

Minutes
of the
KUTZTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, March 16, 2015, 7:30 p.m.

The Board of Directors of Kutztown Area School District met for a regular board meeting on Monday, March 16, 2015 at 7:30 p.m., in the high school library, pursuant to due notice to board members and the public.

Present Randy Burch, Caecilia Holt, Eric Johnson, Karl Nolte, Christine Ryan, Al Darion, James Shrawder, Michael Hess, Adeena Woodard (Student Representative)

Absent Carl Ziegler

Also Present Katherine Metrick, David Miller, Rikki DeVough, Matthew Link, Deb Barnes, Barry Flicker, Erin Anderson, James Brown, Diane Barrie, Susan Collier, Chris Simmons, Dona Hetman, Jane Venkauskas, David Kenney, Antoinette Sprinkle, Gale Peluso, Erin Tenney, Hallie Schumacher, Rebecca Beidelman, Michele Schoener, Mary Paterno, Danielle Berger, Claire Kempes, Debra Kenney, Donna Hill-Chaney, Ann Dietrich, Amy Young, Kerri Schegan, Donna Keglovits, Karen Kabakoff, Lori Christ, Brittani Whary, Linda Hudson, Josh Chambers, Melissa Blatt, Leslee Saylor, Abby Claypoole, Karen Austin, Lori Arndt, Rebecca Ziegler, John Ebner, Lisa Swope, Beth Hart, Heather Oppmann, Barry DeWitt, Andrew Sabetti, Andrea Orwig, Barbara Weston, E. Kate Gosselin, Melissa Smith, Vickie Bastian, Mary Weber, Kay Fritz, Kristin Haring, Shannon Sunday, Shelby Brett, Wanda Herring, Aaron Ashman, Pam Ashman, Nancy Brooks, Scott Entriiken, Kiona Peters, Shelby Mengel, Nikki Yergey, Susan Neumann, Rick Hadley, Carol Schulley, Beth Stump, John Noll Jr., Hannah Burleigh, Tina Caulfield, Kathy Geist, Jean Ziegler, Scott Heiter, Beth Sica, Nicolas Volk, Jenna Grim, Zoe Keim

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Vice President Burch.

Welcome Vice President Burch 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 announced there was an executive session conducted prior to the meeting to discuss personnel matters. He indicated that this meeting was being tape recorded.

Meeting Minutes Motion made by Michael Hess, seconded by Christine Ryan, to approve the Minutes from the March 2, 2015 School Board Meeting.

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

Treasurer's Report Motion made by Caecilia Holt, seconded by Eric Johnson, to approve the Treasurer's Report of the General Fund.

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

Ratification of General Account Motion made by Al Darion, seconded by Michael Hess, to ratify for payment the general account bills in the amount of \$2,389,977.58.

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

Approval of General Account Motion made by Karl Nolte, seconded by Michael Hess, to approve for payment the general account bills in the amount of \$463,109.71.

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

Ratification of Construction Account Motion made by Christine Ryan, seconded by Al Darion, to ratify for payment the construction account bills in the amount of \$5,524.00.

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

Approval of Construction Account Motion made by Karl Nolte, seconded by Jim Shrawder, to approve for payment the construction account bills in the amount of \$50,433.25.
Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Ziegler)
Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report Mrs. Metrick introduced Mrs. Beidelman and her middle school students who presented their Future City project.
 Mrs. Metrick also recognized the following student achievements: Science Olympiad, National History Day, Indoor Track, Odyssey of the Mind, and State Swimming Championships.

Adeena Woodard, the student board representative, reported on the DEKA partnership for high school students.

Board Committee Reports

E.I.T. No report.

PSBA Mrs. Holt reported on March 23rd there will be a legislative forum webinar for our region. She also reported PSBA is urging citizens to contact Governor Wolf regarding PlanCon reimbursement for capital projects.

BCIU No report.

BCTC Dr. Ryan reported the committee approved a preliminary budget and is in the process of reviewing board policies.

P & C Mrs. Holt reported the committee is reviewing policies, and continues to bring first and second readings to the board for approval. She also reported the committee is in discussions regarding the Acceptable Use policy.

ECC Mr. Burch reported the committee reviewed personnel matters, and discussed a joint purchase of a wrestling mat with the Booster Club.

Facilities Mr. Burch reported the committee received an update from the engineer on the high school project, and plans are in the process of being finalized.

Student Achievement Dr. Darion reported the committee discussed the possibility of purchasing new math textbooks, and also discussed district goals and the emphasis placed on PSSA's.

Personnel Motion made by Caecilia Holt, seconded by Jim Shrawder, to approve the following personnel items:

1. The approval of Susan L. Stauffer as an office aide at the middle school for 5.5 work hours per day, effective March 17, 2015, at a rate of \$10 per hour.
2. The approval of Vanessa Sherrer as a nurse aide at Greenwich-Lenhartsville Elementary School, effective March 17, 2015, at a rate of \$15.39 per hour.
3. The approval of Brittany L. Mengel as a guest substitute teacher through the Berks County Intermediate Unit for the 2014-2015 school year, effective March 17, 2015, at a rate of \$100 per day for days 1-20 and \$110 per day for days 21 and thereafter.
4. The approval of Jeffrey S. Lloyd, Jr. as an assistant track and field coach for the 2014-2015 school year at a salary of \$1,200.
5. The approval of Nathan A. Lewis as a volunteer baseball coach at the middle school for the 2014-2015 school year.
6. The approval of the creation of a weight room attendant position for the spring and summer seasons of 2015 at a stipend of \$600 per season.
7. The approval of the creation of a weight room attendant position for the fall, winter, spring, and summer seasons, effective with the 2015-2016 school year at a stipend of \$600 per season, for a total of \$2,400 per year.
8. The approval of a child rearing leave for employee #563 commencing on July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.
9. The approval of Lori A. Cutlip as a chaperone for the high school band trip to Walt Disney World, Florida on March 26 to 31, 2015.

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

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

Support/Admin Holiday Schedule Motion made by Christine Ryan, seconded by Jim Shrawder, to approve the 2015-2016 Support Staff/Administration Holiday Schedule.
Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Ziegler)
Motion carried.

- BCTC
JOC Alternate** Motion made by Jim Shrawder, seconded by Caecilia Holt, to appoint Al Darion as the Berks Career and Technology Center JOC alternate, effective March 17, 2015, to carry out the remainder of the three-year term ending December 31, 2016.
Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Ziegler)
Motion carried.
- Herbein +
Company** Motion made by Al Darion, seconded by Caecilia Holt, to approve the agreement with Herbein + Company to provide auditing services for the years ending June 30, 2015, 2016, and 2017 with the option to renew for 2018 and 2019. Cost per year is not to exceed \$18,000.
Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 0 N/A 1 (Shrawder) Absent 1 (Ziegler)
Motion carried.
- Rental Fee
Waiver** Motion made by Eric Johnson, seconded by Jim Shrawder, to approve waiving the \$50 rental fee for the Kutztown Community Partnership (KCP) to use a conference room at the Administration Building on Saturday, April 25, 2015 for a KCP board retreat. In addition, the administration also recommends waiving the fee for future KCP meetings that may occur from time to time.
Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Ziegler)
Motion carried.
- Spec. Ed. Dept.
Technology** Motion made by Christine Ryan, seconded by Caecilia Holt, to approve the refresh of technology for the special education department, grades K-12, at the cost of \$114,141.14. This expenditure is funded through the use of School Based Medical Assistance Funds (ACCESS).
Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 0 N/A 1 (Shrawder) Absent 1 (Ziegler)
Motion carried.
- Conference
Request** Motion made by Caecilia Holt, seconded by Al Darion, to approve employee #926 to attend the Lewes Advanced Placement Summer Institute on July 28-31, 2015 in Lewes, Delaware at a cost of \$1,947.71.
Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Ziegler)
Motion carried.
- Policies –
Second Reading** Motion made by Christine Ryan, seconded by Michael Hess, to approve the second reading and adoption of the following policies: Policy 235 Student Rights and Responsibilities
Policy 235.1 Surveys
Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 0 N/A 1 (Shrawder) Absent 1 (Ziegler)
Motion carried.
- Discussion Items** **2015-2016 Budget**
- Joint Purchase of Wrestling Mat**
Motion made by Christine Ryan, seconded by Karl Nolte, to agree to equally share the cost with the Kutztown Mat Club to purchase a wrestling mat. The total cost of the mat is \$7,055.15.
Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Ziegler)
Motion carried.
- Public Comment** Josh Chambers, KATA spokesperson, expressed concerns regarding the impact cuts and demotions of teaching staff have on the standards of excellence KASD teachers work so proudly to achieve.
- Gale Peluso expressed her concern of the possibility of outsourcing paraprofessionals to Kelly Services.
- Nancy Brooks reiterated KASMA's support to reinstate the high school music position.
- Adjournment** Motion made by Jim Shrawder, seconded by Caecilia Holt, to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Rikki L. DeVough
School Board Secretary