The Board of Directors of Kutztown Area School District met for a regular monthly board meeting on Monday, May 16, 2022, at 7:30 p.m., in the Middle School Commons and remotely via Zoom and YouTube, pursuant to due notice to board members and the public.

**Present**
Michelle Batz, Randy Burch, Alan Darion, Erin Engel, Michael Hess (remote), Caecilia Holt, Jason Koch, Dennis Ritter, Jeremiah Light, Cooper Dunn - Student Representative

**Absent**

**Also Present**

**Call to Order**
The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by President Burch.

**Welcome**
President Burch opened the meeting with a moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. He requested that anyone wishing to speak on an agenda item please use the raise his/her hand feature to be recognized. He indicated that this meeting was being recorded and there was an Executive Session held prior to the meeting for the purpose of Personnel and Legal content.

**Meeting Minutes**
Motion made by Caecilia Holt, seconded by Dennis Ritter, to approve the Minutes of the May 2, 2022 School Board Meeting.

- **Roll call vote:** Yes 9  No 0  Absent 0
- Motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report**
Motion made by Jason Koch, seconded by Jeremiah Light, to approve the Treasurer’s Report of the General Fund.

- **Roll call vote:** Yes 9  No 0  Absent 0
- Motion carried.

**Ratification of General Account**
Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Al Darion, to ratify for payment the general account bills in the amounts of $1,418,167.66.

- **Roll call vote:** Yes 9  No 0  Absent 0
- Motion carried.

**Approval of General Account**
Motion made by Erin Engel, seconded by Jason Koch, to approve for payment the general account bills in the amount of $1,240,798.53.

- **Roll call vote:** Yes 9  No 0  Absent 0
- Motion carried.

**Approval of Construction Account**
Motion made by Michelle Batz, seconded by Caecilia Holt, to approve for payment the construction account bills in the amount of $12,462.53.

- **Roll call vote:** Yes 9  No 0  Absent 0
- Motion carried.

**Superintendent’s Report**
Last week we experienced the unfortunate impact of spreading misinformation. A few high school students created and posted allegations about other students. The posting included alleged quotations from teachers related to the situation and in one iteration included the name of a teacher with the named students. Every instance related to the teachers was admittedly fabricated.

We need a school environment where students can come forward in a safe manner. We also need a community where people are not passing on rumors and innuendo as fact. On both sides of every situation are a child, an adult, and a community. False allegations against anyone are damaging and threaten the ability of students to seek help.
Every instance of alleged misconduct is thoroughly investigated to the extent possible within the scope of a school district and we share information with local police when appropriate. Sharing misinformation and discussing these topics in public forums is damaging to individual reputations and often based on untruths or missing contextual information that alters the meaning. We ask and hope that all members of the school community, students and adults, consider information sources, intentions, and the ramifications of sharing them in absence of complete knowledge.

KMS Encore Trip to Fightin Phils
History Day State Competition
Kutztown Indoor Association (KIA)
Prom
End-of-year Activities

Student Representative Report
Cooper thanked the members of the board and students for allowing his service on the board and all the knowledge and expertise he gained throughout the year.

Board Committee
PSBA No report.
BCIU Celebrated IU's 50th anniversary. Finalized review for Dr. Hackman.
BCTC Students of the Quarter were announced. Congratulations to all students!
ECC & Facilities Discussed HS cafe floor, lawn mowing, tennis court light poles, MS and HS gym floor refinishing, HVAC preventative maintenance contract, basketball backstop winch, band cabinets, and HS door locks. Athletics postseason update for all activities.
TCC No report.

Student Achievement Meeting scheduled for May 23, 2022 at 6:00 PM.

Personnel Motion made by Caecilia Holt, seconded by Jason Koch, to approve the following personnel items:

1. The acceptance of the resignation of Lydia Seip as cafeteria staff at Kutztown Middle School, effective May 27, 2022.
2. The approval of the following student workers for the 2022 Summer Work Program at a rate of $7.25 per hour:
   - Andrew Homan
   - Jose Viazcarondo
   - Evan DeVall
   - Matthew O'Neil
   - Naomi Kurtz
   - Benjamin Charsky
   - Winston Lang
   - Nathalia Mohammed
3. The approval of the following maintenance help for summer 2022 at a rate of $14.00 per hour:
   - Austin Dengler
   - Will DeVall
   - Pierson Lang
   - Hayden Stump
4. The approval of the following students for summer Technology Department help for summer 2022 at a rate of $14.00 per hour:
   - Anna Wanamaker
   - Lukas Hamm (substitute)
   - Carson Sheetz
   - Christopher Lipovsky
5. The approval of the following custodial help for summer 2022 at a rate of $14.00 per hour:
   - Dean Fisher
   - Susan Stauffer
   - Karen Waidelich
   - Janice Mickey
   - Alison VanDuren
   - Ty Kline
   - Theresa O'Mara
   - Joanne Waidelich

Personnel is Approved Pending Receipt of All Mandated Credentials.

Roll call vote: Yes 9  No 0  Absent 0
Motion carried.
**Proposed Final Budget**

Motion made by Jason Koch, seconded by Caecilia Holt, to approve a Proposed Final Budget for the 2022-2023 school year with revenues of $35,031,361 and expenditures of $35,691,112 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%); Real Estate Transfer Tax (0.5%); and Amusement Tax (5%).

Motion made by Al Darion, seconded by Michael Hess, to amend the motion to include a 0.6 mil increase in property Taxes for the 2022-2023 budget.

Roll call vote: Yes 3 (Darion, Hess, Ritter) No 6 Absent 0

Motion not carried

Motion made by Jason Koch, seconded by Caecilia Holt, to approve a Proposed Final Budget for the 2022-2023 school year with revenues of $35,031,361 and expenditures of $35,691,112 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%); Real Estate Transfer Tax (0.5%); and Amusement Tax (5%).

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

Motion carried.

**KHS Cafeteria Floor Repair**

Motion made by Caecilia Holt, seconded by Dennis Ritter, to approve the agreement with Division 9 Contract Flooring to repair flooring in the Kutztown Area High School cafeteria at a cost of $5,605. *

Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0

Motion carried.

* Administration has been directed to perform an investigation prior to the floor replacement.

**Kohler Landscaping/Lawn Mowing**

Motion made by Caecilia Holt, seconded by Erin Engel, to approve the agreement with Kohler Landscapes to mow and trim district properties as needed.

Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0

Motion carried.

**KHS Basketball Backboard Winches**

Motion made by Michelle Batz, seconded by Dennis Ritter, to approve the agreement with C.M. Eichenlaub Co. to install wireless operation backboard winches at a cost of $23,808.

Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0

Motion carried.

**KHS Tennis Court Light Post Padding**

Motion made by Al Darion, seconded by Caecilia Holt, to approve the purchase of padding for the tennis court light posts at a cost of $2,455 from C.M. Eichenlaub

Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0

Motion carried.

Motion made by Jeremiah Light, seconded by Jason Koch to table the motion to purchase padding for the tennis court light posts.

Roll call vote: Yes 6 No 3 (Darion, Hess, Ritter) Absent 0

Motion tabled.

**KHS Door Locks**

Motion made by Michelle Batz, seconded by Al Darion, to approve the agreement with The A.G. Mauro Company to replace locks on doors at Kutztown Area High School at a cost of $64,460.

Roll call vote: Yes 6 No 3 (Engel, Koch, Light) Absent 0

Motion carried.

**2022 Summer Programs**

Motion made by Al Darion, seconded by Michelle Batz, to approve the staffing for the 2022 summer programs per the attached.

Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0

Motion carried.

**SRI Summer Scholarships**

Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Caecilia Holt, to approve scholarships for eight middle school students to the Science Research Institute Summer Program at a cost of up to $600 per student from ESSER Funding for extended learning.

Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0

Motion carried.

Kutztown Area School District does not discriminate in our educational programs, activities or employment practices based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, religion, ancestry or any other legally protected classification. This policy is in accordance with state and federal laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act. Information relative to special accommodation, grievance procedure, and the designated responsible official for compliance with Title VI, Title IX and Section 504 may be obtained by contacting the school district. EOE.
ACCESS Case Reviews
Motion made by Caecilia Holt, seconded by Jason Koch, to approve, under direction of the school physician, Lois Hall, CRNP, to perform Medical ACCESS case reviews at a cost of $10.00 per review, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.
Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0
Motion carried.

Act 80 Days
Motion made by Caecilia Holt, seconded by Al Darion, to approve an additional four full Act 80 days on May 27, May 31, June 1, and June 2 of 2022 for the 12th grade teachers.
Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0
Motion carried.

School Board Treasurer
Motion made by Caecilia Holt, seconded by Jason Koch, to appoint Elizabeth Ann Siteman as treasurer to the Kutztown Area Board of School Directors for the 2022-2023 school year at a stipend of $1,050 (same rate as previous years).
Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0
Motion carried.

School Board Secretary
Motion made by Jeremiah Light, seconded by Jason Koch, to approve a $2,500 stipend for Rikki L. DeVough as secretary to the Kutztown Area Board of School Directors for the 2022-2023 school year (same rate as previous years). Mrs. DeVough was appointed through June 30, 2025.
Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0
Motion carried.

KMS Summer Learning Adventure
Motion made by Jason Koch, seconded by Caecilia Holt, to approve the quote from Blue Mountain Resort for students to attend the Summer Adventure Park with their grade level at a cost of $47 per person during the summer of 2022.
Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0
Motion carried.

Truth Initiative Partnership
Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Al Darion, to approve the proposed partnership with Truth Initiative for curriculum and programs to support vaping awareness and prevention.
Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0
Motion carried.

IMR Digital
Motion made by Caecilia Holt, seconded by Jason Koch, to approve the service from IMR Digital to scan special education student files.
Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0
Motion carried.

EdInsight Instructional Management System
Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Al Darion, to approve the agreement with Harris Education Solutions-OnHand Schools, Inc. for the EdInsight Instructional Management System effective May 17, 2022 through June 30, 2027.
Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0
Motion carried.

Conference Request
Motion made by Al Darion, seconded by Erin Engel, to approve the conference request for employee #2053 to attend the virtual LaSalle University APSI Biology workshop on July 11-14, 2022 at a cost of $1,300.
Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0
Motion carried.

Donation Acceptance
Motion made by Jeremiah Light, seconded by Dennis Ritter, to approve the donation of the book series, *The Tuttle Twins*, for the Kutztown Elementary School Library from Mom’s for Liberty.
Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0
Motion carried.
Parental Consent

Motion made by Jason Koch, seconded by Jeremiah Light, to approve a provision requiring parental consent for students to access the book *Gender Queer* in the high school library.

Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Caecilia Holt, to amend the motion to instead, create an AR regarding library resource availability and create a form for parents to identify resources children under the age of 18 shall not access.

Roll call vote: Yes 4 (Darion, Hess, Holt, Ritter) No 5 Absent 0

Motion not carried.

Motion made by Jason Koch, seconded by Jeremiah Light, to approve a provision requiring parental consent for students to access the book *Gender Queer* in the high school library.

Roll call vote: Yes 5 No 4 (Darion, Hess, Holt, Ritter) Absent 0

Motion carried.

ACCESS Funds

Motion made by Jeremiah Light, seconded by Jason Koch, to add a voting motion to the agenda directing administration to apply for $100,000 in ACCESS Funds and include in the 2022-2023 budget.

Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 2 (Darion, Ritter) Absent 0

Motion carried.

Motion made by Jeremiah Light, seconded by Jason Koch, to direct the administration to apply for $100,000 in ACCESS Funds and include in the 2022-2023 budget.

Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0

Motion carried.

Public Comment

Dan Wismer expressed his concern of equity, CRT, and DEI being included in a curriculum overhaul and ALA deciding the curriculum for schools, such as the inclusion of the book, *Gender Queer*.

Robyn Underwood expressed her concern over the book, *Gender Queer*, requiring parental consent to access.

Jennifer Kaufinger expressed her concern of a possible tax increase and detriment to community members.

Adjournment

Motion made by Michelle Batz, seconded by Jason Koch, to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Rikki L DeVough
School Board Secretary