

*Minutes of the*  
**KUTZTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
 Board of Directors Meeting  
 Tuesday, February 20, 2018 - 7:30 p.m.

The Board of Directors of Kutztown Area School District met for a regular monthly board meeting on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 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, Alan Darion (remotely), Carl Ziegler, Michael Hess, Karl Nolte, James Shrawder (7:44 arrival)

**Absent** Charles Shurr

**Also Present** George Fiore, Dave Miller, Rikki DeVough, Christian Temchatin, Scott Hand, Deb Barnes, Barry Flicker, Ed Yapsuga, John Noll, Steven and Michele Moyer, Adam Moyer, Jeff Huffert, Melissa Blatt, Deb Kenney, Lori Arndt, Diana Rydzewski, Aaron and Justin Ashman, Sylvia Kniss, Rylan Ebner, Grayson Ebner, Sophia Arnold, Andrew Arnold, Sherry Wentzel, Arabel Elliot, Trey Hennesey

**Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m. by President Ziegler.

**Welcome** President Ziegler 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.

**Meeting Minutes** Motion made by Michael Hess, seconded by Eric Johnson, to approve the Minutes of the February 5, 2018 School Board Meeting.

**Roll call vote:**    **Yes 7**                      **No 0**                      **Absent 2 (Shurr, Shrawder)**  
**Motion carried.**

**Treasurer's Report** Motion made by Randy Burch, seconded by Caecilia Holt, to approve the Treasurer's Report of the General Fund.

**Roll call vote:**    **Yes 7**                      **No 0**                      **Absent 2 (Shurr, Shrawder)**

**Ratification of General Account** Motion made by Eric Johnson, seconded by Randy Burch, to ratify for payment the general account bills in the amount of \$2,323,786.70.

**Roll call vote:**    **Yes 7**                      **No 0**                      **Absent 2 (Shurr, Shrawder)**  
**Motion carried.**

**Approval of General Account** Motion made by Michael Hess, seconded by Caecilia Holt, to approve for payment the general account bills in the amount of \$622,335.33.

**Roll call vote:**    **Yes 7**                      **No 0**                      **Absent 2 (Shurr, Shrawder)**  
**Motion carried.**

**Ratification of Construction Account** Motion made by Karl Nolte, seconded by Randy Burch, to ratify for payment the construction account bills in the amount of \$749,857.50.

**Roll call vote:**    **Yes 7**                      **No 0**                      **Absent 2 (Shurr, Shrawder)**  
**Motion carried.**

**Approval of Construction Account** Motion made by Michael Hess, seconded by Caecilia Holt, to approve for payment the construction account bills in the amount of \$37,687.33.

**Roll call vote:**    **Yes 7**                      **No 0**                      **Absent 2 (Shurr, Shrawder)**  
**Motion carried.**

**Superintendent's Report** **Boys' Cross-Country** – Director of Athletics, Ed Yapsuga, and Coach Neyhart, recognized the team for becoming Division III Champs and participating at the state level.

**History Day** – Advisors Arabel Elliot and Trey Hennesey presented the program's process and background. The team will be participating in the regional competition on March 3.

**Future Cities** – Advisor Aaron Ashman described the background of the presentation and the student participants presented their project demonstration.

**Future Ready-Artificial Intelligence and Robotics/College and Career Readiness** –Dr. Fiore spoke on the need to educate students to learn how to program robots to assist humans. This is the change needed to prepare and train children for the future. He also showed videos of examples of robots with artificial intelligence.

**STEAM Factory and Launch Event** – Dr. Hand described that the event inspired and showcased student achievements across the district. Over 800 people attended to immerse themselves into STEAM challenges and learning.

**Keystone Technology Innovator Designation** – Received by Chris Simmons.

**2018-19 Calendar Feedback** – 360 responses on the survey Dr. Fiore published regarding the start of the school year, Spring Break, and snow make-up days.

**Winter Athletic Accolades and Updates** – Mr. Yapsuga shared some sport and athlete accomplishments, and mentioned the Grand Opening of the KASD Stadium on May 6 at 2:00 p.m.

**Board Committee**

**T.C.C.** No report.

**PSBA** No report.

**BCIU** President Ziegler reported Carl Miller is retiring and a replacement has been hired.

**BCTC** Dr. Darion reported a proposed budget is drafted and Kutztown’s contribution has decreased.

**P & C** Mrs. Holt reported the committee reviewed the preparation of the 339 counseling plan and were presented the future ready index and assessments.

**ECC** Mr. Burch shared the stadium opening, and reported the committee received an update on the baseball fields and club/activity highlights.

**Facilities** Mr. Burch reported the committee discussed the high school gym floor, received a Kutztown Elementary boiler update, and was presented the stadium renovation finalization plans.

**Student** No report.

**Achievement**

**Personnel**

Motion made by Karl Nolte, seconded by Caecilia Holt, to approve the following personnel items:

1. The acceptance of the resignation of Natalie Buch as high school junior varsity softball coach effective February 21, 2018.
2. The approval of Nancy H. Orbann as a special education paraeducator at Kutztown Elementary School, effective February 21, 2018, at a rate of \$11.83 per hour.
3. The approval of the following coaches, advisors, and stipends for the 2017-2018 school year:

Jessica Romig	HS Junior Varsity Softball Coach	\$3000.00
Roger Muth	MS Assistant Baseball Coach	\$2400.00
Daniel Stemko	HS Boys’ Volleyball Head Coach	\$3400.00

**Personnel is approved pending receipt of all mandated credentials.**

**Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Shurr)**

**Motion carried.**

**Policies – First Reading**

Motion made by Karl Nolte, seconded by Michael Hess, to approve the first reading of the following policies:

- Policy 808. Food Services
- Policy 103. Nondiscrimination in School and Classroom Practices
- Policy 104. Nondiscrimination in Employment Practices

**Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Shurr)**

**Motion carried.**

**Chiller Maintenance Agreement**

Motion made by Caecilia Holt, seconded by Karl Nolte, to approve the annual service agreement with H.T. Lyons to maintain our chillers at the District Administration Building, Greenwich-Lenhartsville Elementary School, Kutztown Elementary School, and the Kutztown Area Middle School, at a cost of \$7,510.00.

**Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Shurr)**

**Motion carried.**

- Field Trip** Motion made by Jim Shrawder, seconded by Eric Johnson, to approve a high school trip to Europe- World War II and the Western Front, the summer of 2019 at a student cost of \$3845 to \$4400. The school district will not incur any cost for this trip.  
**Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Shurr)**  
**Motion carried.**
- Chapter 339 Counseling** Motion made by Randy Burch, seconded by Alan Darion, to approve the Chapter 339 Counseling Plan as required by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.  
**Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Shurr)**  
**Motion carried.**
- Conference Request** Motion made by Caecilia Holt, seconded by Alan Darion, to approve employee #1850 to attend the PSADA Annual Conference on March 21-23, 2018 in Hershey, PA, at a cost of \$839.28.  
**Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Shurr)**  
**Motion carried.**
- BCIU Human Resources Services** Motion made by Randy Burch, seconded by Caecilia Holt, to approve the contract with the Berks County Intermediate Unit for human resources services from February 26, 2018 to June 30, 2019 at a yearly prorated cost of \$48960.00.  
**Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Shurr)**  
**Motion carried.**
- Donation to Kutztown Fire Company** Motion made by Caecilia Holt, seconded by Karl Nolte, to approve a donation of \$150 to the Kutztown Fire Company in appreciation of their donation to assist the district in the maintenance of the stadium lights.  
**Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Shurr)**  
**Motion carried.**
- Donation to Kutztown Borough** Motion made by Randy Burch, seconded by Karl Nolte, to approve a donation of \$2500.00 to the Borough of Kutztown for the use of the baseball and softball fields in the borough park.  
**Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Shurr)**  
**Motion carried.**
- Public Comment** Diana Rydzewski mentioned her concern that the increase in the budget is a burden on taxpayers and farmers.  
Jacob Moatz stated his concern of the proposed schedule change affecting BCTC students.  
Sherry Wentzel gave her concern on the BCTC schedule change and that students are arriving late to BCTC.
- Discussion Items**
- Adjournment** Motion made by Alan Darion, seconded by Caecilia Holt to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 p.m.  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted by,

Rikki L. DeVough  
School Board Secretary

Kutztown Area School District does not discriminate in our educational programs, activities or employment practices based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, religion, ancestry or any other legally protected classification. This policy is in accordance with state and federal laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act. Information relative to special accommodation, grievance procedure, and the designated responsible official for compliance with Title VI, Title IX and Section 504 may be obtained by contacting the school district. EOE.