

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

**Slatington, PA**  
**December 2, 2003**

**PURPOSE** The annual Reorganization Meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors was called to order by the Vice-President, Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos, in the absence of Mrs. Jane J. Escott, Board Secretary, at 7:05 p.m. on Tuesday, December 2, 2003 in the gymnasium located in the Slatington Elementary School.

Act As Mrs. Geronikos requested that the Board allow her to assume the position of Acting Board Secretary/ Secretary/Acting Board President in the absence of Mrs. Jane J. Escott, Board Secretary and Mr. Board President Gary S. Fedorcha, Board President for the purpose of roll call and elections.

AYE: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Mrs. Geronikos (6)  
NAY: None (0)

**ROLL CALL** Members present: Mr. Robert J. Cox, Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer, Mrs. Lauren A. Ganser, Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos, Mrs. Sheryl A. Giles, Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr. (6)

**PRESENT**

**DIRECTORS**

Members absent: Mrs. Jane J. Escott, Mr. Jason M. Newhard, Mr. Gary S. Fedorcha (3)

Non-members present: Dr. Nicholas P. Sham, Mrs. Lynne B. Fedorcha, Mr. Philip Bertolino (arrived at 7:20 p.m.), Dr. Linda Marcincin, Mrs. Karen Nicholas, Mr. John Hrizuk, Mr. David Papay, Mr. Robert Mack, Mr. Brian Geiger, Ms. Christine Stafford, Atty. Charles Stopp (Solicitor), Ms. Laurie Newman, and Mrs. Doneta J. Merkle

**VISITORS** Approximately 25 visitors attended the meeting, in addition to Sharon Minnich, reporter for The Times News and Terry Ahner, reporter for The Chronicle newspaper.

Notice of Organization Meeting The Acting Board Secretary, Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos, acknowledged the fact that all Board members received the Notice of Organization Meeting, which was signed by the Board Secretary.

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

**TEMPORARY**

**PRESIDENT**

Nomination For Temporary President Mr. Green nominated Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos for Temporary President of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors. Mr. Dorshimer seconded the motion.

Vote On Temporary President AYE: Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Mrs. Geronikos (6)  
NAY: None (0)

Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos 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, Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos.

**ADMINIS-  
TRATION  
OF OATH**

District Justice Edward Hartman administered the Oath of Office to School Board members.  
Franklin D. Beers  
Robert J. Cox  
Bryan C. Dorshimer  
Raymond J. Follweiler, Jr.  
Lauren A. Ganser  
Lori H. Geronikos  
Sheryl A. Giles  
Mathias J. Green, Jr.  
Angelique Papay

**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**

Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos, Temporary President, called for nominations for President of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors for a one-year term.

Nominations  
For  
President

Mr. Cox nominated Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr. for President of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors for a one-year term.

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

Close  
Nominations

A motion was made by Mr. Cox, which was seconded by Mr. Beers, that the nominations for President of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors be closed.

Vote On  
Closing  
Nominations  
For  
President

YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos,  
Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Ms. Papay (9)  
NAY: None (0)

Vote On  
New Board  
President

Vote on nomination of Mr. Mathias J. Green, Jr. and Mrs. Lauren A. Ganser as President of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors for a one-year term.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Dorshimer for Mr. Green, Mrs. Ganser for Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos for Mr. Green, Mrs. Giles for Mr. Green, Mr. Green for Mr. Green, Mr. Cox for Mr. Green, Mr. Beers for Mrs. Ganser, Mr. Follweiler for Mrs. Ganser, Ms. Papay for Mrs. Ganser

Mathias J.  
Green, Jr.  
Board  
President

By a vote of five yeas for Mr. Mathias J. Green and four yeas for Mrs. Lauren A. Ganser, Mathias J. Green, Jr. was declared duly elected President of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors for a one-year term.

**ELECTION  
OF  
SECRETARY**

President Green called for nominations for Secretary of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors to fill the remaining term of Mrs. Jane J. Escott.

Nominations

Mrs. Ganser nominated Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer for Secretary of the Northern Lehigh

For Secretary Board of School Directors to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Jane J. Escott who did not run in the November 2003 election. If elected, Mr. Dorshimer will serve in this capacity until June 30, 2005.

Mrs. Giles nominated Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos for Secretary of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Jane J. Escott who did not run in the November 2003 election. If elected, Mrs. Geronikos will serve in this capacity until June 30, 2005.

Close Nominations For Secretary A motion was made by Mrs. Ganser, which was seconded by Mr. Beers, that the nominations for Secretary of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors be closed.

Vote On Closing Nominations For Secretary  
YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Ms. Papay (9)  
NAY: None (0)

Vote On New Board Secretary Vote on nomination of Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer and Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos as Secretary of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors until June 30, 2005.

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Ganser voted for Mr. Dorshimer, Mrs. Geronikos voted for Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Giles voted for Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green voted for Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Beers voted for Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler voted for Mr. Dorshimer, Ms. Papay voted for Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Cox voted for Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Dorshimer voted for Mr. Dorshimer

By a vote of five yeas for Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer and four yeas for Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos, Mr. Bryan C. Dorshimer was declared duly elected Secretary of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors until June 30, 2005.

**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 Mr. Beers nominated Mrs. Lauren A. Ganser for Vice President of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors for a one-year term.

Mrs. Giles nominated Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos for Vice President of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors for a one-year term.

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

Vote On Closing Nominations For Vice President  
YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Ms. Papay (9)  
NAY: None (0)

Vote On New Vice President Vote on nomination of Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos and Mrs. Lauren A. Ganser as Vice President of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors for a one-year term.

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Geronikos voted for Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Giles voted for Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Green voted for Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Cox voted for Mrs. Geronikos, Mr. Dorshimer voted for Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Ganser voted for Mrs. Ganser, Mr. Beers voted for Mrs. Ganser, Mr. Follweiler voted for Mrs. Ganser, Ms. Papay voted for Mrs. Ganser

By a vote of five yeas for Mrs. Lauren A. Ganser and four yeas for Mrs. Lori H. Geronikos, Mrs. Lauren A. Ganser was declared duly elected Vice President of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors for a one-year term.

**SET BOARD MEETING TIMES AND PLACES**

A motion was made by Mrs. Ganser, with a second by Mr. Beers, that the Board of Education approve the Board meeting times and places, as presented.

**Amend Motion**

A motion was made by Mr. Cox, with a second made by Mr. Dorshimer, that the Board of Education amend the Board meeting times and places, and change the date of the second board meeting in April from Tuesday, April 13 to Monday, April 12.

**Vote On Amendment**

YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Ms. Papay (9)  
NAY: None (0)

**Vote On Main Motion**

YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Ms. Papay (9)  
NAY: None (0)

Mr. Green distributed new committee meeting information to all board members and asked them to review it between the meetings so they can be approved at the regular school board meeting that followed this reorganization meeting.

**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

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.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mrs. Geronikos, with a second made by Mr. Beers, that the Reorganization Meeting of the Northern Lehigh Board of School Directors be adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

YEA: Mr. Beers, Mr. Cox, Mr. Dorshimer, Mr. Follweiler, Mrs. Ganser, Mrs. Geronikos, Mrs. Giles, Mr. Green, Ms. Papay (9)  
NAY: None (0)

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan C. Dorshimer  
Secretary

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ President  
Mathias J. Green, Jr.