Minutes of the
KUTZTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, February 22, 2011, 7:30 p.m.

The Board of Directors of Kutztown Area School District met for a regular board meeting on Tuesday, February 22, 2011 at 7:30 p.m., in the High School Auditorium, pursuant to due notice to board members and the public.

Present
Patricia Bealer, Alan Darion, Amy Faust, Craig Schroeder, Leon Smith, Jo Stevens, Carl Ziegler, Jeri Carroll, Austin Fritz (student representative)

Absent
Jasper Ho

Also Present

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 7:47 p.m. by President Bealer.

Welcome
President Bealer welcomed guests and opened the meeting with a moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. She asked everyone to sign the attendance book and mark the topic of comment next to his/her name. She requested that anyone wishing to speak on an agenda item please raise his/her hand to be recognized. She announced there was an executive session conducted prior to the meeting to discuss personnel matters. She indicated that this meeting was being tape recorded.

Approval of Minutes
Motion made by Craig Schroeder, seconded by Leon Smith, to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2011 School Board Meeting, the February 7, 2011 School Board Meeting, and the February 14, 2011 Budget and Finance Committee Meeting.

Roll call vote: Yes 6  No 0  Absent 1 (Ho)  Abstain 1 (Darion)
Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report
Motion made by Leon Smith, seconded by Craig Schroeder, to accept the treasurer’s report of the General Fund.

Roll call vote: Yes 7  No 0  Absent 1 (Ho)
Motion carried.

Ratification of General Account Bills
Motion made by Jo Stevens, seconded by Carl Ziegler, to ratify for payment the general account bills in the amount of $479,612.43.

Roll call vote: Yes 7  No 0  Absent 1 (Ho)
Motion carried.
Approval of General Account Bills

Motion made by Amy Faust, seconded by Jo Stevens, to approve for payment the general account bills in the amount of $466,976.02.

Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 0 Absent 1 (Ho)

Motion carried.

Supt's Report

Mr. Lazo recognized the following ten of our high school students who were accepted into District 10 Band and/or Berks Senior County Band. Mrs. Beidelman presented their certificates of achievement.

- David T. Quarmley – Berks Senior County Band and Orchestra and Best High School Trumpet Player in Berks County
- Amanda L. Miller – District 10 Band and Orchestra and 2nd Best Bassoon Player in District 10
- Melanie A. Bickert – District 10 Band and Berks Senior County Band
- Derek J. Rock – District 10 Band and Berks Senior County Band
- Patrick M. Wise – Berks Senior County Band
- Matthew D. Lupacckino – Berks Senior County Band
- Christopher M. Collier – Berks Senior County Band
- Katie M. Schroeder – Berks Senior County Band
- Adam B. Rabenold – Berks Senior County Band
- Melissa A. Gump – Berks Senior County Band

Derek, Christopher, Katie, and Adam were in attendance to accept their award certificate.

Committee Reports

EIT

Pat Bealer

No EIT report. Mrs. Bealer reported the Act 32 Tax Collection Committee ratified the budget for the upcoming year.

BCTC

Craig Schroeder

No report. Mr. Schroeder reported the meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.

ECC

Jo Stevens

Mrs. Stevens reported the committee discussed and approved the spring sports coaches and salaries. She reported the committee is also looking at the wrestling program and doing research on the number of districts sponsoring the program. Mrs. Stevens was proud to announce that through fundraisers and coin collecting, with the remainder being donated from three generous families, the athletic department was able to purchase a second AED unit.

BCIU

Carl Ziegler

Mr. Ziegler reported the BCIU budget is currently being presented to the school districts for approval. He also reported the transportation center on Route 61 is nearly complete.

PSBA

Pat Bealer

Mrs. Bealer reported Tim Allwein, PSBA assistant executive director of governmental and member relations, passed away due to surgery complications.

Student Achievement

Al Darion

No report.

Personnel

Motion made by Amy Faust, seconded by Leon Smith, to approve the following personnel items:

1. The acceptance of the resignation of John L. Noll, Jr. as advisor to the Model United Nations club for the 2010-2011 school year.

2. The approval of Christine N. Palladino as a long-term substitute teacher for seventh grade social studies, effective on or around March 3, 2011 through the end of the 2010-2011 school year, at a rate of $100 per day for days 1-20, $110 per day for days 21-45, and the remainder at Bachelor’s, Step 1, non-tenured, per the KATA/KASD contract.

3. The approval of the following spring sport coaches and salaries for the 2010-2011 school year:

   Baseball
   - Head Coach: Tim D. Mertz, $4,841
   - Junior Varsity Coach: Todd A. O’Neil, $2,646
   - Head Middle School Coach: Scott A. Scheidt, $2,646
   - Assistant Middle School Coach: VACANT
   - Volunteer High School Coach: Bradley N. Sechler, Duane D. Fegley
Volunteer Middle School Coach: Michael J. Conrad
Christopher M. Moyer
Kyle J. Isamoyer
Kevin K. Conrad

Kutztown University Intern: Daniel J. Weglarz

Boys Tennis
Head Coach: Harry A. Mcgonigle $4,314
Volunteer Coach: Jeffrey S. Zimmerman

Softball
Head Coach: Richard L. Angstadt $4,987
Assistant High School Coach: Dwayne E. Scheidt $2,646
Junior Varsity Coach: Jennifer H. Schroeder $2,153
Head Middle School Coach: Kathleen M. Schlenker $2,646
Volunteer Coach: Emily A. Behm
Derek W. Schroeder
David T. Rothermel
Angela R. Lutz

Kutztown University Intern: Kandece R. Carman

Track and Field
Head Coach: Truman K. Neyhart $4,314
Assistant Coach: Larry S. Chester $2,153
Randall T. Wert $2,153
Kyle T. Smith $2,153
Volunteer Coach: Cory A. Crider
Kutztown University Intern: Molly E. Senst

Girls Soccer
Assistant Coach: Richard W. Laundenslager $2,200
Laura E. Dianese $2,200
Volunteer Coach: Scott R. Herbst
Kutztown University Intern: Jaclyn K. Althouse

Boys Volleyball
Head Coach: Bryan M. Lichtenwalner $3,151
Assistant Coach: Marie R. Lichtenwalner $2,205
Kutztown University Intern: Kaitlyn M. Lutz

Roll call vote: Yes 7  No 0  Absent 1 (Ho)
Motion carried.

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

Student Vacation Request
Motion made by Amy Faust, seconded by Jo Stevens, to approve the vacation request for student #103328 for a six (6) day absence from April 14-24, 2011. This will exceed the allotted vacation time by three (3) days due to an educational trip on December 22 and 23, 2010.

Roll call vote: Yes 7  No 0  Absent 1 (Ho)
Motion carried.

Copier Lease
Motion made by Leon Smith, seconded by Jo Stevens, to approve the lease of a reconditioned Canon IR-7095 Printer/Copier/Scanner for 60 months from Frasier Advanced Information Systems, including maintenance and supplies, at a cost of $573 per month for 600,000 prints per year. The cost of overage prints is $0.0033 per print.

Roll call vote: Yes 7  No 0  Absent 1 (Ho)
Motion carried.

Apex of Kutztown
Motion made by Carl Ziegler, seconded by Jo Stevens, to accept the Affidavit and Declaration of Nicholas Gilmour, III, court appointed Receiver, that Apex of Kutztown, LP will make a payment of $100,000 as a material inducement to extend the deadline of a Stipulation dated August 25, 2010 for an additional sixty days. The Affidavit and Declaration are attached as an exhibit and clarifies that the proposed purchaser is not a tax exempt entity.

Roll call vote: Yes 7  No 0  Absent 1 (Ho)
Motion carried.
Motion made by Amy Faust, seconded by Leon Smith, to approve the Berks County Intermediate Unit mandated services budget for 2011-2012 at an approximate cost to the district of $24,806.40, which is a decrease of $1,626 from 2010-2011.

Roll call vote: Yes 7  No 0  Absent 1 (Ho)

Motion carried.

Dental Insurance

Motion made by Amy Faust, seconded by Jo Stevens, to accept the proposed dental insurance program renewal with United Concordia through the Berks School Consortium for the year of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 with no increase over the preceding year.

Roll call vote: Yes 7  No 0  Absent 1 (Ho)

Motion carried.

Section 125 Flex Benefits

Motion made by Leon Smith, seconded by Carl Ziegler, to approve a service agreement with CBIZ Benefits and Insurance Services, Inc. to provide administrative services for the Section 125 Flex Benefits Plan at no cost to the district.

Roll call vote: Yes 7  No 0  Absent 1 (Ho)

Motion carried.

Section 125 Flex Benefits

Motion made by Leon Smith, seconded by Craig Schroeder, to approve a memorandum of understanding with Kades-Margolis Corporation to conduct the implementation and enrollment of employees in the Section 125 Flex Benefits Plan. Kades-Margolis will be responsible for the cost of administrative services.

Roll call vote: Yes 7  No 0  Absent 1 (Ho)

Motion carried.

Sage Technology

Motion made by Al Darion, seconded by Carl Ziegler, to approve the credit application with Sage Technology Solutions for a limit of $1,000. Sage is our vendor for whiteboard replacement parts.

Roll call vote: Yes 7  No 0  Absent 1 (Ho)

Motion carried.

Electricity Purchase

Motion made by Carl Ziegler, seconded by Craig Schroeder, to give permission to the superintendent or business administrator to enter into an agreement through January 2012 to purchase electricity for Albany Elementary, Greenwich-Lenhartsville Elementary, and the District Administration Office Building through First Energy, utilizing OnDemand Energy to secure proposals. The agreement would begin on or around March 1, 2011. There is no fee for the OnDemand service.

Roll call vote: Yes 7  No 0  Absent 1 (Ho)

Motion carried.

Discussion Items

Telephone Bill Audit
One-to-One Laptop Research Project
2011-2012 Budget

Public Comment

Lucas Bricker, on behalf of the Kutztown Area Teachers’ Association, noted to the Board that it was the 237th day since the teachers’ contract expired. He stated that despite the best efforts of KATA, the Board of Directors have continued to say no on settling a contract. It is KATA’s hope that the Board demonstrates commitment to a quality education by settling this issue.

Toni Koller expressed her concern that statistics and data, in particular student-to-teacher ratio, are being discussed and used to make decisions that ultimately affect our students’ education, without citing reliable sources.

The following Kutztown Area School District teachers announced their name, position, and average class size for the current school year:

- Shannon Sunday: Vocal Music – MS
  - Average class size: 27 students
- Susan DeAngelis: Business Education – HS
  - Average class size: 24 students
- Joyce Sturtevant: Kindergarten – AES
  - Average class size: 23 students
- Pam Ashman: Grade 5 – GES
  - Average class size: 21 students
- Steve Pizzuto: Mathematics – HS
  - Average class size: 22 students
- Melissa DeLong: Grade 5 – KES
  - Average class size: 22 students
- Jesse Whitehouse: Mathematics – HS
  - Average class size: 21 students
- Lisa Saby: Language Arts – HS
  - Average class size: 22 students
- Mary Weber: Grade 4 – KES
  - Average class size: 21 students
Jim Shrawder commented that student-to-teacher ratio is not class size, and that he brought up student-to-teacher ratio because there was previously no discussion on 67% of the budget which is personnel salaries and benefits.

Kevin Stump expressed his concern that he wants discussions to be based on more than one statistic, and questioned the Board if any and all items are really up for discussion.

Terry Guers stated there has been an increase in special education teachers throughout the years, and a significant amount of the increase of teachers compared to students is due to the evolvement of the special education program.

Toni Koller stated the reality is how many students are physically sitting in the classroom, not a statistic off a website. She expressed her concern of how appalled she is that some students are sitting in three to four study halls a day, and therefore, not being educated.

Erin Kraal expressed that our students are not only competing with schools in Berks County, they are competing and being compared to the rest of the world. She stated our students will face huge challenges, and sometimes we will need to spend money to help them be prepared to compete with the rest of the world.

Adjournment

Motion made by Amy Faust, seconded by Leon Smith, to adjourn the meeting and reconvene into Executive Session at 9:09 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rikki L. Clark
School Board Secretary