

Minutes
of the
KUTZTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, June 1, 2009, 7:30 p.m.

The Board of Directors of Kutztown Area School District met for a workshop board meeting on Monday, June 1, 2009, 7:30 p.m., in the High School Library pursuant to due notice to board members and the public.

Present Dan Walter, Carl Ziegler, Dennis Ritter, Pat Bealer, Jasper Ho, Mike Ramos, Don Vymazal, Alan Darion, Jo Stevens

Absent

Also Present Robert Gross, Joseph Pugliese, Nick Lazo, Rikki Clark, Matt Link, Cindy Meyer, Rebecca Beidelman, Jennifer McAteer, James Brown, Donald Kerchner, Barbara Richard, David Miller, Melissa Leiby, Rachel Stump, Kayla Smith, Beth Stump, Kevin Stump, Conor Persky, Sheila Fulton, Paige Persky, Chad Dunkelberger, Clinton Dunkelberger, Cheryl Dunkelberger, Andrea Sanders, Donna Keglovits, Bonnie Miller, Ann Dietrich, Shelby Brett, Melissa Blatt, Aaron Ashman, Michenelle Groller, Erica Yurvati, Bonnie Yurvati, Louise DeMatteo, Danielle Berger, Kerri Schegan, Laura Adams, Rachael Hill, Troy Smith, Diane Smith, Kayla Smith, Joann Buffum, Sally Sunday, Hallie Schumacher, Bonnie Treadway, Beth Sica, Elsa Voytas, Karen Voytas, Robert Voytas, Claire Kempes, Amy Howard, Amy Faust, Alan Angstadt, Betty Imboden, Karen Austin, Kurt Kanaskie, Emily Stevens, Carolyn Wasser, Donna Wasser, Caecilia Holt, Arabel Elliot

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 7:44 p.m. by President Vymazal.

Welcome President Vymazal welcomed guests and opened the meeting with a moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. He asked that everyone sign the attendance book and mark the topic of comment next to their name. He requested that anyone wishing to speak on an agenda item please raise his/her hand to be recognized. This meeting was being tape-recorded.

Student Recognition On behalf of the Board of Directors, Mr. Gross recognized Elsa Voytas for being recently selected as *Berks' Best* scholar in social studies. She was presented a certificate of achievement for her outstanding accomplishments.

Mr. Gross also recognized the following History Day students who will be competing at the national competition in College Park, Maryland later this month: John Bowen, Kayla Smith, Hannah Schumacher, Rachel Stump, Conor Persky, Chad Dunkelberger, Emily Stevens, and Erica Yurvati. Each student was presented a certificate of achievement for his/her outstanding accomplishments.

Personnel Motion made Dennis Ritter, seconded by Al Darion, to approve the following personnel items:

1. The approval of the resignation of James F. Orwig, principal of Kutztown and Maxatawny Elementary Schools, effective July 27, 2009, or upon hire of a replacement.
2. The approval of Kimberly A. Moyer as a full-time gifted teacher beginning the 2009-2010 school year, at a salary to be set at \$40,265, per Step 2, Bachelor's column (non-tenured) of the KASD/KATA contract. Ms. Moyer is currently a .5 gifted teacher at the high school.
3. The approval of Thomas E. Sweet as a 2009 High School Summer School social studies teacher, effective June 22 through July 24, 2009 for 72 hours at the then current contracted hourly rate.

4. The approval of tenure for the following teachers, effective June 1, 2009, due to completion of three (3) years of satisfactory teaching at Kutztown Area School District and fulfillment of all requirements for tenure:

Kristen M. Lekitsky – Elementary School Special Education Teacher

Jennifer L. Reis – Middle School Science Teacher

Bonita L. Treadway – Elementary School Nurse

5. The approval of Julie A. Stricker as Administrative Assistant for Transportation and Information Technology, effective July 1, 2009, at a hourly rate of \$14.65.

Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0

Motion carried.

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

Conference Request Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Dan Walter, to approve the conference request for Betty L. Imboden to attend the *National History Day* Competition to be held June 14-18, 2009 in College Park, MD, at a cost of \$479.48.

Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0

Motion carried.

Sale of Van #7 Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Jo Stevens, to approve the sale, via sealed bid to the highest bidder, Van #7, a 1995 Dodge omnibus with 149,102 miles.

Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0

Motion carried.

Laptop Lease Renewal Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Michael Ramos, to approve the renewal of a four (4) year lease with Apple, Inc. for 700 laptop computers.

Roll call vote: Yes 6 No 3 (Bealer, Ho, Walter) Absent 0

Motion carried.

Discussion Items 2009-2010 Budget

Motion made by Jasper Ho, seconded by Dennis Ritter, to give direction to the administration to ask the Kutztown Area Teachers' Association (KATA) permission to reduce teacher pay increases to 1-2%, instead of the negotiated 4.2%.

Roll call vote: Yes 1 (Ho) No 7 Absent 0 Abstain 1 (Walter)
Motion not carried.

Public Comment Louise DeMatteo and Ann Dietrich publicly thanked Jim Orwig for his outstanding leadership to help Kutztown Elementary School and Maxatawny Elementary School run smoothly and his tireless effort with faculty and staff, over the past four years, to provide the best possible education for the students.

Kevin and Beth Stump requested further information on the high school and middle school gifted programs and how Ms. Moyer's position increasing from part-time to full-time will impact the gifted program and the budget.

Betty Imboden thanked the Board for supporting National History Day over all these years. Ms. Imboden also stated her concern on how her vacant position will be handled next year after she retires.

Caecilia Holt asked for the process of hiring a new elementary principal.

The following community members stated their comments, questions, and concerns on elementary education reconfiguration: Melissa Leiby, Rachael Hill, Kurt Kanaskie, Laura Adams, Amy Faust, and Melissa Nolte.

Kerri Schegan and Amy Howard stated their comments on the high school lease renewal proposal.

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Beth Stump, Betty Imboden, and Hallie Schumacher stated their concerns regarding the .5 gifted teacher attrition savings in Plan B of the 2009-2010 budget.

Caecilia Holt questioned if the information presented from the public was attached to the March 9, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes.

Adjournment Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Jo Stevens, to adjourn the meeting at 11:21 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rikki L. Clark
School Board Secretary