

Minutes of the
KUTZTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, March 15, 2021 - 7:30 p.m.

The Board of Directors of Kutztown Area School District met for a regular monthly board meeting on Monday, March 15, 2021, at 7:30 p.m., in the Middle School Commons and remotely via Zoom and YouTube, pursuant to due notice to board members and the public.

Present Michelle Batz, Randy Burch, Michael Hess, Caecilia Holt, Dennis Ritter, Charles Shurr, Eric Johnson, Karl Nolte, Alan Darion, Jewel Karaisz (student representative)

Absent

Also Present Christian Temchatin, Rikki DeVough, David Miller, Steven Leever, Ed Myers, Diane Quinn, Barry Flicker, Erin Anderson, Alyssa Katz, Jeff Huffert, Chris Devers, Randy Kline, Carol Schully, Janet Yost

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 7:50 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 requested that anyone wishing to speak on an agenda item please use the raise his/her hand feature to be recognized. He indicated that this meeting was being recorded and there was an Executive Session held prior to the meeting for the purpose of Personnel and Legal content.

Meeting Minutes Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Michael Hess, to approve the Minutes of the March 1, 2021 School Board Meeting.

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

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

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

Ratification of General Account Motion made by Michelle Batz, seconded by Charles Shurr, to ratify for payment the general account bills in the amounts of \$2,520,871.96.

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

Approval of General Account Motion made by Michael Hess, seconded by Dennis Ritter, to approve for payment the general account bills in the amount of \$728,600.38.

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

Ratification of Construction Account Motion made by Michael Hess, seconded by Michelle Batz, to ratify for payment the construction account bills in the amounts of \$13,766.00.

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

Approval of Construction Account Motion made by Charles Shurr, seconded by Dennis Ritter, to approve for payment the construction account bills in the amount of \$68,971.00.

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

**Superintendent's
Report**

Air Rifle State Champion
Unified Bocce Team Send-off

**Board Committee
Reports**

- PSBA** All PSBA members are invited to attend the upcoming virtual sectional meetings on March 30-April 1.
- BCIU** The committee received a presentation on the Advocacy Campaign effort for Cyber-Charter Schools funding. The IU is currently working on getting teachers and staff vaccinated for COVID-19.
- BCTC** The committee approved the Proposed Operating Budget for 2021-2022. The Executive Director announced his retirement at the end of the school year, and the committee is in the process of finding a replacement.
- P & C** The committee discussed Policy 123. Dr. Quinn provided an Act 48 Professional Development Update. The committee also reviewed the grades 7-12 civics exam requirement.
- ECC & Facilities** The committee received a winter sports wrap-up and an updated presentation by McClure. The committee also discussed a walk-in freezer at the high school.
- TCC** No report.

Personnel

Motion made by Charles Shurr, seconded by Eric Johnson, to approve the following personnel items:

1. The approval of a salary adjustments for employee #1484 to step 6 and employee #325 to step 10 of the Nurse/Nurse Substitute hourly rate chart, effective March 2, 2021, per the attached.
2. The approval to amend the pay rate of Amanda Maurer as a substitute nurse for the 2020-2021 school year to a rate of \$22.00 per hour effective March 2, 2021.
3. The approval to amend the pay rate of Dana M. Moyer as a substitute nurse for the 2020-2021 school year to a rate of \$22.00 per hour, effective March 2, 2021.
4. The approval of a transfer of Livia Brenner from full-time Reading Aide at Kutztown Elementary School to part-time Reading Aide at Kutztown Elementary School, effective March 8, 2021 at a rate of \$12.01 per hour.
5. The acceptance of the resignation of Tyler Bilofsky as part-time substitute custodian, effective February 19, 2021.
6. The acceptance of the resignation of Betty Parks as full-time Learning Support Aide at Kutztown Middle School, effective March 19, 2021.
7. The approval of Judith Mehlretter as a participant in the Senior Volunteer Tax Exchange Program for the 2020-2021 school year, retroactive to October 20, 2020.
8. The approval of Janella Moyer as a substitute nurse for the 2020-2021 school year at a rate of \$22 per hour.
9. The approval of the following coaches, advisors, and stipends for the 2020-2021 school year:
Tia Muller Spring Tennis - Boys (Volunteer)
Sandy Wessner Spring Tennis - Boys (Volunteer)
Brett Hauck Baseball (HS Volunteer)

Payment shall be contingent on sport occurring in light of COVID-19 Pandemic. In the event of a partial season, the coaching stipend shall be prorated accordingly. Personnel is Approved Pending Receipt of All Mandated Credentials.

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

McClure Project

Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Michelle Batz, to approve the Energy Savings Project with McClure Company at a cost of \$7,456,326.

Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0

Motion carried.

Walk-in Freezer

Motion made by Michael Hess, seconded by Charles Shurr, to approve the purchase of the FAST-TRAK Walk-in Freezer from The Restaurant Store at a cost of \$14,975.00.

Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0

Motion carried.

BCTC Budget

Motion made by Charles Shurr, seconded by Al Darion, to approve the Berks County Technology Center budget for 2021-2022.

Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0

Motion carried.

PowerSchool

Motion made by Michelle Batz, seconded by Dennis Ritter, to approve the CLIU (Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit) PowerSchool Service Agreement.

Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0

Motion carried.

CSIU Computer Services

Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Eric Johnson, to approve the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit (CSIU) Computer Service Rates for the 2021-2022 school year at a cost of \$15,878.

Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0

Motion carried.

Donation

Motion made by Caecilia Holt, seconded by Eric Johnson, to accept the donation from Capital Blue in the amount of \$1,500.

Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0

Motion carried.

Dual Enrollment

Motion made by Eric Johnson, seconded by Dennis Ritter, to approve the Dual Enrollment Agreement with Reading Area Community College for the 2021-2022 school year.

Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0

Motion carried.

Natural Gas

Motion made by Michelle Batz, seconded by Caecilia Holt, to authorize David Miller, Business Administrator, to sign an agreement with the winner (if any) of the natural gas purchase bid process being conducted by Provident Energy for the participating school districts of Berks County. The agreement will be for the time period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024.

Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0

Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion made by Caecilia Holt, seconded by Karl Nolte, to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Rikki L DeVough
School Board Secretary