

Minutes
Of the
KUTZTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, January 7, 2013, 7:30 p.m.

The Board of Directors of Kutztown Area School District met for a regular board meeting on Monday, January 7, 2013 at 7:30 p.m., at the Kutztown Area Middle School, pursuant to due notice to board members and the public.

Present Randy Burch, Al Darion, Caecilia Holt, Kurt Frieauf, James Shrawder, Carl Ziegler, Pat Bealer, Kimberly Brazina (Student Representative)

Absent Amy Faust, Craig Schroeder

Also Present Katherine Metrick, Karl Olschesky, Rikki Clark, Chris Harrington, David Miller, Matthew Link, Rebecca Beidelman, Erin Anderson, Tracy Blunt, James Brown, Barb Richard, Leon Smith, Erin Kraal, Bonnie Yurvati, Linda Baker, Joann Buffum, Beth Stump, Karen Austin, Melissa Blatt, Rebecca Ziegler, Kay Fritz, Donna Keglovits, Kelly Miller, Andrew Brett, Terry Guers, Vincent Snyder, Lauren Kresge, Amy Howard, Lisa Mitchell, Deb Kenney, Claire Kempes, Steve Morris

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m. by President Ziegler.

Welcome President Ziegler welcomed guests and 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.

Superintendent's Report Mrs. Metrick commended the high school students who competed in the PA Farm Show, and announced the following results:
Floral Design: 1st place – Kara Greiss, 3rd place – Jamie Siefert, 4th place – Kara Greiss, 5th place – Jessica Sterner
House Plant Design: 2nd place – Clayton Smith, 4th place – Katie Eigenbrod, 5th place – Katie Eigenbrod,
5th place – Kayla Fusselman, 5th place – Ryan Stopp
Agricultural Education Exhibit: 7th place – Kutztown FFA
Agriculture Educational Landscape Exhibit: 11th place – Kutztown FFA

Mr. Olschesky presented the first review of the 2013-2014 preliminary budget, and the following budget subcommittees presented research for possible budget cuts:

Academic Programs – Erin Kraal and Tracy Blunt
Staffing – Kay Brendlinger and Linda Baker
Facilities – Rebecca Beidelman

Personnel Motion made by Jim Shrawder, seconded by Randy Burch, to approve the following personnel items:

1. The acceptance of the resignation of Michael P. Ziegler as a custodian at the high school effective January 19, 2013.
2. The approval of Jenna L. Hepner as a substitute teacher for the 2012-2013 school year, effective January 8, 2013, at a rate of \$100 per day for days 1-20 and \$110 per day for days 21 and thereafter.
3. The approval of Julie A. Mason as a guest substitute teacher through the Berks County Intermediate Unit for the 2012-2013 school year, effective January 8, 2013, at a rate of \$100 per day for days 1-20 and \$110 per day for days 21 and thereafter.
4. The approval of the following department leaders for the 2012-2013 school year, effective January 8, 2013, at a stipend of \$1,252.50:

Secondary	Science	Lucas J. Bricker/Katharine E. Lubinski	(\$626.25 each)
	Social Studies	Thomas A. Sally	
	ELA	Alison M. Kocis-Westgate	
	Math	Sallie A. Sandler	
Elementary	Science	Pamela L. Ashman	
	Social Studies	Melissa A. Blatt	
	Math	Kay D. Fritz	

5. The approval of a family medical leave (FMLA) for employee #609 commencing approximately on February 20, 2013 through approximately May 16, 2013, followed by a child-rearing leave commencing on approximately May 17, 2013 through the end of the 2012-2013 school year.

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

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

Student Vacation Requests Motion made by Kurt Frieauf, seconded by Caecilia Holt, to approve student #102618 to take a five day educational trip/vacation absence from February 18 to 22, 2013.

Roll call vote: Yes 6 No 1 (Darion) Absent 2 (Faust, Schroeder)
Motion carried.

Motion made by Kurt Frieauf, seconded by Randy Burch, to approve student #104600 to take an eight day educational trip/vacation absence from January 16 to 26, 2013.

Roll call vote: Yes 4 No 3 (Bealer, Darion, Ziegler) Absent 2 (Faust, Schroeder)
Motion carried.

Professional Development Motion made by Caecilia Holt, seconded by Kurt Frieauf, to approve the Professional Development Training Agreement between Kutztown Area School District and Discovery Education, per the attached agreement, at a cost not to exceed \$10,000. The professional development will be funded through a combination of Title II funds and money designated for professional development in the 2012-2013 curriculum budget.

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

Public Comment Kay Brendlinger advised the district to research the possible use of officialpayments.com, a credit card payment collection website, which would allow taxpayers to pay their taxes via credit card.

Adjournment Motion made by Kurt Frieauf, seconded by Jim Shrawder, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Rikki L. Clark
School Board Secretary