

Minutes
of the
KUTZTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, May 2, 2011, 7:30 p.m.

The Board of Directors of Kutztown Area School District met for a workshop board meeting on Monday, May 2, 2011, 7:30 p.m., at Greenwich-Lenhartsville Elementary School, pursuant to due notice to board members and the public.

Present Patricia Bealer, Jeri Carroll, Alan Darion, Amy Faust, Jasper Ho, Craig Schroeder, Leon Smith, Jo Stevens

Absent Carl Ziegler

Also Present Nicholas Lazo, David Miller, Karl Olschesky, Rikki Clark, Matthew Link, Cynthia Meyer, Rebecca Beidelman, Jennifer McAteer, James Brown, Tracy Blunt, Peter Miller, Karen Austin, Bonnie Yurvati, Erica Yurvati, Rebecca Ziegler, Barbara Newman, Melissa Blatt, Terry Guers, Pam Ashman, Donna Keglovits, Melissa Leiby, Jessica Czerny, Janet Ebner, Michelle Fister, Amanda Williams, Scott Heiter, Beth Stump, Bonnie Treadway, Barb Weston, Karen Vymzal, Randy Burch, Karl Nolte, David Kenney, Kay Brendlinger

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 7:48 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. President Bealer asked that everyone sign the attendance book and mark the topic of comment next to their name, and 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.

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

1. The acceptance, with regret, of the resignation due to retirement of Robert J. Freed, Jr. as a sixth grade teacher at the middle school, effective August 22, 2011.
2. The acceptance, with regret, of the resignation due to retirement of Bonnita A. Fitzgerald as a special education paraeducator at the high school, effective June 9, 2011.
3. The acceptance of the resignation of Bridget A. Dunkelberger as a cafeteria employee, effective May 3, 2011.

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

Motion carried.

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

Policies - First Reading Motion made by Jo Stevens, seconded by Leon Smith, to approve the first reading of Policy 620 and Section 700 policies.

Motion made by Amy Faust, seconded by Leon Smith, to amend the motion and eliminate the Section 700 policies, and only approve the first reading of Policy 620.

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

Motion carried.

Lowes Credit Account Motion made by Leon Smith, seconded by Jo Stevens, to approve a commercial credit account with Lowes in the amount of \$7,500.

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

Motion carried.

Construction Project Form Motion made by Jo Stevens, seconded by Leon Smith, to approve Form PDE-3074(a), Self-Certification Application for Non-Reimbursable Construction Project, in connection with the roof replacement.

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

Motion carried.

**Renewal of
VLN Contract**

Motion made by Al Darion, seconded by Jo Stevens, to approve the renewal of the Kutztown Virtual Academy (KVA) with the Virtual Learning Network (VLN) for the 2011-2012 school year.

Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 1 (Faust) Absent 1 (Ziegler)

Motion carried.

**Schedule and
Staff at HS**

Motion made by Jasper Ho, seconded by Amy Faust, to review the class periods/bell schedule at the high school with focus on longer core subject periods and determine which electives should be offered, and review the workload of teachers and determine the location of the overcapacity of staff, primarily at the high school.

Roll call vote: Yes 4 No 4 (Darion, Smith, Stevens, Bealer) Absent 1 (Ziegler)

Motion not carried.

Public Comment

Michelle Fister commended our teachers and expressed her belief they deserve a fair contract. Ms. Fister also stated standardized tests are not everything and students should receive a well-rounded education. She stated programs should not be cut because they are successful.

Melissa Leiby stated Kutztown's class period length is average and coincides with nearby districts in the county.

Karen Austin stated colleges don't base acceptance solely on PSSA scores and Pyramid time at the high school is important and utilized by students. Ms. Austin also expressed electives are important to increase creativity and for various careers and vocational occupations. She expressed there is a lot more needed to survive in the real world besides what is tested on PSSA's.

Erica Yurvati expressed colleges don't look at PSSA scores, and it is insulting and degrading to her and her classmates when their PSSA scores are picked apart. She stated students are preparing for many more important tests (ie: SAT, ACT, etc.) which have a greater impact on their future, and furloughing teachers will not allow students to receive the extra help and support they deserve.

Kay Brendlinger questioned if the 1.4 percent tax increase was prior to the Apex tax money.

Adjournment

Motion made by Jo Stevens, seconded by Jeri Carroll, to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rikki L. Clark
School Board Secretary