

*Minutes of the*  
**KUTZTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Monday, March 19, 2018 - 7:30 p.m.**

The Board of Directors of Kutztown Area School District met for a regular monthly board meeting on Monday, March 19, 2018 at 7:30 p.m., in the high school library, pursuant to due notice to board members and the public.

- Present** Randy Burch, Alan Darion, Caecilia Holt, Eric Johnson (7:33 p.m. arrival), Karl Nolte, James Shrawder, Charles Shurr
- Absent** Michael Hess, Carl Ziegler, Nathan Hayduk (student representative)
- Also Present** George Fiore, Dave Miller, Rikki DeVough, Christian Temchatin, Scott Hand, Diane Quinn, Barry Flicker, Erin Anderson, James Brown, Amanda Rivenburg, Jeff Huffert, Leon Smith, Carol Schulley, Deb Kenney, Beth Stump, Barb Weston, Beth Patten, Ben Hoffman, V.I. Lacin
- Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 7:30 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 indicated that this meeting was being tape recorded.
- Meeting Minutes** Motion made by Karl Nolte, seconded by Caecilia Holt, to approve the Minutes of the March 5, 2018 School Board Meeting.  
**Roll call vote: Yes 5 No 0 N/A 1 (Shrawder) Absent 3 (Hess, Johnson, Ziegler)**  
**Motion carried.**
- Treasurer's Report** Motion made by Al Darion, seconded by Jim Shrawder, to approve the Treasurer's Report of the General Fund.  
**Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 0 Absent 2 (Hess, Ziegler)**
- Ratification of General Account** Motion made by Caecilia Holt, seconded by Charles Shurr, to ratify for payment the general account bills in the amount of \$2,911,579.50.  
**Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 0 Absent 2 (Hess, Ziegler)**  
**Motion carried.**
- Approval of General Account** Motion made by Charles Shurr, seconded by Caecilia Holt, to approve for payment the general account bills in the amount of \$653,703.95.  
**Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 0 Absent 2 (Hess, Ziegler)**  
**Motion carried.**
- Ratification of Construction Account** Motion made by Caecilia Holt, seconded by Karl Nolte, to ratify for payment the construction account bills in the amount of \$14,833.45.  
**Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 0 Absent 2 (Hess, Ziegler)**  
**Motion carried.**
- Approval of Construction Account** Motion made by Karl Nolte, seconded by Caecilia Holt, to approve for payment the construction account bills in the amount of \$47,215.48.  
**Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 0 Absent 2 (Hess, Ziegler)**  
**Motion carried.**
- Superintendent's Report**
- Odyssey of the Mind-** Seven out of eight teams placed at the Regional Competition at Millersville University. One team will be advancing to the state competition.
- Jazz Fest at Steel Stacks and KAMS-** The High School Jazz Band performed at the ArtsQuest High School Jazz Band Showcase Finals.
- #WeldItForward Contest-** Five high school students participated, and Michael Hill was chosen as one of three semifinalists in the essay contest. The team was selected to receive almost \$7000 worth of new welding and cutting equipment.
- History Fair-** Four teams placed first in their project group in the regional competition.

**Science Olympiad-** High school placed sixth overall and qualified for the state competition. Middle school placed third overall and qualified for states as well.

**Jump Rope for Heart-** Students at Greenwich-Lenhartsville Elementary School raised \$6728 for the American Heart Association by participating in the *Jump Rope for Heart* program.

**Art Show at BCCF-** Select students have their artwork on display at the Berks County Community Foundation.

**HS Journalism Trip-** The high school journalism group visited Reading Eagle and WEEU.

**Athletic Update-** The Grand Opening of the new KASD stadium will be on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

**Future Reading Index-**

- State Assessment
- On-Track Measures: New Indicators
- College and Career Measurers
- Opt-out Implications and ESSA Federal Requirements

**Budget presentation by Mr. Miller**

**Board Committee Reports**

- T.C.C.** No report.
- PSBA** No report.
- BCIU** No report.
- BCTC** Dr. Darion reported the budget, which represents a \$5000 reduction in yearly contributions, is on the agenda for approval tonight.
- P & C** Mrs. Holt reported the state is working on the future-ready index. She stated the committee also discussed the selection of standards assessment and on-track indicators, selection of standards assessment, the Summer Reading Program, and policies to retire.
- ECC** Mr. Burch announced the Stadium Dedication will be held on Sunday, May 6. He also reported the committee discussed open football positions and end-of-season sports.
- Facilities** Mr. Burch reported the committee received a project update from the McClure Group. He also reported they discussed parking lot light improvements, gym floor at the high school, and middle school showers. He stated the committee also discussed relocating the shotput/discus areas due to logistics.
- Student Achievement** No report.

**Personnel**

- Motion made by Al Darion, seconded by Caecilia Holt, to approve the following personnel items:
1. The approval of a rate increase of \$1.00 per hour for Ryan Williams, maintenance employee, due to the completion of the six-month evaluation process, per Policy 328, effective February 8, 2018.
  2. The acceptance of the resignation of Autumn Crouse as a High School Assistant Track and Field Jumps Coach, effective March 5, 2018.
  3. The approval of Audrey M. Merkel as a participant in the Senior Volunteer Tax Exchange Program for the 2017-2018 school year, effective March 20, 2018.
  4. The approval of the following coaches, advisors, and stipends for the 2017-2018 school year:

Michael DiBenedetto	High School Assistant Track and Fields Jump Coach	\$2300
Autumn Crouse	Volunteer Track and Field Coach	
- Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 0 Absent 2 (Hess, Ziegler)**  
**Motion carried.**

**Policy Maintenance**

- Motion made by Charles Shurr, seconded by Eric Johnson, to approve the first reading of the following policies:
- 150. Title 1-Comparability of Services
  - 203. Immunizations and Communicable Diseases
- Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 0 Absent 2 (Hess, Ziegler)**  
**Motion carried.**

Motion made by Jim Shrawder, seconded by Eric Johnson, to approve the retiring of the following policies

248. Unlawful Harassment

348. Unlawful Harassment

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

**Austill's Contract**

Motion made by Caecilia Holt, seconded by Charles Shurr, to approve the renewal of a contract with Austill's Rehabilitation Services, Inc. (physical and occupational therapy) for the three-year period beginning July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021. Rates for the 2018-2019 school year remain unchanged from preceding year, rates for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years increase at 1.39% each year.

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

**Holiday Schedule**

Motion made by Caecilia Holt, seconded by Eric Johnson, to approve the Kutztown Area School District Support Staff/Administration holiday schedule for the 2018-2019 school year.

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

**PA-ETEP Agreement**

Motion made by Al Darion, seconded by Charles Shurr, to approve the annual renewal agreement with EduLink: PA-ETEP, at a cost of \$7,601 for one year beginning on July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 (same rate as last year).

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

**Comply Agreement**

Motion made by Caecilia Holt, seconded by Karl Nolte, to approve the annual agreement with EduLink: COMPLY, at a cost of \$6,131 for one year beginning July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

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

**Yearbook Advisor**

Motion made by Caecilia Holt, seconded by Karl Nolte, to approve the Yearbook Advisor position at the high school for the 2018-2019 school year at a stipend of \$1400.

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

**BCTC Budget**

Motion made by Al Darion, seconded by Jim Shrawder to approve the Berks Career and Technology Center 2018-2019 budget.

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

**Concrete Work**

Motion made by Karl Nolte, seconded by Caecilia Holt, to approve the quote from Sanders Masonry to provide concrete work for the new areas of the Shot Put, Discus, and the Donor Wall at a price not to exceed \$4,000.

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

**Public Comment**

Christopher Smith questioned if students participated in a walk-out in memory of victims of gun violence.

**Adjournment**

Motion made by Alan Darion, seconded by Charles Shurr to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted by,

Rikki L. DeVough  
School Board Secretary