Minutes of the
KUTZTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, June 1, 2015, 7:30 p.m.

The Board of Directors of Kutztown Area School District met for a regular board meeting on Monday, June 1, 2015 at 7:30 p.m., at the Kutztown Area High School, pursuant to due notice to board members and the public.

Present: Randy Burch, Caecilia Holt, Christine Ryan, Karl Nolte, Carl Ziegler, Al Darion, Eric Johnson

Absent: Michael Hess, James Shrawder

Also Present: Katherine Metrick, Matthew Link, Rikki DeVough, David Miller, Chris Harrington, Barry Flicker, James Brown, Erin Anderson, Jeremy Rothermel, Kris Nygard, Debby Kulp, Samuel Kulp, Zoe Marmarou, Ron Devlin, Beth Sica, Kathryn Brooks, Nancy Brooks, Maria Marmarou, Carol Schulley, Kristin Haring, Aaron Ashman, Shelby Brett, Eric DeAngelo

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:39 p.m. by President Ziegler.

Welcome: President Ziegler opened the meeting with a moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. He asked everyone to sign the attendance book and mark the topic of comment next to his/her name. He requested that anyone wishing to speak on an agenda item please raise his/her hand to be recognized. He indicated that this meeting was being tape recorded. There was an Executive Session conducted prior to the meeting to discuss personnel matters.

Minutes: Motion made by Christine Ryan, seconded by Caecilia Holt, to approve the Minutes of the May 18, 2015 School Board Meeting.

Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 0 Absent 2 (Hess, Shrawder)

Motion carried.


Dr. Chris Harrington received his national Educational Technology Leader (CETL) certification, which recognizes the unique set of skills required to be a technology leader in education. Only 158 people hold the CETL certification in the country, and Dr. Harrington is one of seven in Pennsylvania.

The Senior Awards recognition was held Wednesday, May 20th.

Kutztown Strong was honored by the Caron Foundation for its community partnership in combating substance abuse.

Junior Joey Ruth placed 2nd in shot put and 4th in javelin in the State Track Meet at Shippensburg University.

The US Niche ranked the town of Kutztown 8th in the state as one of the best towns to live in. When ranked for towns with the best public schools in the state, Kutztown ranked 9th based on factors that include much more than student performance.

Personnel: Motion made by Caecilia Holt, seconded by Al Darion, to approve the following personnel items:

1. The approval of the following coaches and salaries for the 2015-2016 school year:
   - Head Girls Soccer Coach: Daniel P. Stemko, $4,092
   - Head Cross Country Coach: Truman K. Neyhart, $3,257

2. The approval of Daniel J. Pauley as a chaperone for the National History Day competition in College Park, MD, on June 14-18, 2015.

3. The approval of a Family Medical Leave (FMLA) for employee #392 commencing on April 2, 2015 through June 8, 2015.

All Personnel are Approved Pending the District’s Receipt of All Mandated Credentials

Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 0 Absent 2 (Hess, Shrawder)

Motion carried.
Motion made by Karl Nolte, seconded by Christine Ryan, to approve the application for a traffic signal located by the Greenwich-Lenhartsville Elementary School on Route 737. This will move the existing traffic signal in the southbound lane approximately 50 fee south.

Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 0 Absent 2 (Hess, Shrawder)
Motion carried.

Motion made by Caecilia Holt, seconded by Christine Ryan, to approve a district maintenance and repair fee of $65 to be assessed to high school students and used for repairs to the student-issued laptop computers for the 2015-16 school year.

The fee for the maintenance and repair for high school students who did not have a repair claim during the 2014-15 school year will be reduced to $55. This cost reduction is to promote/encourage responsible care for the student-issued laptops. The fee for the maintenance and repair of the laptop computers for students who are approved for free or reduced lunch status will be discounted (one-half) or paid for by the school district. In addition, each student will be responsible for paying the established $100 deductible for repairs or damages not covered by the existing warranty.

Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 0 Absent 2 (Hess, Shrawder)
Motion carried.

Motion made by Al Darion, seconded by Caecilia Holt, to approve the second reading and adoption of Policy 815 Acceptable Use of Internet, Computers, and Network Resources.

Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 0 Absent 2 (Hess, Shrawder)
Motion carried.

Motion made by Christine Ryan, seconded by Karl Nolte, to approve the first reading of the following policies:

Policy 000 Board Policy and Procedure
Policy 002 Authority and Powers
Policy 307 Student Teachers/Interns

Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 0 Absent 2 (Hess, Shrawder)
Motion carried.

Motion made by Caecilia Holt, seconded by Randy Burch, to approve the following Committed Fund Balance items:

Future Capital Projects
Future PSERS Contributions
Amounts Due Career and Technology Center
Further Development of Virtual Academy
Special Education Expenses
Personnel Changes
Reserve for Future Borrowing Capacity

Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 0 Absent 2 (Hess, Shrawder)
Motion carried.

Motion made by Al Darion, seconded by Eric Johnson, to approve the bus/van routes for the 2015 summer programs.

Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 0 Absent 2 (Hess, Shrawder)
Motion carried.

Motion made by Randy Burch, seconded by Christine Ryan, to approve Element Environmental Solutions to perform Asbestos Abatement Design for the high school renovation project.

Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 0 Absent 2 (Hess, Shrawder)
Motion carried.

Motion made by Al Darion, seconded by Karl Nolte, to approve employee #696 to attend the W & M Professional Summer Institute on June 29-30, 2015 in Williamsburg, VA, at a cost of $1,124.50.

Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 0 Absent 2 (Hess, Shrawder)
Motion carried.

Motion made by Christine Ryan, seconded by Randy Burch, to approve Fidevia to act as Owner’s Representative on the upcoming Kutztown High School renovation project.

Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 0 Absent 2 (Hess, Shrawder)
Motion carried.
Public Comment  The following community members expressed their concern of the negative impact that the cut to the instrumental music position at the high school to part-time has on the students and the district’s music program: Beth Sica, Maria Marmarou, Kris Nygard, Sam Kulp, Melissa Gump, Eric DeAngelo, Nancy Brooks, and Zoe Marmarou.

Discussion  8th Grade iPad Initiative

Items  Furniture at Albany Elementary  
2015-16 Budget

Adjournment  Motion made by Christine Ryan, seconded by Al Darion, to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Rikki L. DeVough
School Board Secretary