Minutes of the
KUTZTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, May 1, 2017, 7:30 p.m.

The Board of Directors of Kutztown Area School District met for a regular board meeting on Monday, May 1, 2017 at 7:30 p.m., at the Kutztown Administration building, pursuant to due notice to board members and the public.

Present Randy Burch, Al Darion, Charles Shurr, Michael Hess, Eric Johnson (7:47), Karl Nolte, Carl Ziegler, Jim Shrawder,

Absent Caecilia Holt

Also Present George Fiore, Matthew Link, Dave Miller, Scott Hand, Barry Flicker, James Brown, Erin Anderson, Melissa Blatt, Rebecca Ziegler, Jeff Huffert, Diana Rydzewski, Carol Schulley, Deb Kenney, Janet Yost

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 7:35 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.

Minutes Motion made by Michael Hess, seconded by Randy Burch, to approve the Minutes of the April 18, 2017 School Board meeting.

Roll call vote: Yes 6 No 0 Present 1 (Darion) Absent 2 (Holt, Johnson)

Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report United Way Campaign- Kutztown Area School District was recognized by the United Way for our participation this year by being awarded the Carl E. Levan award for the 2nd straight year. Beki Ziegler and Missy Blatt were recognized for their work in organizing the Kutztown United Way Campaign.

• Kutztown University Partnership- The Kutztown Area School District is partnering with Kutztown University, Wyomissing Area School District, Twin Valley Area School District and Brandywine Heights Area School District to develop.
  o Enhance the learning and educational opportunities of all PK-12 students;
  o Enrich KU educator preparation programs through transformative school-based learning experiences;
  o Create professional learning opportunities for district and university faculty, administration, and staff;
  o Engage in a shared commitment to reflective and innovative practices in PK-12 educational settings and KU educator preparation programs;
  o Conduct and disseminate research to inform educational policy and practice at the PK-12 and university levels; and
  o Establish opportunities for cohort participants to engage in ongoing reflection and collaboration.

• Poetry Festival- Kutztown AHS hosted the Berks County Poetry Festival.

• HS Jazz Band- On Saturday, the Jazz Ensemble traveled to Wilson HS for their annual Jazz Festival. The band earned a superior rating and also won Best Trombone Section. Solo awards went to Sam Kulp on Saxophone, and Evan Nygard on Trombone. We were the only school to win 2 solo awards AND a section award!

• MS Science Olympiad
  o Kutztown Middle School placed 10th in the state out of 36 of the top schools in Pennsylvania.
  o Wright Stuff: 1st place to Isaiah Nygard and Abi Miller
  o Hovercraft: 5th place to Isaiah Nygard and Kelly Leiby
  o Scrambler: 4th place to Isaiah Nygard and Trenton Delp
  o Road Scholar: 2nd place to Marina Schnell and Lauren Clymer
  o Tower: 5th place to Sarah Love and Abi Miller
  o Mission Possible: 1st place to Isaiah Nygard and Sarah Love
  o Congratulations to Mr. Boyle and Dr. Drummer for all of their efforts.

• Chef Brown
  o On Saturday, Mr. Brown participated as a guest chef in the 28th Annual Friend Inc. Community Services Benefit Auction and Executive Baker Challenge. Mr. Brown baked a beautiful apple tart that raised the most money!

• April 22nd HS Grand Opening & Gym Dedication- Reviewed the wonderful HS Grand Opening and Dedication of the John Silan Gymnasium.

• Capital Campaign- Capital Campaign has officially kicked off in support of the Stadium Renovation. More information can be found here: https://www.kasd.org/CapitalCampaign
Personnel

Motion made by Michael Hess, seconded by Randy Burch, to approve the following personnel items:
1. The acceptance, with regret, of the resignation due to retirement, of Scott Heiter, middle school physical education teacher, effective at the end of the last teacher day of the 2016-17 school year.
2. The acceptance of the resignation of Kelsey Williams, RTI aide, effective April 19, 2017.
3. The approval of Michele Schoener as substitute staff for the summer reading program for 2017 to be paid at the existing curriculum rate.
4. The approval of Mario Alejandro, Jr. as a paid assistant high school football coach for the 2017-18 school year at a stipend of $2,262.
5. The approval of an extension of child rearing leave for employee #1037 commencing on August 22, 2017 through the last teacher day of the 2017-18 school year.
6. The approval of Sarah Grutza as an ESY paraeducator in the life-skills support classroom at Kutztown Elementary School for the extended school year program at a rate of $14.00 per hour.
7. The approval of the following summer maintenance and custodial help for summer 2017 for a term not to exceed 12 weeks, at a rate of $9.75 per hour:
   - Spencer Miller
   - Justin Shurr
   - Diane Zettlemoyer
   - Heather Hackman
   - Theresa O’Mar
   - Joshua Mengel
8. The approval of Christie Thomas as a volunteer track and field coach for the 2016-17 school year.
9. The approval of Julianne Michalik as high school musical vocal director at a stipend of $1,869.
10. The approval of Julianne Michalik as high school musical producer at a stipend of $250.

Roll call vote: Yes 6 No 0 Present 1 (Shurr) Absent 2 (Holt, Johnson)
Motion carried.

Memorandum Of Understanding

Motion made by Eric Johnson, seconded by Michael Hess, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding agreement with Kutztown University.

Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Holt)
Motion carried.

RJ Reynolds Tobacco Co. Donation

Motion made by Michael Hess, seconded by Charles Shurr, to approve the acceptance of a check in the amount of $1,000 from the RJ Reynolds Tobacco Company’s Right Decision, Right Now Program to be used for the cheerleading program.

Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Holt)
Motion carried.

Baseball Team Donation

Motion made by Randy Burch, seconded by Michael Hess, to approve the acceptance of a check in the amount of $1,000 from an anonymous donor to be used for the baseball program.

Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Holt)
Motion carried.

Yoder Maint. Agreement

Motion made by Randy Burch, seconded by Karl Nolte, to approve the agreement with Yoder’s Heating Service to have them clean heaters at Kutztown Elementary, Greenwich-Lenhartsville Elementary and the Administration building at a cost of $1,040 each.

Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Holt)
Motion carried.

Band Trailer Purchase

Motion made by Karl Nolte, seconded by Eric Johnson, to approve the purchase of a trailer from Grim’s Trailers at a cost of $4,195.

Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Holt)
Motion carried.

Gym Floor Refinishing

Motion made by Randy Burch, seconded by Karl Nolte, to accept the quote from Miller Flooring to screen sand and refinish the gym floor at the middle school at a cost of $2,968.34.

Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Holt)
Motion carried.
Disabled Vet Property Tax Exemption  
Motion made by Charles Shurr, seconded by Randy Burch, to approve property tax exemption for #63-5452-00-39-1845 at the direction of the County of Berks, PA Assessment Office.

Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 0 Present 1 (Shrawder) Absent 1 (Holt)  
Motion carried.

Health Insurance Consortium Representative  
Motion made by Al Darion, seconded by Eric Johnson, to approve David Miller as the representative to the Berks County School Districts Health Trust for a two-year term beginning July 1, 2017.

Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Holt)  
Motion carried.

Professional Development Contract  
Motion made by Michael Hess, seconded by Jim Shrawder, to approve the mathematics professional development contract with Great Minds at a cost of $300.

Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Holt)  
Motion carried.

VoIP Telephone Contract  
Motion made by Michael Hess, seconded by Charles Shurr, to approve the contract with Sage Technologies Solutions, Inc. in the amount of $140,789.22.

Roll call vote: Yes 6 No 1 (Shrawder) Present 1 (Darion) Absent 1 (Holt)  
Motion carried.

Service Electric Contract Update  
Motion made by Michael Hess, seconded by Karl Nolte, to approve the contract update with Service Electric Telephone for phone line services in the amount of $925.21 per month for 60 months beginning July 1, 2017. This update to services will reflect an estimated savings of $171 per month and $2,052 per year.

Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 1 (Shrawder) Absent 1 (Holt)  
Motion carried.

Discussion Item  
CEO America Scholarship – No action taken

New Business  
Dr. Johnson thanked the school district for its anti-bullying initiatives.

Final budget approval will be on June 12, 2017.

Adjournment  
Motion made by Jim Shrawder, seconded by Michael Hess, to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by,

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