

Minutes
of the
KUTZTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, March 21, 2011, 7:30 p.m.

The Board of Directors of Kutztown Area School District met for a regular board meeting on Monday, March 21, 2011 at 7:30 p.m., in the High School Library, pursuant to due notice to board members and the public.

Present Pat Bealer, Jeri Carroll, Alan Darion, Amy Faust, Jasper Ho, Craig Schroeder, Leon Smith, Jo Stevens, Carl Ziegler, Austin Fritz (student representative)

Absent

Also Present Nicholas Lazo, Rikki Clark, Karl Olschesky, David Miller, Matthew Link, Cynthia Meyer, Rebecca Beidelman, Jennifer McAteer, James Brown, Tracy Blunt, Peter Miller, Barbara Richard, Amy Howard, Lisa Swope, Donna Keglovits, Rebecca Ziegler, Britney Meitzler, Karen Meitzler, Sue Collier, Jeff Collier, Meredith DeVere, Elizabeth Wessner, Rosario Alaimo, Debra Kenney, Clarie Kempes, Allison Scheidt, Karl Nolte, Cheryl Bailey, Bev Donat, Matthew Fake, Kay Fritz, Mary Weber, Jen Wyland, Alex Diltz, Jessica Bispels, Heather Geist, Chris Pearson, Samantha Reed, Haley Bailey, Jane Venkauskas, Ann Dietrich, Amanda Williams, Randy Burch, Bruce Werley, Brenda Boyer, Michele Longacre, Nikki Yergay, Jodi Kirstein, Abbe Werley-Sally, Karen Vymazal, Rick Smith, Billie Rae Smith, Terry Guers, Vickie Bastian, Janet Yost, Jeff Huffert, Melissa Leiby, Melissa Blatt, Kevin Stump, Kathleen Daneshyar, Anne Eben, Bill Eben, Hallie Schumacher, Andrew Brett, Brenda Loeb, Daniel Loeb, Melissa Smith, Stephanie Derstine, Erin Webb, Kerri Schegan, Beth Stump, Dennis Seaman, Louise DeMatteo, Aaron Ashman, Shelby Brett, Cyndi Parker, Jessica Bing, Melissa DeLong, Scott Heiter, Chris Mucelli, Ron Devlin, Bob Freed, Danielle Berger, Michele Morstatt, Sandra Bishop, Joanne Englehart

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 7:49 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 Jo Stevens, seconded by Amy Faust, to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2011 School Board Meeting, the February 28, 2011 Policy and Curriculum Committee Meeting, the February 28, 2011 Facilities Committee Meeting, and the March 7, 2011 School Board Meeting.
Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0
Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report Motion made by Leon Smith, 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 Jo Stevens, seconded by Carl Ziegler, to ratify for payment the general account bills in the amount of \$2,155,684.92.
Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0
Motion carried.

Approval of General Account Bills Motion made by Jo Stevens, seconded by Leon Smith, to approve for payment the general account bills in the amount of \$800,880.58.
Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0
Motion carried.

Supt's Report Mr. Lazo welcomed everyone and mentioned he loves to see a full audience like tonight. He reported the PSSA testing is progressing nicely. Mr. Lazo acknowledged the following middle school and high school National History Day students who placed at the Region 9 competition and will move on to the State competition in May. These students will be recognized and their exhibits presented at a future Board meeting.

JUNIOR GROUP EXHIBIT

First – Colton Cutlip, Kayla Graff, Abigail Makovsky, and Tina O'Donnell with *Domestic Terrorists or Politicized Activists?: The Paxton Riots and Pamphlet War Embody the Struggle of Colonial America.*

Second – Scott Entriiken, Trinity Hamm, and Emily Reiss with *An Engineering Epic: How the Alaska Highway Bridged American-Canadian Diplomacy and Fueled the Nation's Racial Debate.*

SENIOR GROUP DOCUMENTARY

First – David Pearson and Jake Fegely with *The Atomic Bomb: Unleashing America's Arsenal of Controversy.*

SENIOR GROUP EXHIBIT

First – Andrew Shrawder and Carolyn Wasser with *Power's Tribute to Reason: The Nuremberg Trials' Impact on International Jurisprudence.*

Second – Kayla Smith and Rachel Stump with *America's Cat and Mouse Game with Iran: 444 Days of Failed Diplomacy.*

SENIOR INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE

Third – Erica Yurvati with *A Fundamental Right: Griswold vs. Connecticut Stirs a Debate of Privacy.*

SENIOR PAPER

Second – Austin Fritz with *New Deal or Raw Deal?: The Indian Reorganization Act Revives an Age-Old Debate.*

Committee Reports

EIT
Pat Bealer

No report.

BCTC
Craig Schroeder

Mr. Schroeder reported the committee discussed the 2011-2012 preliminary budget, and is working to balance the budget.

ECC
Jo Stevens

Mrs. Stevens reported the committee received the number of participants in spring sports, which remained mostly consistent with previous years. However, some sports' participation has decreased. The committee also had a discussion on the wrestling program with the wrestling coaches.

BCIU
Carl Ziegler

Mr. Ziegler reported the committee had the opportunity to visit and tour the new transportation center on Route 61. The committee also appointed Jill Hackman as the new Assistant Executive Director to replace Mr. Kita upon retirement.

PSBA
Pat Bealer

Mrs. Bealer reported there is a lag in the Keystone Exams which will be delayed. Mrs. Bealer also mentioned the PA Department of Education's website has a 4-year cohort on student progress.

Student Achievement
Al Darion

Dr. Darion reported the Keystone Exams are still impending, and they will not yet be a graduation requirement by the state, but the exams will still be administered. The committee also received a PVAAS presentation by Tracy Blunt.

Personnel

Motion made by Amy Faust, seconded by Jo Stevens, to approve the following personnel items:

1. The acceptance of the resignation, due to retirement, of Joseph F. Windish as a custodian at Greenwich-Lenhartsville Elementary School, effective June 30, 2011.
2. The acceptance of the removal of Zachary J. Kisslinger as a volunteer wrestling coach.
3. The acceptance of the resignation of Melissa A. Ziegler as a part-time lunchroom monitor at the middle school, effective March 26, 2011.
4. The approval of Patrick K. Fenstermacher as a volunteer volleyball coach for the 2010-2011 school year.
5. The approval of Laura A. Sohmer as a volunteer track and field coach for the 2010-2011 school year.
6. The approval of Lori A. Werley as a substitute secretary for the 2010-2011 school year, effective March 22, 2011, at her current hourly rate.
7. The approval of Deborah J. Kulp as a substitute cafeteria employee for the 2010-2011 school year, effective March 22, 2011, at the approved substitute cafeteria employee rate of \$8.50 per hour.

Roll call vote: Yes 9

No 0

Absent 0

Motion carried.

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

Home Depot Grant Motion made by Leon Smith, seconded by Amy Faust, to accept the \$10,000 grant from Home Depot U.S.A. for a memorial garden at the high school.
Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0
Motion carried.

2011-12 Holiday Schedule Motion made by Jo Stevens, seconded by Jeri Carroll, to approve the 2011-2012 Support Staff/Administration Holiday Schedule per the attached.
Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0
Motion carried.

Student Vacation Request Motion made by Jo Stevens, seconded by Carl Ziegler, to approve the vacation request for student #105141 for a four (4) day absence from April 18-21, 2011. This will exceed the allotted vacation time by four (4) days due to a previous educational trip during the 2010-2011 school year.
Roll call vote: Yes 5 No 4 (Faust, Ho, Stevens, Bealer) Absent 0
Motion carried.

High School Courses Motion made by Jo Stevens, seconded by Al Darion, to approve the following high school courses to be implemented in the 2011-2012:
1. Music Production (.50 credit) – Elective
2. Problem Solving, Thinking, and Design (.25 credit) – Ninth Grade Requirement
3. Advanced Research (.50 credit) – Senior Elective
Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0
Motion carried.

Phone Messaging Service Motion made by Jo Stevens, seconded by Leon Smith, to approve a service agreement with Blackboard Connect to send mass telephone messages for a two-year term beginning July 1, 2011 and ending on June 30, 2013, at an annual cost of \$2.70 per student. The 2011-2012 cost is \$4,047.30.
Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0
Motion carried.

Discussion Items Leasing of Space at Maxatawny – Early Learning Center
Summer Help
One-to-One Laptop Research Project
Compliance Monitoring for Continuous Improvement (CMCI) Preliminary Results - Presentation by Matthew Link
2011-2012 Budget

Public Comment Heather Geist, Student Council President, and Jessica Bispels, Student Council Vice President, on behalf of the student body, expressed their concern on the current infrastructure of the high school, and in particular, the roof renovations. They stated the leaks in the roof are a distraction to students and teachers, which has an effect on their education. Ms. Geist and Ms. Bispels thanked the Board for supporting and making the hard decisions for their education, and also invited the Board members to visit the high school to experience a day in the life of a high school student.

Adjournment Motion made by Amy Faust, seconded by Leon Smith, to adjourn the meeting and reconvene into Executive Session at 9:48 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rikki L. Clark
School Board Secretary