

Minutes
of the
KUTZTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, February 22, 2011, 7:30 p.m.

The Board of Directors of Kutztown Area School District met for a regular board meeting on Tuesday, February 22, 2011 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, Craig Schroeder, Leon Smith, Jo Stevens, Carl Ziegler, Jeri Carroll, Austin Fritz
(*student representative*)

Absent Jasper Ho

Also Present Nicholas Lazo, Karl Olschesky, Rikki Clark, Matthew Link, Cynthia Meyer, Rebecca Beidelman, Tracy Blunt, Peter Miller, Barbara Richard, Mick O'Neil, Eugene Sweeney, Meredith DeVere, Erin Kraal, Beth Stump, Melissa DeLong, Joe Furst, Anna Furst, Evelyn Hill, Doug Hill, Marianne Strackbein, Ann McCoach, Randy Burch, Matt Lord, Karl Nolte, Kevin Stump, Chantille Reppert-Collins, Jamie Reppert, Louise DeMatteo, Jeff Huffert, Jodi Kirstein, Claire Kempes, Kurt Frieauf, Rebecca Ziegler, Melissa Blatt, Jennifer Nattress, Scott Heiter, Caecilia Holt, Stewart Stump, Alex Echevarria, Jen Weil, Melissa Smith, Sara Stump, Jonathan Lear, Beth Sica, Jeff Collier, Chris Collier, Shelby Brett, Bill VanDuren, Susan Collier, Donna Keglovits, Joanne Englehart, James Shrawder, Toni Koller, Shannon Sunday, Susan DeAngelis, Joyce Sturtevant, Pam Ashman, Terry Guers, Heather Oppmann, Kristen Brightbill, Melanie Hartman, Barb Weston, Danielle Berger, Kerri Schegan, Rosemary Zettlemyer, Andrew Sabetti, Adam Berrigan, Vickie Bastian, Brooke Roberts, Kristin Haring, Michenelle Groller, Bob Freed, Susan Neumann, Allison Scheidt, Kay Fritz, Kathy Mohler, Lisa Saby, Wendy Hall, Celeste Ball, Brittani Budda, Lucas Bricker, Melissa Leiby, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Herman, Nancy Rabenold, Dennis Seaman, Joann Buffum, Lori Arndt, Brian Rabenold, Katie Schroeder, Bill Schroeder, Linda Schroeder, Stephanie Deisher, Michele Moyer, Brian Daily, Shane Moren, Lynn Schroeder, Hallie Schumacher, Elizabeth Wessner, Heather Geist, Kelly Miller, Devon Landon, Kathy Geist, Nancy Rock, Steve Rock, Bonnie Treadway, Fay Rothenberger, Adam Rabenold, Michele Schoener, Elaine Rabenold, Lou Cottone, Debra Kenney, Steven Moyer, Rob Fisher, Andy Fisher, Pam Heid, Josh Chambers, Andrew Brett, Jesse Whitehouse, Jessica Bing, Jane Venkauskas, Lori Arndt, Cyndi Parker, Leslie Saylor, Mary Weber, Ann Dietrich, Brooke Roberts, Jen Wyland, Rachel Christian, Sallie Sandler, Vickie Bastian, Christy Hetrick, Kathleen Daneshyar, Lisa Swope, Lori Christ, Erin Webb, Steve Pizzuto, Chris Simmons, Mary Paterno, Carol Schulley, Pat Humes, Addie Peters, Michelle Longacre, Karen Austin, Kathy Mannai, Renee Mantz, Karen Quillman, Dawn Starolis, Alison Kocis-Westgate, Karen Kabakoff, Amy Howard, John Noll, Sue Mixa, Beth Stump, Rebecca Ziegler, Randall Wert, Denice Ruth

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 7:47 p.m. by President Bealer.

Welcome President Bealer welcomed guests and opened the meeting with a moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. She asked everyone to sign the attendance book and mark the topic of comment next to his/her name. She requested that anyone wishing to speak on an agenda item please raise his/her hand to be recognized. She announced there was an executive session conducted prior to the meeting to discuss personnel matters. She indicated that this meeting was being tape recorded.

Approval of Minutes Motion made by Craig Schroeder, seconded by Leon Smith, to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2011 School Board Meeting, the February 7, 2011 School Board Meeting, and the February 14, 2011 Budget and Finance Committee Meeting.

Roll call vote: Yes 6	No 0	Absent 1 (Ho)	Abstain 1 (Darion)
Motion carried.			

Treasurer's Report Motion made by Leon Smith, seconded by Craig Schroeder, to accept the treasurer's report of the General Fund.

Roll call vote: Yes 7	No 0	Absent 1 (Ho)
Motion carried.		

Ratification of General Account Bills Motion made by Jo Stevens, seconded by Carl Ziegler, to ratify for payment the general account bills in the amount of \$479,612.43.

Roll call vote: Yes 7	No 0	Absent 1 (Ho)
Motion carried.		

Approval of General Account Bills Motion made by Amy Faust, seconded by Jo Stevens, to approve for payment the general account bills in the amount of \$466,976.02.

Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 0 Absent 1 (Ho)
Motion carried.

Supt's Report

Mr. Lazo recognized the following ten of our high school students who were accepted into District 10 Band and/or Berks Senior County Band. Mrs. Beidelman presented their certificates of achievement.

- David T. Quarmley – Berks Senior County Band and Orchestra and Best High School Trumpet Player in Berks County
- Amanda L. Miller – District 10 Band and Orchestra and 2nd Best Bassoon Player in District 10
- Melanie A. Bickert – District 10 Band and Berks Senior County Band
- Derek J. Rock – District 10 Band and Berks Senior County Band
- Patrick M. Wise – Berks Senior County Band
- Matthew D. Lupacckino – Berks Senior County Band
- Christopher M. Collier – Berks Senior County Band
- Katie M. Schroeder – Berks Senior County Band
- Adam B. Rabenold – Berks Senior County Band
- Melissa A. Gump – Berks Senior County Band

Derek, Christopher, Katie, and Adam were in attendance to accept their award certificate.

Committee Reports

EIT No EIT report. Mrs. Bealer reported the Act 32 Tax Collection Committee ratified the budget for the upcoming year.
Pat Bealer

BCTC No report. Mr. Schroeder reported the meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.
Craig Schroeder

ECC Mrs. Stevens reported the committee discussed and approved the spring sports coaches and salaries. She reported the committee is also looking at the wrestling program and doing research on the number of districts sponsoring the program. Mrs. Stevens was proud to announce that through fundraisers and coin collecting, with the remainder being donated from three generous families, the athletic department was able to purchase a second AED unit.
Jo Stevens

BCIU Mr. Ziegler reported the BCIU budget is currently being presented to the school districts for approval. He also reported the transportation center on Route 61 is nearly complete.
Carl Ziegler

PSBA Mrs. Bealer reported Tim Allwein, PSBA assistant executive director of governmental and member relations, passed away due to surgery complications.
Pat Bealer

Student Achievement No report.
Al Darion

Personnel

Motion made by Amy Faust, seconded by Leon Smith, to approve the following personnel items:

1. The acceptance of the resignation of John L. Noll, Jr. as advisor to the Model United Nations club for the 2010-2011 school year.
2. The approval of Christine N. Palladino as a long-term substitute teacher for seventh grade social studies, effective on or around March 3, 2011 through the end of the 2010-2011 school year, at a rate of \$100 per day for days 1-20, \$110 per day for days 21-45, and the remainder at Bachelor's, Step 1, non-tenured, per the KATA/KASD contract.
3. The approval of the following spring sport coaches and salaries for the 2010-2011 school year:

Baseball

Head Coach	Tim D. Mertz	\$4,841
Junior Varsity Coach	Todd A. O'Neil	\$2,646
Head Middle School Coach	Scott A. Scheidt	\$2,646
Assistant Middle School Coach	VACANT	
Volunteer High School Coach	Bradley N. Sechler	
	Duane D. Fegley	

Volunteer Middle School Coach	Michael J. Conrad Christopher M. Moyer Kyle J. Isamoyer Kevin K. Conrad Daniel J. Weglarz	
Kutztown University Intern Boys Tennis Head Coach Volunteer Coach	Harry A. McGonigle Jeffrey S. Zimmerman	\$4,314
Softball Head Coach Assistant High School Coach Junior Varsity Coach Head Middle School Coach Volunteer Coach	Richard L. Angstadt Dwayne E. Scheidt Jennifer H. Schroeder Kathleen M. Schlenker Emily A. Behm Derek W. Schroeder David T. Rothermel Angela R. Lutz Kandece R. Carman	\$4,987 \$2,646 \$2,153 \$2,646
Kutztown University Intern Track and Field Head Coach Assistant Coach	Truman K. Neyhart Larry S. Chester Randall T. Wert Kyle T. Smith Cory A. Crider Molly E. Senst	\$4,314 \$2,153 \$2,153 \$2,153
Volunteer Coach Kutztown University Intern Girls Soccer Assistant Coach	Richard W. Laundenslager Laura E. Dianese Scott R. Herbst Jaclyn K. Althouse	\$2,200 \$2,200
Volunteer Coach Kutztown University Intern Boys Volleyball Head Coach Assistant Coach Kutztown University Intern	Bryan M. Lichtenwalner Marie R. Lichtenwalner Kaitlyn M. Lutz	\$3,151 \$2,205
Roll call vote: Yes 7	No 0	Absent 1 (Ho)

Motion carried.

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

Student Vacation Request Motion made by Amy Faust, seconded by Jo Stevens, to approve the vacation request for student #103328 for a six (6) day absence from April 14-24, 2011. This will exceed the allotted vacation time by three (3) days due to an educational trip on December 22 and 23, 2010.

Roll call vote: Yes 7 **No 0** **Absent 1 (Ho)**

Motion carried.

Copier Lease Motion made by Leon Smith, seconded by Jo Stevens, to approve the lease of a reconditioned Canon IR-7095 Printer/Copier/Scanner for 60 months from Frasier Advanced Information Systems, including maintenance and supplies, at a cost of \$573 per month for 600,000 prints per year. The cost of coverage prints is \$0.0033 per print.

Roll call vote: Yes 7 **No 0** **Absent 1 (Ho)**

Motion carried.

Apex of Kutztown Motion made by Carl Ziegler, seconded by Jo Stevens, to accept the Affidavit and Declaration of Nicholas Gilmour, III, court appointed Receiver, that Apex of Kutztown, LP will make a payment of \$100,000 as a material inducement to extend the deadline of a Stipulation dated August 25, 2010 for an additional sixty days. The Affidavit and Declaration are attached as an exhibit and clarifies that the proposed purchaser is not a tax exempt entity.

Roll call vote: Yes 7 **No 0** **Absent 1 (Ho)**

Motion carried.

BCIU Budget Motion made by Amy Faust, seconded by Leon Smith, to approve the Berks County Intermediate Unit mandated services budget for 2011-2012 at an approximate cost to the district of \$24,806.40, which is a decrease of \$1,626 from 2010-2011.
Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 0 Absent 1 (Ho)
Motion carried.

Dental Insurance Motion made by Amy Faust, seconded by Jo Stevens, to accept the proposed dental insurance program renewal with United Concordia through the Berks School Consortium for the year of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 with no increase over the preceding year.
Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 0 Absent 1 (Ho)
Motion carried.

Section 125 Flex Benefits Motion made by Leon Smith, seconded by Carl Ziegler, to approve a service agreement with CBIZ Benefits and Insurance Services, Inc. to provide administrative services for the Section 125 Flex Benefits Plan at no cost to the district.
Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 0 Absent 1 (Ho)
Motion carried.

Motion made by Leon Smith, seconded by Craig Schroeder, to approve a memorandum of understanding with Kades-Margolis Corporation to conduct the implementation and enrollment of employees in the Section 125 Flex Benefits Plan. Kades-Margolis will be responsible for the cost of administrative services.
Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 0 Absent 1 (Ho)
Motion carried.

Sage Technology Motion made by Al Darion, seconded by Carl Ziegler, to approve the credit application with Sage Technology Solutions for a limit of \$1,000. Sage is our vendor for whiteboard replacement parts.
Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 0 Absent 1 (Ho)
Motion carried.

Electricity Purchase Motion made by Carl Ziegler, seconded by Craig Schroeder, to give permission to the superintendent or business administrator to enter into an agreement through January 2012 to purchase electricity for Albany Elementary, Greenwich-Lenhartsville Elementary, and the District Administration Office Building through First Energy, utilizing OnDemand Energy to secure proposals. The agreement would begin on or around March 1, 2011. There is no fee for the OnDemand service.
Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 0 Absent 1 (Ho)
Motion carried.

Discussion Items Telephone Bill Audit
One-to-One Laptop Research Project
2011-2012 Budget

Public Comment Lucas Bricker, on behalf of the Kutztown Area Teachers' Association, noted to the Board that it was the 237th day since the teachers' contract expired. He stated that despite the best efforts of KATA, the Board of Directors have continued to say no on settling a contract. It is KATA's hope that the Board demonstrates commitment to a quality education by settling this issue.

Toni Koller expressed her concern that statistics and data, in particular student-to-teacher ratio, are being discussed and used to make decisions that ultimately affect our students' education, without citing reliable sources.

The following Kutztown Area School District teachers announced their name, position, and average class size for the current school year:

Shannon Sunday	Vocal Music – MS	27 students
Susan DeAngelis	Business Education – HS	24 students
Joyce Sturtevant	Kindergarten – AES	23 students
Pam Ashman	Grade 5 – GES	21 students
Steve Pizzuto	Mathematics – HS	22 students
Melissa DeLong	Grade 5 – KES	22 students
Jesse Whitehouse	Mathematics – HS	21 students
Lisa Saby	Language Arts – HS	22 students
Mary Weber	Grade 4 – KES	21 students

Denice Ruth	Grade 5 – KES	21 students
Ann Dietrich	Grade 5 – KES	21 students
Melissa Blatt	Grade 5 – GES	21 students
Jessica Bing	Grade 2 – KES	20 students
Beth Stump	Grade 1 – KES	20 students
Sara Patton	Kindergarten – KES	20 students
Sue Mixa	Mathematics – HS	20 students
Jodi Kirstein	Grade 2 – KES	20 students
Claire Kempes	Grade 1 – KES	20 students
Nikki Yergey	Kindergarten – KES	19 students
Chris Simmons	Business Education – HS	19 students
Debra Kenney	Grade 1 – KES	19 students
Rebecca Ziegler	Gifted Support – All Elem.	18 students
Jane Venkauskas	Grade 3 – KES	17 students
Josh Chambers	Language Arts – HS	18 students
Randall Wert	German – HS	17 students
Carol Schullely	Family/Consumer Sciences – HS	17 students
Sallie Sandler	Mathematics – HS	17 students
Renee Mantz	Library Science – AES and GES	17 students
Alison Kocis-Westgate	Language Arts – HS	17 students
Amy Howard	Social Studies – HS	17 students
Karen Quillman	Grade 2 – GES	16 students
John Noll	Social Studies – HS	16 students
David Drummer	Physics – HS	23 students
Lisa Swope	Grade 4 – KES	20 students
Andrea Sanders	Grade 2 – KES	16 students

Jim Shrawder commented that student-to-teacher ratio is not class size, and that he brought up student-to-teacher ratio because there was previously no discussion on 67% of the budget which is personnel salaries and benefits.

Kevin Stump expressed his concern that he wants discussions to be based on more than one statistic, and questioned the Board if any and all items are really up for discussion.

Terry Guers stated there has been an increase in special education teachers throughout the years, and a significant amount of the increase of teachers compared to students is due to the evolvement of the special education program.

Toni Koller stated the reality is how many students are physically sitting in the classroom, not a statistic off a website. She expressed her concern of how appalled she is that some students are sitting in three to four study halls a day, and therefore, not being educated.

Erin Kraal expressed that our students are not only competing with schools in Berks County, they are competing and being compared to the rest of the world. She stated our students will face huge challenges, and sometimes we will need to spend money to help them be prepared to compete with the rest of the world.

Adjournment

Motion made by Amy Faust, seconded by Leon Smith, to adjourn the meeting and reconvene into Executive Session at 9:09 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rikki L. Clark
School Board Secretary