The Board of Directors of Kutztown Area School District met for a regular monthly board meeting on Monday, June 17, 2019, at 7:30 p.m., in the High School Library, pursuant to due notice to board members and the public.

Present

Randy Burch, Michael Hess, Dennis Ritter, Jim Shrawder (remotely), Karl Nolte, Alan Darion, Charles Shurr, Carl Ziegler

Absent

Eric Johnson

Also Present

George Fiore, David Miller, Christian Temchatin, Rikki DeVough, Diane Quinn, Scott Hand, James Brown, Barry Flicker, Jeff Huffert, Leon Smith, Norm Adam, Kelly Scheetz, Becky Hunter

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:44 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.

Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Michael Hess, seconded by Dennis Ritter, to approve the Minutes of the June 3, 2019 School Board Meeting.

Roll call vote: Yes 8  No 0  Absent 1 (Johnson)

Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report

Motion made by Randy Burch, seconded by Michael Hess, to approve the Treasurer’s Report of the General Fund.

Roll call vote: Yes 8  No 0  Absent 1 (Johnson)

Motion carried.

Ratification of General Account

Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Michael Hess, to ratify for payment the general account bills (including manual checks) in the amount of $3,806,267.14.

Roll call vote: Yes 8  No 0  Absent 1 (Johnson)

Motion carried.

Approval of General Account

Motion made by Randy Burch, seconded by Charles Shurr, to approve for payment the general account bills in the amount of $655,092.46.

Roll call vote: Yes 8  No 0  Absent 1 (Johnson)

Motion carried.

Ratification of Construction Account

Motion made by Michael Hess, seconded by Karl Nolte, to ratify for payment the construction account bills (including manual checks) in the amount of $46,391.00.

Roll call vote: Yes 8  No 0  Absent 1 (Johnson)

Motion carried.

Approval of Construction Account

Motion made by Randy Burch, seconded by Michael Hess, to approve for payment the construction account bills in the amount of $37,961.86.

Roll call vote: Yes 8  No 0  Absent 1 (Johnson)

Motion carried.

Superintendent’s Report

Literacy Framework

Final Budget Adoption
**Board Committee Reports**

T.C.C. No report.

PSBA The committee was informed the earned income tax credit has not been signed by the Governor.

BCIU The committee received a presentation on the STEM award. The IU is busy closing out the school year.

BCTC The committee reviewed updates on policies for low-enrollment or probationary courses. The committee received the pleasure of attending awards ceremony that night.

P & C The committee discussed three policies which are on the agenda for first reading. The committee also discussed a new textbook for AP Chemistry.

ECC and Facilities No report.

Secondary No report.

Programming and Scheduling

**Personnel**

Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Charles Shurr, to approve the following personnel items:

1. The approval of the extra-duty positions and stipends for the 2019-2020 school year, per the attached.
2. The approval of the following Eshelman bus/van drivers for the 2019 summer programs, effective June 18, 2019:
   - Lindsay G. George
   - Donna M. Hafer
   - Stephanie L. Hugo
   - Janelle L. Kase
   - Melanie J. Querio
   - Anna M. Oswald (van aide)

   **All Personnel are Approved Pending Receipt of All Mandated Credentials**

   Roll call vote:
   - Yes 7
   - No 0
   - N/A 1 (Nolte)
   - Absent 1 (Johnson)

Motion carried.

**Final Budget Adoption**

Motion made by Randy Burch, seconded by Jim Shrawder, to adopt a Final Budget for the 2019-2020 school year with revenues of $33,239,268 and expenditures of $33,239,268 supported by Real Estate Tax of 29.9543 mils; Per Capita Tax, Sec. 679 ($5.00), Per Capita Tax, Act 511 ($5.00); Local Services Tax ($5.00); Earned Income Tax (0.5%); and Amusement Tax (5%).

Roll call vote:
- Yes 7
- No 1 (Darion)
- Absent 1 (Johnson)

Motion carried.

**Policy Maintenance**

Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Randy Burch, to approve the first reading of the following Policies:
- Policy 220- Student Expression/Distribution and Posting of Materials
- Policy 610- Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation
- Policy 913- Nonschool Organizations/Groups/Individuals

Roll call vote:
- Yes 8
- No 0
- Absent 1 (Johnson)

Motion carried.

**Admin/Act 93 Compensation**

Motion made by Michael Hess, seconded by Charles Shurr, to approve the Administration and Act 93 salary compensation for the 2019-2020 school year, which includes an increase not to exceed 3.3%.

Roll call vote:
- Yes 8
- No 0
- Absent 1 (Johnson)

Motion carried.

**Support Staff Compensation**

Motion made by Al Darion, seconded by Dennis Ritter, to approve the support staff salary increases for the 2019-2020 school year, which includes the average increase not to exceed 2.0% and the employee salary adjustments.

Roll call vote:
- Yes 7
- No 0
- N/A 1 (Nolte)
- Absent 1 (Johnson)

Motion carried.
Hourly Starting Rates and Substitute Rates

Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Michael Hess, to approve the hourly starting rates and substitute rates for the 2019-2020 school year.

Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Johnson)

Motion carried.

Fire Protection Service

Motion made by Randy Burch, seconded by Michael Hess, to approve the Service Agreement with Kistler-O'Brien to inspect and service the District’s extinguishers, hoses, and kitchens for the 2019-2020 school year at a service cost of $2,809.81.

Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Johnson)

Motion carried.

Lunch Price Increase

Motion made by Karl Nolte, seconded by Michael Hess, to approve the following cafeteria lunch price increases: Elementary lunch $2.60 to $2.75; Secondary $2.85 to $3.00; adult lunch $4.10 to $4.25.

Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Johnson)

Motion carried.

District Dentist

Motion made by Charles Shurr, seconded by Randy Burch, to approve Dr. Alan J. Robertson, DDS, as the School District Dentist at a cost of $5.00 per student exam and mileage reimbursement for travel between KASD buildings, per the IRS rate, for the 2019-2020 school year.

Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Johnson)

Motion carried.

Textbook

Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Al Darion, to approve the purchase of 10 copies of Chemistry: The Central Science, 14th Edition by Brown, LeMay, Bursten, Murphy, Woodward, and Stolzfus for use in AP Chemistry at a total cost of $1,822.00.

Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Johnson)

Motion carried.

Resignation

Motion made by Karl Nolte, seconded by Michael Hess, to accept the resignation of Dr. George F. Fiore, Superintendent of Schools, effective August 11, 2019.

Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 1 (Hess) Absent 1 (Johnson)

Motion carried.

BCIU Superintendent Search

Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Randy Burch, to approve the Berks County Intermediate Unit to conduct the Superintendent Search at no cost to the district.

Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Johnson)

Motion carried.

New Business

Vice President Burch spoke regarding the state budget surplus and urged lawmakers to ensure public education is properly funded. He asked if the board was interested in a resolution to send to our legislators.

Public Comment

Leon Smith expressed his disappointment in some comments made to the rifle coach regarding the NRA grant.

Norm Adam requested a reduction in cost for use of the auditorium.

Kelly Scheetz shared her discontentment on how her son had been treated by school officials.

Becky Hunsberger expressed her concern that the Scheetz’s views were not heard.

Adjournment

Motion made by Charles Shurr, seconded by Michael Hess, to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.