

Minutes
of the
KUTZTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, March 15, 2010, 7:30 p.m.

The Board of Directors of Kutztown Area School District met for the regular board meeting on Monday, March 15, 2010 at 7:30 p.m., in the High School Library, 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, Alan Darion

Absent Stevie Sheetz (Student Representative)

Also Present Robert Gross, Joseph Pugliese, Rikki Clark, Nicholas Lazo, Rebecca Beidelman, James Brown, Tracy Blunt, Peter Miller, Donald Kerchner, Barbara Richard, Mick O'Neil, David Miller, Cindy Meyer, Jennifer McAteer, Terry Guers, Karen Austin, Jamie Noon, Anna Furst, Joe Furst, Heather Mengel, John Noll, Jayne Sproesser, Robert Sproesser, Kurt Kanaskie, Rebecca Ziegler, Melissa Leiby, Aaron Ashman, Jeff Huffert, Melissa Blatt, Steven Moyer, Donna Keglovits, Bruce Werley, Randy Overly, Todd Robinson, Tom McAuliffe, Bryan Hartman, Melissa Nolte, Lisa Mitchell, Jeremiah Light, Ben McKnight, Caecilia Holt, John Brubaker, Arlan Berger, Claire Kempes, Brenda Boyer, Carol Schullley, Jack Entriiken, Royal Furer, Alan Angstadt

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 7:45 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 Jo Stevens, to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2010 and March 1, 2010 School Board Meetings.

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

Treasurer's Report Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Jo Stevens, 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 Al Darion, to ratify for payment the general account bills in the amount of \$1,476,598.84.

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

Approval of General Account Bills Motion made by Jo Stevens, seconded by Pat Bealer, to approve for payment the general account bills in the amount of \$229,210.26.

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

Approval of Construction Account Bills Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Jo Stevens, to approve for payment the construction account bills in the amount of \$1,608.67.

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

Future City Presentation Mr. Ashman introduced middle school students, Philip Moyer, Ryan Noon, and Amanda Miller, to present their award-winning Future City model. Of 36 teams, the KASD Future City team placed 5th, receiving the honorable mention and Excellence in Electric Generation award.

Apple Distinguished School Cheryl Haring from Apple, Inc. presented to the Board of Directors, the Apple Distinguished School Award for the Kutztown Area School District. This designation is awarded to schools who achieve Apple’s highest standards in providing leadership and innovation with technology in education. The Kutztown Area School District is one of four districts in Pennsylvania to receive this distinction.

Supt’s Report Mr. Gross announced the receipt of a letter from the Kutztown Area Historical Society thanking the board for the donation and preservation of various historical items.

Mr. Gross congratulated the following students for their outstanding achievements:

- High School Indoor Track team who competed in the PA State Indoor Championship.
 - Chris Peason (11th), who high-jumped 6 feet 4 inches, a new Kutztown record, to earn a 4th place state medal.
- The Girls Basketball Team (14-11 record) who placed in the playoffs.
- Adam Block who received 2nd place at Districts in freestyle.
- KASD champion, Gwendolyn Stark (11), and runner-up, Gillian Ryan, (8) who competed in the Berks County Spelling Bee.

Mr. Gross also announced the PSSA exams begin April 7-May7 for grades 3-8 and 11.

Committee Reports **EIT** Mrs. Bealer reported the committee set prospective salaries for the upcoming school year.
Pat Bealer

BCTC Pastor Ritter reported the committee discussed the reallocation issue and the 2010-2011 budget.
Dennis Ritter

ECC Mrs. Stevens reported the committee reviewed the levels of fees and the fee structure for facility usage.
Jo Stevens

BCIU President Ziegler reported the committee completed the budget authorization and is proceeding with the renovation expansion plan.
Carl Ziegler

PSBA Mrs. Bealer reported the common core standards were released to the state and there is currently a bill being reviewed to mandate parental involvement committees within school districts.
Pat Bealer

Student Achievement Dr. Darion reported the committee reviewed cohort information from last year’s PSSA’s.
Al Darion

Personnel Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Sally Sunday, to approve the following personnel items:

1. The acceptance, with regret, of the resignation of Lori A. Pieller as head cheerleading coach effective the end of the 2009-2010 school year.
2. The approval of the following substitute teachers for the 2009-2010 school year, effective March 16, 2010, at the approved substitute rate of \$100 per day for days 1-20 and \$110 per day for days 21 and thereafter:

Bradley S. Barksey	Art Education Certified
Melissa L. Friel	Elementary/Special Education Certified
Christopher B. Kimmey	Music Education Certified
Steven P. Lenhart	Social Studies Certified
Kristina L. Schneider	English/Special Education Certified
3. The approval of Audrey M. Miller as a secretary/clerical aide substitute for the 2009-2010 school year, effective March 16, 2010, at the approved rate of \$9.75 per hour.
4. The approval of the following volunteer coaches for the 2009-2010 school year, effective March 16, 2010:

Kelsey L. Hollenbach	Middle School Softball
Michael J. Conrad	Middle School Baseball
Christopher M. Moyer	Middle School Baseball
Duane D. Fegely	High School Baseball

Michael P. Choinier	High School Girls Soccer (KU Intern)
Stephanie M. Jeppeson	High School Track and Field (KU Intern)
Kyle T. Smith	High School Track and Field
Marie R. Lichtenwalner	High School Boys Volleyball

5. The approval of the following coaches for the 2009-2010 school year, effective March 16, 2010 at the previous board approved salaries:

Patrick K. Fenstermacher	Head High School Boys Volleyball Coach	\$3,151
Bryan M. Lichtenwalner	Assistant High School Boys Volleyball Coach	\$2,205
6. The approval to change the following assistant boys basketball coaches' salaries for the 2009-2010 school year:

Taylor W. Grim	From \$1,208.50 to \$2,417
Michael E. Diehl	From \$1,208.50 to zero (\$0)
7. The approval of the following head coaches for 2010-2011 school year fall season with salaries to be determined:

Truman K. Neyhart	Cross Country
Harry A. McGonigle	Girls Tennis
Krista L. Keim	Field Hockey
Michael P. O'Neil	Boys Soccer
Benjamin J. McKnight III	Football
Richard W. Kline Jr.	Golf
Placeholder	Cheerleading
8. The approval of Mary J. Mackenzie as a Senior Volunteer Tax Exchange Program participant for the 2009-2010 school year, effective March 16, 2010.
9. The approval of Virginia L. Geisler as an Eshelman bus/van driver, effective March 16, 2010.

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

Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 0 Abstain 1 (Faust)
Motion carried.

Board Member Resignation Motion made by Sally Sunday, seconded by Pat Bealer, to accept, with regret, the resignation of Dennis S. Ritter from the Board of School Directors of the Kutztown Area School District, effective March 31, 2010.

Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 0 Abstain 1 (Ritter)
Motion carried.

School Calendar Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Jo Stevens, to approve the 2010-2011 School Calendar per the attached.

Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 1 (Faust) Absent 0
Motion carried.

BCTC Representative Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Pat Bealer, to approve the appointment of Craig A. Schroeder as the Berks Career and Technology Center Board Representative from the Kutztown Area School District.

Motion carried unanimously.

BCTC Operating Budget Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Al Darion, to authorize the expenditures of the Berks Career and Technology Center's General Program for the period of July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 as set forth herein.

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

Athletic Event Admission Motion made by Jo Stevens, seconded by Amy Faust, to raise the price for an adult admission to a KASD athletic event, for the 2010-2011 school year, from \$4.00 to \$5.00.

Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 1 (Sunday) Absent 0
Motion carried.

Heat Line to HS Greenhouse Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Al Darion, to award the proposal to install a replacement heat line to the high school greenhouse to Moyer Plumbing and Kempton Excavating at a cost of \$5949.42.

Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 2 (Bealer, Sunday) Absent 0

Motion carried.

Budget Meeting Motion made by Sally Sunday, seconded by Craig Schroeder, to schedule a Budget and Finance Committee meeting on Monday, March 29, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library.

Motion carried unanimously.

Community Letter Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Sally Sunday, to have Mr. Gross, superintendent, prepare and forward a copy of the community letter to the board incorporating the suggestions made this evening, to discuss and finalize a recommended community letter at the next scheduled Policy and Curriculum Committee meeting for action at the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors.

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

Motion carried.

Public Comment John Noll, on behalf of KATA, publically thanked Pastor Ritter for his years of service and dedication to the students of the Kutztown Area School District and for doing the best for the education of our students without a personal agenda.

Royal Furer and Leon Smith stated their questions and request for further information on the heat line installation to the high school greenhouse.

Alan Angstat stated his concern on the idea of dropping the in-class Drivers' Education course.

Robert Sproesser requested further clarification on the proposed 2010-2011 budget cuts.

Melissa Leiby, Karen Austin, Jack Entricken, and Steven Moyer expressed their questions, comments, and concerns on the content, purpose, and distribution of the community letter.

Adjournment Motion made by Sally Sunday, seconded by Pat Bealer, to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rikki L. Clark
School Board Secretary