

Board Committee Meeting
of the
KUTZTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Budget and Finance Committee Meeting
Monday, May 9, 2011, 7:00 p.m.

The Board of Directors of Kutztown Area School District met for a Budget and Finance Committee meeting on Monday, May 9, 2011, 7:30 p.m., in the Kutztown Area High School Auditorium pursuant to due notice to board members and the public.

Present Amy Faust, Pat Bealer, Leon Smith, Jeri Carroll, Carl Ziegler, Craig Schroeder, Al Darion, Jasper Ho, Jo Stevens

Absent

Others Present Nicholas Lazo, David Miller, Karl Olschesky, Rikki Clark, Matthew Link, Cynthia Meyer, Rebecca Beidelman, Jennifer McAteer, James Brown, Tracy Blunt, Peter Miller, Barbara Richard, Melissa Leiby, Ben McKnight, Erin Webb, Randy Burch, Leslee Saylor, Amy Howard, Clifford Dietrich, Stanley Adams, Jeff Huffert, Karl Nolte, Harold Sheaffer, Mikal Wilcoxson, Lisa Schnell, Brandy Rapisarda, Louise DeMatteo, Eloise Long, Luke Bricker, Ann McCoach, Marianne Hill Strackbein, Janet Ebner, Norm Adam, Gary Mantz, Joseph Ruth, Denice Ruth, Jocelen Ruth, Dona Hetman, Frank Matrone, Aleth Matrone, Tamara Fitzgerald, Troy Berger, Joan Baldwin, Eugene Sweeney, Karise Mace, Caecilia Holt, Bruce Jensen, Ruth Perkins, Steve Schnell, Arabel Elliott, Susan McLellan, Cassidy Walker, Beth Sica, Terry Stahler, Kurt Frieauf, Ruby Stump, Adrienne Katter, Joanne Englehart, Maria DiMaggio, Marcia Reidenhour, Kay Fritz, Joy Englehart, Allison Scheidt, Kathy Mohler, Zachary Rudy, Danielle Berger, Kathy Daneshyar, Jessica Bing, Melissa Till Smith, Karen Austin, Sallie Sandler, Michele Moyer, Cyndi Parker, Jane Venkauskas, Ann Dietrich, Addie Peters, Antoinette Sprinkle, Josh Chambers, Jodi Kirstein, Debra Kenney, Mary Paterno, Dennis Seaman, Susan Neumann, Lisa Swope, Shannon Furst, Susan Collier, Melissa Ziegler, Cathleen Brown, Tina Gammons, Erin Kraal, Eldon Katten, Dina Hayduk, Laurie Lynch, Becky Hamm, Michelle Fister, Susan Summer, Evan Summer, Dottie Frey, Nikki Yergey, Beth Hartz, Elizabeth Wessner, Michelle Wessner, Judy Gaffney, Renee Mantz, Donna Hill-Chaney, Susan DeAngelis, Terry Guers, Andrea Sanders, Ginny Booth, Claire Kempes, Kerri Schegan, Elizabeth Stump, Donna Keglovits, Amanda Williams, Joyce Sturtevant, Judy Heffley, Mary Weber, Rosemary Zettlemoyer, Heather Oppmann, Vickie Bastian, Meredith DeVere, Hallie Schumacher, Charlene Sheetz, John Noll, Jessica Czerny, Doris Schappell, Andrea Stern, Dawn Starolis, Karen Vymazal, Chris Schumacher, David Kenney, Ty Smith, Steve Pizzuto, Aaron Ashman, Pam Ashman, Cindy Fisher, Rachael Hill, Tracey Greenawalt, Laura Adams, Deborah Kenney, Kristin Haring, Brooke Roberts, Steve Schnell, Matt Lord, Marta Schunk, James Schunk, Derek Mace, Andrew Sabetti, Rachel Rabenold, Elaine Rabenold, Shelby Brett, Becky Rabenold, Bonnie Treadway, Stephanie Steigerwalt, Dawn Fahim, Stephanie Derstine, Gary Derstine, Jocelyn Englehart, Alyssa Raifsnider, Jennifer Nattress, Robert Werley, Doug Schnell, William Stahler, Joe Piscatelli, Diane Piscatelli, Jeff Collier, Michael Billman, Bryan Hartman

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 7:24 p.m.

Presentation Detailed Budget Draft V and Alternatives by Mr. Olschesky

Discussion Items *Homestead/Farmstead Allocation for Property Tax Reduction*

Per Capita Bill Printing

Motion made by Carl Ziegler, seconded by Jo Stevens, to authorize the administration to have the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) proceed with printing of the Per Capita tax bills.

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

General Fund Budget Draft V and Alternates

Motion made by Amy Faust, seconded by Craig Schroeder, to accept a zero percent millage tax increase for the 2011-2012 budget, and direct the administration to review options and cuts to balance the budget.

Motion made by Craig Schroeder, seconded by Jasper Ho, to end the debate/discussion on the motion to accept a zero percent millage tax increase for the 2011-2012 budget.

Roll call vote: Yes 4 (Ho, Schroeder, Smith, Bealer) No 5 Absent 0
Motion not carried.

Motion made by Jo Stevens, seconded by Al Darion, to table the motion to accept a zero percent millage tax increase for the 2011-2012 budget.

Roll call vote: Yes 2 (Darion, Stevens) No 7 Absent 0
Motion not carried.

Motion made by Amy Faust, seconded by Craig Schroeder, to accept a zero percent millage tax increase for the 2011-2012 budget, and direct the administration to review options and cuts to balance the budget.

Roll call vote: Yes 5 No 4 (Darion, Stevens, Ziegler, Bealer) Absent 0
Motion carried.

**Public
Comment**

Melissa Leiby requested information on how the position cuts would affect programs and the rationale on how the decision for the recommended position cuts was achieved.

Randy Burch expressed the election on May 17th is very important to our children, and everyone should get out and vote.

Erin Kraal stated her concern that the implementation of furloughs is trivial, and the furloughs will be detrimental to our students' education.

Melissa Ziegler stated her disgust with putting her children through the Kutztown Area School District and its poor curriculum. She expressed her desire to pay more taxes in order to give her children the best education they deserve.

Hannah Schumacher expressed she was offended she will spend \$100,000 on her college education, but the Board is not willing to spend approximately an extra \$100 per year for all the students' education.

Jim Shrawder expressed decreasing enrollment by 20% equates to a decrease in staff, which should look like 30 teachers being furloughed.

Maria DiMaggio commented she invests everything they have into this district. She hopes the Board will reconsider cutting teachers and programs to give the children in this district the education they deserve.

Kerri Schegan asked for clarification on which zero percent increase version of the budget the Board is voting on. She expressed her concern that as a teacher, the cuts proposed in staff will not allow her to give students the extra time and help they need and deserve.

Lisa Schnell asked the Board to table the motion to accept a zero percent budget increase in order to hear further public comment and discussion.

Britta Schumacher invited the Board to the band and choral concert this weekend. She expressed her disappointment that it appears many of the Board members' minds were made up the day they were elected to the Board. She expressed cutting educational programs do not have the students in mind and is not possible to prepare students for their future.

Harold Sheaffer stated the public and the Board's main obligation is the students. He expressed the District needs a strong tech-ed program at the middle school and high school in order to prepare students for the future needs of the work force. He stated the best investment in life is for the young people to run our country.

Adjournment

Motion made by Leon Smith, seconded by Craig Schroeder, to adjourn the meeting at 9:54 p.m. and convene into Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rikki L. Clark
School Board Secretary