

Minutes
of the
KUTZTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, March 16, 2009, 7:30 p.m.

The Board of Directors of Kutztown Area School District met for the regular board meeting on Monday, March 16, 2009 at 7:30 p.m., in the library of the Senior High School pursuant to due notice to board members and the public.

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

Absent

Also Present Robert R. Gross III, Joseph Pugliese, Nick Lazo, Rikki Clark, David Miller, Jim Orwig, Jim Brown, Matthew Link, Rebecca Beidelman, Peter Miller, Barbara Richard, Jennifer McAteer, Don Kerchner, Cynthia Meyer, Mick O'Neil, Stephen Humon, Mary Edwards, Zach Edwards, Samantha Mattie, Betty Imboden, Steven Moyer, Michele Moyer, Philip Moyer, Kris Tuerk, Melissa Blatt, Marcy Graff, Tara Weaver, Randy Burch, Donna Keglovits, Sandy Daniels, Jason Lanter, Barry Hoffman, Susan Collier, Jeffrey Collier, Andrea Sanders, Rachael Hill, LeAnn Zettlemoyer, Donna Graff, Charlene Sheetz, Tracy Onorofsky, Tom Booth, Melissa Leiby, Bonnie Treadway, Paul Noon, Ryan Noon, Jamie Noon, Jim Ryan, Kurt Kanaskie, Abby Claypoole, Jenny Rau, Pam Ashman, Lisa Rarick, Ben Rarick, Jon Rarick, Chris Rarick, Brian Mengel, Derek Mace, Art Laudenslager, Jr., Caecilia Holt, Arabel Elliott, Ben McKnight, Kathy Geist, Jen Ide, Dana Ide, Scott Tack

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 7:40 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 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. The meeting was tape-recorded.

Approval Of Minutes Motion made by Jo Stevens, seconded by Dennis Ritter, to vote for the approval of the minutes of the February 17, 2009 school board meeting separately from the March 9, 2009 school board meeting and the March 9, 2009 Albany Elementary School and Maxatawny Elementary School public hearings.

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

Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Dennis Ritter, to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2009 school board meeting.

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

Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Dan Walter, to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2009 school board meeting and the March 9, 2009 Albany Elementary School and Maxatawny Elementary School public hearings.

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

Treasurer's Report Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Pat Bealer, to accept the treasurer's report of the general fund.

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

Ratification of General Account Bills Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Jo Stevens, to ratify for payment the general account bills in the amount of \$1,377,699.12.

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

Approval of General Account Bills Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Dan Walter, to approve for payment the general account bills in the amount of \$401,592.93.

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

Supt's Report Mr. Gross shared the Secretary of Education's belief that the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund monies is to be going to 21st century learning. The estimated allocation under this reinvestment act is \$722,699 which is classified as categorized monies. More information is located on the district website.

Mr. Gross congratulated the Middle School for taking second place at the Science Olympiad competition. The team took 15 out of 23 awards (1st through 4th place). He also congratulated the History Day team who are going to the state competition.

Mr. Gross recognized the Middle School Future City team who won at the regional competition in Philadelphia. The team also won the International Society of Pharmaceutical Engineers Innovation in Health Care Award and the Michael Baker Jr. – This is Why Engineering Rocks Award. Certificates of Achievement were presented to the members of the team: Chris Collier, Ben Rarick, Jon Rarick, Zach Edwards, Drew Entriiken, Phil Moyer, Connor Mertz, Nathan Onorofsky, Ryan Noon, Kim Brazina, Gillian Ryan, Conor Persky, Lyndsey Detweiler, Sam Summer, Amanda Miller, and Trevor Kanaskie.

Committee Reports

- EIT** Mrs. Bealer reported the upcoming salary increases were discussed.
Pat Bealer
- BCTC** Mr. Ho reported the committee worked to pass the budget. Kutztown Area School District is one of five schools that will pay less next year by 6%, which is a savings of \$45,000. The committee also shared achievements of the BCTC students.
Jasper Ho
- ECC** No report.
Jo Stevens
- BCIU** Mr. Ziegler reported they are taking an initiative for a fairly significant reorganization. The committee also approved a functionality feasibility study for all the buildings.
Carl Ziegler
- PSBA** Mrs. Bealer reported they entered into an agreement to get rid of the graduation competency assessments. They are also working to get relief to districts for charter charter school costs.
Pat Bealer
- Policy & Curriculum** Mr. Ritter reported they were given information regarding the fifth grade inservice. The committee also received a presentation on Moodle, an online education communication forum.
Dennis Ritter

Personnel

Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Al Darion, to approve the following personnel items:

1. The resignation of Rita Schwalm, Kindergarten teacher, due to retirement, effective June 30, 2009.
2. The approval of Justin Smith as a substitute teacher for 2008-2009, effective March 17, 2009 at the approved substitute rate of \$100 per day for days 1-20 and \$110 per day for days 21-45.
3. The approval of a family medical leave for employee #299 commencing on May 15, 2009, or the expiration of approved, applicable sick and personal leave, through the end of the 2008-2009 school year.

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

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

Custodial Supply Bid

Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Jo Stevens, to approve the awarding of the 2009-2010 custodial supplies bid to the lowest responsible bidder who has met the specifications as listed on the attached schedule.

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

2009-2010 BCTC Budget

Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Jasper Ho, to authorize the expenditures of the Berks Career and Technology Center's General Program for the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 as set forth in the attached summary.

Kutztown Area School District expenditures are:

Kutztown Area School District Share Contribution	\$411,834
Special Needs Estimated Share Contribution	\$49,279
Debt Service Contribution	<u>\$105,167</u>
Total KASD Expenditures	\$566,280

Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0
Motion to table carried.

Policy 011.

Motion made by Dan Walter, seconded by Al Darion, to approve the first reading of Policy 011. Board Governance Standards/Code of Conduct.

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

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**Bill Auditing
Services
Contract**

Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Michael Ramos, to table the motion to contract with UtiliTech, Inc., of West Lawn, PA for bill auditing services for telecommunications, and electric and natural gas bills per the attached agreement. The fee for these services is 50% of any refunds or savings that the firm finds.

Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0
Motion to table carried.

**Student
Vacation
Request**

Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Carl Ziegler, to approve student #102592 permission for a two (2) day absence on May 28 and 29, 2009. This student has already had three (3) additional vacation days over the allotted five (5) vacation days for the 2008-2009 school year. This will bring the student's vacation day total to ten (10) for this school year.

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

**Conference
Requests**

Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Carl Ziegler, to approve the conference request for Joseph Pugliese to attend the *Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials Annual Conference* to be held April 1-2, 2009 in King of Prussia, PA, at a cost of \$510.00.

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

**Donation to
Kutztown Fire
Company**

Motion made by Dan Walter, seconded by Al Darion, to approve a donation of \$150.00 to the Kutztown Fire Company in appreciation of their donation of time and equipment.

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

**Discussion
Items**

Technology Update
All-Weather Track Recommendation
Synthetic Turf Playing Surface Recommendation
Stadium Lighting Recommendation
Kutztown Park Usage Donation Request
Elementary Education Reconfiguration

**Eighth Grade
Laptop Cart**

Motion made by Al Darion, seconded by Jo Stevens, to approve the establishment of an eighth grade laptop computer cart at Kutztown Area Middle School which will include 24 Macbook laptop computers to be purchased from Apple, Inc. at a cost of \$25,981.16. The funds for this purchase will come from a grant from the Kutztown Area School District Education Foundation funded by Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) contributions.

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

**Public
Comment**

The following community members stated their questions, comments, and concerns regarding the elementary reconfiguration discussion: Kurt Kanaskie, Melissa Leiby, Rachael Hill, Randy Burch, LeAnn Zettlemoyer, Jennifer Ide, Arabel Elliot, and Scott Tack.

Adjournment

Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Michael Ramos, to adjourn the meeting at 10:49 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rikki L. Clark
School Board Secretary