due to the disruptive nature of the Board Member.

E. Next scheduled meeting will be determined at the December 2, 2020 Reorganization Meeting.

F. Upon motion by R. Spinelli, seconded by L. Stern, the meeting was adjourned at 6:11 PM.