

Minutes
of the
KUTZTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, January 19, 2010, 7:30 p.m.

The Board of Directors of Kutztown Area School District met for the regular board meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at 7:30 p.m., in the High School Auditorium, pursuant to due notice to board members and the public.

Present Patricia Bealer, Alan Darion, Amy Faust, Jasper Ho, Dennis Ritter, Craig Schroeder, Jo Stevens, Sally Sunday, Carl Ziegler

Absent Student Representative-Stevie Sheetz

Also Present Robert Gross, Joseph Pugliese, Rikki Clark, Nicholas Lazo, Cynthia Meyer, Rebecca Beidelman, Jennifer McAteer, James Brown, Tracy Blunt, Peter Miller, Donald Kerchner, Barbara Richard, Leroy Merkel, Mick O'Neil, David Miller, Arif Fazil, Jim Hanna, Tom Kase, (see attached sign-in sheet)

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 7:42 p.m. by President Ziegler.

Welcome President Ziegler 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. He announced there was an executive session conducted prior to the meeting to discuss personnel matters. The meeting was tape-recorded.

Approval of Minutes Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Dennis Ritter, to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2009 and January 4, 2010 School Board Meetings.
Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report Motion made by Jo Stevens, seconded by Sally Sunday, 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 \$355,122.80.
Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0
Motion carried.

Approval of General Account Bills Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Jo Stevens, to approve for payment the general account bills in the amount of \$329,355.26.
Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0
Motion carried.

Ratification of Construction Account Bills Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Craig Schroeder, to ratify for payment the construction account bills in the amount of \$812.50.
Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0
Motion carried.

Approval of Construction Account Bills Motion made by Al Darion, seconded by Jo Stevens, to approve for payment the construction account bills in the amount of \$41,868.88.
Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0
Motion carried.

Supt's Report Mr. Gross thanked everyone for attending tonight. Since January is Board Director Recognition Month, each board member received a certificate from PSBA as a recognition of their service to the children of the Kutztown Area School District. In recognizing the Board of Directors, he stated that board members have one common goal – making sure our children are properly educated in

preparation for life. Mr. Gross thanked the board members for volunteering their time to the benefit of our children and our society.

Mr. Gross congratulated the high school for once again obtaining the Apple Distinguished School award for the third consecutive year. Kutztown Area School District is one of only five schools in the commonwealth to receive this award.

Mr. Gross also congratulated our Science Olympiad participants for finishing in the top three schools in the county, capturing 8 of the 23 first place awards, with a total of 15 medals – more than any other school in the county.

Kutztown has submitted an application to participate in the federal Race to the Top educational grant opportunity this week. The Secretary of Education, Jerry Zahorchak thanked us for our commitment to excellence.

Members of the Kutztown FFA were congratulated for capturing multiple awards at the Pennsylvania Farm Show last week. First place winners included Casey Trexler and Arthur Kehl.

Mr. Gross also congratulated our talented musicians for being selected to district band, orchestra, and chorus. Kate Delaney, Rosalie DiMaggio, Taylor Eben, David Fahim, Adam Rabenold, Melanie Bickert, David Quarmley, Amanda Miller, and Beatrice Ferreira were all congratulated.

Committee Reports

EIT No report.
Pat Bealer

BCTC Pastor Ritter reported there has been a billing error which resulted in over charges or undercharges for each district over the past eight years.

ECC Mrs. Stevens reported the committee received the winter sport participation numbers for the current school year. The only increase in participation was in wrestling, and the only decrease was in boys basketball. The committee also received a listing of the number of students who were ineligible to participate.

Cougar Pride Stadium Campaign Mrs. Stevens reported the committee is looking to raise \$400,000 to \$500,000 through the campaign. Fundraising activities will include, but not be limited to: buy-a-brick, advertising, cougar paw and bench sales, school-wide hoagie day (May 5), change-to-change program, and a truck/motorcycle/quilt raffle.
Jo Stevens

PSBA Mrs. Bealer reported the Keystone Exams have been finished by the state. They are also looking at replacing the 11th grade PSSA exams with two Keystone exams. The committee also discussed the PSERS pension information, and that the financial schedule and information can be found on *YouTube*.
Pat Bealer

Student Achievement No report.
Alan Darion

Personnel

Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Pat Bealer, to approve the following personnel items:

1. The acceptance of the resignation, with regret, of Christopher M. Haring, high school language arts teacher, due to retirement, effective the last day of the 2009-2010 school year.
2. The approval of Albert T. Whitehead as a Kutztown Area School District van driver, effective January 19, 2010, at a rate of \$11.29 per hour.
3. The approval of the following substitute teacher for the 2009-2010 school year, effective January 20, 2010, at the approved substitute teacher rate of \$100 per day for days 1-20, and \$110 per day for days 21 and thereafter:

Ross M. Duffield (Social Studies Certification) Jessica A. Matthews (Elementary Certification)
Louise E. Moyer (Elementary Certification)

4. The approval of Kristin M. Haring as a resource person for Monica Mancini through the end of the 2009-2010 school year, effective January 20, 2010, at a stipend of \$150.

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

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

Health Insurance Consortium Motion made by Jo Stevens, seconded by Sally Sunday, to approve the Trust Agreement ("agreement") between the Berks County School Health Insurance Consortium ("Consortium") and the Kutztown Area School District ("district") as per attached. The agreement allows the Consortium the additional option to self insure for health coverage for the district's employees. The agreement is effective July 1, 2010 and must also be approved by the Kutztown Area Teacher Association for it to take effect. The agreement has been reviewed by the district solicitor.

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

Donation to Fire Company Motion made by Amy Faust, seconded by Pat Bealer, to approve a donation of \$100.00 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.

Student Vacation Request Motion made by Al Darion, seconded by Pat Bealer, to grant student #102592 permission for the following absences. This will result in the student exceeding vacation time by five days.

January 22, 2010	March 25 (1/2 day) and 26 (full day), 2010
February 10-12, 2010	May 12-14, 2010
Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0	
Motion carried.	

Real Estate Exemption Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Pat Bealer, to exempt property PIN#45-5446-03-20-9445 from real estate taxes as defined by the Disabled Veterans Real Property Tax Exemption Certification approval notice.

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

Copier Lease Motion made by Jasper Ho, seconded by Dennis Ritter, to table the motion to approve a 60 month lease with Fraser Advanced Information Systems, effective February 1, 2010, for a Canon IR-5050 copier, at a monthly cost of \$220 including maintenance. This lease is to replace an existing copier at Kutztown Area Middle School.

Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 1 (Darion) Absent 0
Motion to table carried.

Conference Request Motion made by Al Darion, seconded by Pat Bealer, to approve the conference request for John A. Ebner to attend the Pennsylvania Educational Technology Expo and Conference on February 22-23, 2010 in Hershey, Pennsylvania, at a cost of \$528. Funds for this conference will be paid via grant fund allocation.

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

PlanCon F Submittal Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Al Darion, to approve PlanCon F and all attachments, and authorize its submittal to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the proposed additions and renovations to the Kutztown Area High School. Approval of this action authorizes the Board of School Directors to receive bids for the aforementioned project.

Roll call vote: Yes 4 (Darion, Ritter, Stevens, Ziegler) No 5 Absent 0
Motion not carried.

Public Comment The following community members commented on the submittal of PlanCon F and the high school renovation project: David Fahim, Dawn Fahim, Charlene Brintzenhoff, Casey Trexler, Stanley Adams, Nancy Runyon, Philip Moyer, Steve Moyer, Jim Schrawder, Jeri Colicchio, Leon Smith, Jake Hoffman, Heidi Williamson, Michael Stevens, Jake Enriken, Chris Holiday, Lillian Mengel, Dale Reppert, Joe Furst, Britta Schumacher, Bill Messersmith, Earnest Riegel, Henry Meitzler, Lynn Schumaker, Vicky Weiss, John Tobin, Kiana Fussner, Larry Kutz, Sam Summer, Deni Tobin, Mark Hugh, Hannah Jeffrey, Marc Yoder, and Jim Kyle.

Act 1 Referendum Motion made by Al Darion, seconded by Dennis Ritter, to give direction to the administration to pursue further information, the process, and motion language for going into an Act 1 referendum during the primaries.

Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Jasper Ho, to table the motion to give direction to the administration to pursue further information, the process, and motion language for going into an Act 1 referendum during the primaries.

Roll call vote: Yes 6

No 3 (Ritter, Stevens, Darion)

Absent 0

Motion carried.

Executive Session Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Sally Sunday to adjourn for executive session at 10:33 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment Motion made by Al Darion, seconded by Dennis Ritter, to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rikki L. Clark
School Board Secretary