

*Board Committee Meeting*  
of the  
KUTZTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Budget and Finance Committee Meeting  
Monday, April 11, 2011, 7:00 p.m.

The Board of Directors of Kutztown Area School District met for a Budget and Finance Committee meeting on Monday, April 11, 2011, 7:00 p.m., at the Kutztown Area High School Library pursuant to due notice to board members and the public.

**Present** Carl Ziegler, Jeri Carroll, Jasper Ho, Patricia Bealer, Leon Smith, Amy Faust, Jo Stevens

**Absent** Al Darion, Craig Schroeder

**Others Present** Nick Lazo, Karl Olschesky, Barb Richard, Rachel Christian, Danielle Berger, Amy Howard, Louise DeMatteo, Tom Capparell, Rebecca Ziegler, Melissa Blatt, Jeff Huffert, Joanne Englehart, Janet Yost, Kathy Mohler, Ann McCoach, Michelle Miller, Sheila Fulton, Michele Schoener, Rosemary Zettlemyer, Kathleen Daneshyar, Jessica Bing, Kurt Frieauf, Ann Dietrich, Karl Nolte, Zach Rudy, Amanda Williams, Cyndi Parker, Hallie Schumacher, Meredith DeVere, Kris Tuerk, Kristin Haring, Aaron Ashman, Mary Paterno, Michele Longacre, Kevin Stump, Joan Baldwin, Elizabeth Wessner, Erin Kraal, Sue Collier, Bonnie Treadway, Christy Hetrick, David Kenney, Kurt Kanaskie, Leslee Saylor, Vickie Bastian, Randy Burch, Claire Kempes, Beth Stump, Hajime Yukawa-Jensen, Melissa Smith, Stephanie Steigerwalt, Scott Heiter

**Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President Bealer.

**Discussion Items** **Merits of Various Roofing Systems and Proceeding with Roofing Project – Presentation by Tom Kase, AEM Architects**

Motion made by Carl Ziegler, seconded by Leon Smith, to authorize Tom Kase, AEM Architects, to develop specifications and bid the high school roofing project.

*Motion carried unanimously.*

**Acquisition of (1) Ten Passenger Van and (1) Minivan**

The administration presented quotes for a ten passenger van that would replace a fleet vehicle with approximately 300,000 miles, and an eight passenger minivan that would be used for special education students and paid for with ACCESS funds.

The Board directed the administration to further research the need for extra features on the vans, such as a specified chrome package and gas mileage pricing.

This is expected to be an agenda item for approval on the Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> School Board meeting agenda.

**General Fund Budget Draft III**

Mr. Lazo commented that the administration has been working long hours in finding any way we can save money, due to revenues that have shrunk.

Mr. Olschesky reviewed line-by-line a revised 2011-2012 proposed budget (Draft III). It is noted Draft III of the 2011-2012 budget includes the furloughing of 8.75 teaching positions and 13 support positions.

**Inserting a Provision in the Budget for the Roofing Project**

The Board directed the administration to budget the cost of the high school roof from the Fund Balance.

**Public Comment** Erin Kraal asked what the goal the District is aiming for in a normal class size, following the teacher position cuts.

Keith Rohrbach questioned if the two retiring teacher positions will be filled, and how soon will the administration notify the staff that would be furloughed.

Randy Burch asked for clarification on the minor programmatic changes due to furloughing teachers.

Claire Kempes stated the previous goal of the District was to have elementary class sizes between 15 and 17.

Kevin Stump questioned that if declining enrollment is a large issue, why is the District not considering closing an elementary building.

Joan Baldwin stated she is a proud taxpayer in the District, and is willing to pay the maximum increase in taxes and recommended the District apply for exceptions to raise taxes above the index. She also urged the Board to reconsider furloughing teachers.

***Adjournment*** Motion made by Jo Stevens, seconded by Leon Smith, to adjourn the meeting and convene into Executive Session at 9:27 p.m.  
*Motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted by,

Rikki L. Clark  
School Board Secretary