

Minutes
of the
KUTZTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, February 16, 2010, 7:30 p.m.

The Board of Directors of Kutztown Area School District met for the regular board meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 at 7:30 p.m., in the High School Auditorium, pursuant to due notice to board members and the public.

Present Patricia Bealer, Amy Faust, Jasper Ho, Dennis Ritter, Craig Schroeder, Jo Stevens, Sally Sunday, Carl Ziegler, Stevie Sheetz (Student Representative)

Absent Alan Darion

Also Present Robert Gross, Joseph Pugliese, Rikki Clark, Nicholas Lazo, Rebecca Beidelman, Matt Link, James Brown, Tracy Blunt, Peter Miller, Donald Kerchner, Barbara Richard, Leroy Merkel, Mick O'Neil, David Miller, Stanley Adam, Clifford and Joyce Dietrich, Donna Keglovits, Michele Schoener, Melissa Blatt, Jennifer Nattress, Ann Dietrich, Rebecca Ziegler, Beth Stump, Amanda Harden, Vickie Bastian, Sara Patton, Pam Ashman, Melissa DeLong, Kay Fritz, Cyndi Parker, Lisa Mitchell, Keith Brintzenhoff, Pam Heid, Deborah Kenney, Bruce Werley, Melissa Nolte, Joann Buffum, Lucy Williams, Heather Mengel, Mary Shurr, Joyce Sturtevant, Gordon Konemann, Brandy Rapisarda, Melissa Leiby, Krista Keim, Debra Kenney, Kerri Schegan, Renee Mantz, Nikki Yergey, Suzanne Barron, Barbara and Joe Soga, David Kenney, Mary Weber, Barbara Weston, Elaine Rabenold, Elizabeth Wessner, Shelby Brett, Mary Edwards, Andrea Sanders, Lou Cottone, Alan Angstadt, Bryan Hartman

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 Sally Sunday, to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2010 and February 1, 2010 School Board Meetings.
Motion carried unanimously.

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 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Darion)
Motion carried.

Ratification of General Account Bills Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Amy Faust, to ratify for payment the general account bills in the amount of \$544,017.31.
Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Darion)
Motion carried.

Approval of General Account Bills Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Amy Faust, to approve for payment the general account bills in the amount of \$377,016.98.
Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Darion)
Motion carried.

Ratification of Construction Account Bills Motion made by Amy Faust, seconded by Dennis Ritter, to ratify for payment the construction account bills in the amount of \$19,331.03.
Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Darion)
Motion carried.

Approval of Construction Account Bills Motion made by Amy Faust, seconded by Craig Schroeder, to approve for payment the construction account bills in the amount of \$12,041.87.
Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Darion)
Motion carried.

**FDK and
Elem. PLC
Status Report**

Mr. Gross introduced the Full Day Kindergarten and Elementary PLC mid-year review presentation and the teachers' strong implementation of the programs.

The Kutztown Area School District Kindergarten PLC (Ms. Harden, Ms. Sturtevant, Ms. Gaffney, Ms. Patton, and Ms. Yergey) presented the implementation of the district's full day kindergarten program. They presented the benefits of the ability to collectively meet as a team, the advantages of full day kindergarten, and an overview of the program.

The First Grade PLC (Ms. Austin, Ms. Parker, Ms. Wessner, Ms. Kempes, Ms. Kenney, and Ms. Stump) and the Fifth Grade PLC (Ms. Blatt, Ms. Dewald, Ms. Nattress, Ms. Bastian, Ms. DeLong, Ms. Dietrich, and Ms. Ruth) presented the elementary PLC benefits, such as: increased collaboration across the district, enhanced professional interactions and instructional practices, flexible grouping across classrooms, differentiated instruction, common assessments, and the ability to have learning support students be successful in regular education classrooms due to co-teaching.

**Supt's
Report**

Mr. Gross recognized David Fahim, Taylor Eben, and Adam Rabenold for being selected to regional chorus. He also recognized David Faust, Elizabeth Miller, and Heather Chajko for being selected as BCTC East "Students of the Quarter". Mr. Gross also mentioned the FFA team took four members to compete in the Berks County FFA Creed and Interview Competition at the Oley Valley High School on January 27th.

**Committee
Reports**

EIT Mrs. Stevens reported the committee re-elected the current officers, and where able to bring in revenues a little over their budget of \$83 million. Ms. Stevens also noted there is a presentation on the current PSERS status on the PSBA website.

BCTC Pastor Ritter reported the committee discussed the center's billing problem and accepted the retirement of the current business manager.

ECC Mrs. Stevens reported the committee reviewed and discussed the spring coaches and salaries and the need for a boys volleyball coach.

BCIU Mr. Ziegler reported the committee is presenting a services budget for the 2010-2011 school year with a zero percent (0%) increase for its supporting districts.

PSBA Mrs. Bealer reported the governor is looking to increase sales tax to help school budgets.

Personnel

Motion made by Amy Faust, seconded by Pat Bealer, to approve the following personnel items:

1. The acceptance of the resignation, with regret, of Jeffrey A. Collier, middle school science teacher, due to retirement, effective the last day of the 2009-2010 school year.
2. The acceptance of the resignation, with regret, of Terry L. Lindenmuth, high school mathematics teacher and technology coach, due to retirement, effective June 30, 2010.
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:

Susan Bristel (Elementary and Reading Specialist Certifications)

4. The approval of the attached list of spring coaches and salaries for the 2009-2010 school year.

Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Amy Faust, to amend the personnel motion to add the position of Varsity Girls Soccer assistant coach on the attached list of spring coaches and salaries and amend Alan Angstadt's coaching salary as per the attached list of spring coaches and salaries.

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

Motion carried.

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4. The approval of the attached, amended list of spring coaches and salaries for the 2009-2010 school year.

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

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

Motion carried.

**Preliminary
'10-'11 Budget**

Motion made by Amy Faust, seconded by Jo Stevens, to approve the 2010-2011 Preliminary Budget for the Kutztown Area School District with total expenditures of \$29,091,138 and total revenues of \$28,303,645. The shortfall of \$787,493 is to be provided from the district's General Fund balance.

Roll call vote: Yes 3 (Ritter, Stevens, Ziegler) No 5 Absent 1 (Darion)

Motion not carried.

Motion made by Sally Sunday, seconded by Pat Bealer, to eliminate the expenditure designation of \$577,601 and to approve the 2010-2011 Preliminary Budget for the Kutztown Area School District with total expenditures of \$28,513,537 and total revenues of \$28,303,645. The shortfall of \$209,892 is to be provided from the district's General Fund balance.

Roll call vote: Yes 3 (Schroeder, Sunday, Ziegler) No 5 Absent 1 (Darion)

Motion not carried.

Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Dennis Ritter, to eliminate the budget reserve of \$125,000 and to approve the 2010-2011 Preliminary Budget for the Kutztown Area School District with total expenditures of \$28,966,138 and total revenues of \$28,303,645. The shortfall of \$662,493 is to be provided from the district's General Fund balance.

Roll call vote: Yes 6 No 2 (Faust, Ho) Absent 1 (Darion)

Motion carried.

Board took a break at 10:31 p.m. and reconvened at 10:47 p.m.

**Berks County
Health Trust**

Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Sally Sunday, to appoint Joseph P. Pugliese as the Kutztown Area School District Trustee for the Berks County School Districts Health Trust.

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

Motion carried.

**BCIU Services
Budget**

Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Amy Faust, to approve the 2010-2011 Berks County Intermediate Unit Mandated School District Services Budget in the total amount of \$1,817,639, with the share for Kutztown Area School District to be \$24,180.48, which represents a zero-percent (0%) increase for Kutztown's portion of last year's actual costs.

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

Motion carried.

KASMA Trip

Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Amy Faust, to approve the 2010-2011 KASMA Disney Trip from April 14-19, 2011, at a student cost of \$1,100. Students attending will be absent from school on April 15, 18, and 19, 2011.

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

Motion carried.

Public Comment

Brandy Rapisarda expressed her concern on the large sizes of the kindergarten classes and requested clarification on what items the members of the Board were looking to cut in the budget prior to approval.

Jim Shrawder expressed his concern with the implementation of the maximum tax rate despite the district's declining enrollment.

Keith Brintzenhoff expressed his concern with the administration not responding on his request for inspection reports of the high school.

Dr. Michael Stevens expressed his concern on budget cuts and referenced past news articles relating to budget and construction/renovation issues.

Adjournment Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Jo Stevens, to adjourn the meeting at 11:42 p.m.
Meeting was adjourned due to lack of a quorum of the Board of School Directors.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rikki L. Clark
School Board Secretary