

Minutes
of the
KUTZTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
June 6, 2011, 7:30 p.m.

The Board of Directors of Kutztown Area School District met for a workshop board meeting on Monday, June 6, 2011, 7:30 p.m., at Kutztown Area High 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, Carl Ziegler

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, Ellis Katz-Solicitor, Melissa Blatt, Beth Stump, Kerri Schegan, Melissa Leiby, Terry Guers, John Noll, Arabel Elliot, Michelle Fister, Jessica Bing, Ann Dietrich, Rebecca Ziegler, Donna Kegovits, Josh Chambers, Ron Devlin, Adam Rabenold, Allison Scheidt, Jane Venkauskas, Amanda Williams, Lucy Williams, Debra Kenney, Kurt Frieauf, Erin Webb, Susan Collier, Rosemary Zettlemoyer, Karl Nolte, Erin Kraal, Dona Hetman, Karen Vymazal, Amy Howard, Sarah Stump, Mary Weber, Jonathan Wallace, Jonathan Lear, Danielle Berger, Dennis Ritter, Brittani Budda, Mary Paterno, Carol Schulley, Lisa Schnell, David DeTurk, Mikal Wilcoxson, Sally Sunday, Norm Adam, Bonnie Treadway, Claire Kempes, Kathy Mohler, Sara Mohler, Troy Berger, Randy Burch, Caecilia Holt, Janet Ebner, Lisa Swope, Kathleen Daneshyar, Bill Messersmith, Zach Rudy, Lori Arndt, Cyndi Parker, Melissa Smith, Aaron Ashman, Donna Hill-Chaney, Dave Kenney, Deborah Kenney, Beth Sica, Louise DeMatteo

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 7:41 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 of the resignation of Maura D. Higgins-Haas as a chemistry teacher at the high school effective June 10, 2011 (end of the 2010-2011 school year).
2. The acceptance of the resignation of Melanie A. Nowacki as a cafeteria employee at the middle school effective June 10, 2011 (end of the 2010-2011 school year).
3. The acceptance of the resignation of Jennifer E. Bachert as a cafeteria employee at the middle school effective June 10, 2011 (end of the 2010-2011 school year).
4. The acceptance of the resignation of Lovell R. Barlet as a van driver effective June 10, 2011 (end of the 2010-2011 school year).
5. The acceptance of the resignation of Richard L. Angstadt as head varsity softball coach effective June 3, 2011.
6. The acceptance of the resignation of Karissa Capparell as a 2011 summer custodian effective June 2, 2011.
7. The approval of the following custodians for 2011 summer employment for 5 days/week, 8 hours/day, for 7 weeks, at a rate of \$9.00 per hour: Sarah K. Mickey Joseph N. Weiss
8. The approval of the following 2011 high school summer school teachers for 24 days total at the then current curriculum rate: Science: Meredith L. Heil Math: Daniel F. Swenson
9. The approval of the following 2011 Extended School Year (ESY) staff and salaries:
Elementary School and Middle School Life Skills at Kutztown Elementary School
Paraeducators: Joanne O. Waidelich and Martha J. Bergman at their then current hourly rate
High School Summer Work Program (Group 1) at the Middle School and Kutztown Elementary School
Instructor: Erin M. Tenney at the then current curriculum rate
Paraeducator: Alison J. VanDuren at her then current hourly rate
10. The approval of the following football coaches and salaries for the 2011-2012 school year:
Head Middle School Coach James T. Picone \$2,477
Assistant Middle School Coach Mark Prevoznik \$2,417
11. The approval of the following Eshelman bus and van drivers for the 2011 summer programs:
William F. Brobst Gloria L. Faust Roberta L. Handler
Stanley T. Shauger

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

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

**Staff
Reorganization**

Motion made by Jasper Ho, seconded by Leon Smith, to approve the Resolution for Declining Enrollment, Curtailment of Programs, Alteration of Programs, per the attached.

Motion made by Amy Faust, seconded by Jasper Ho, to amend the Resolution for Declining Enrollment, Curtailment of Programs, Alterations of Programs to remove item #3, the reduction of a technology education position, and to direct the administration to look at an alternative position to cut.

Roll call vote: **Yes 3 (Carroll, Faust, Ho)** **No 5** **Absent 0** **Abstain 1 (Darion)**
Motion not carried.

Motion made by Jo Stevens, seconded by Al Darion, to table the original motion to approve the Resolution for Declining Enrollment, Curtailment of Programs, Alterations of Programs.

Roll call vote: **Yes 4 (Carroll, Darion, Faust, Stevens)** **No 5** **Absent 0**
Motion not carried.

Motion made by Jasper Ho, seconded by Leon Smith, to approve the Resolution for Declining Enrollment, Curtailment of Programs, Alterations of Programs, per the attached.

Roll call vote: **Yes 6** **No 3 (Darion, Stevens, Ziegler)** **Absent 0**
Motion carried.

**Employee Group
Life Insurance**

Motion made by Jo Stevens, seconded by Leon Smith, to approve the renewal of the employee group life insurance coverage offered by Assurant (PSBA) for a two year period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013 at a rate of \$0.10 per thousand dollars of coverage. There is no change from the current rate.

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

**Policy 620
Adoption**

Motion made by Leon Smith, seconded by Jo Stevens, to approve the second reading and adoption of Policy 620, Fund Balance.

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

**Section 700
Policies**

Motion made by Amy Faust, seconded by Jo Stevens, to approve the first reading of the Section 700 policies.

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

**Conference
Request**

Motion made by Amy Faust, seconded by Leon Smith, to approve the request for Zachary N. Rudy to attend the PA STEM conference in Johnstown, PA from June 15-16, 2011, at a cost of \$800.58.

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

**Summer Bus &
Van Routes**

Motion made by Amy Faust, seconded by Jo Stevens, to approve the 2011 summer bus and van routes.

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

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**High School
Roof**

Motion made by Leon Smith, seconded by Jo Stevens, to accept the low bid for the basic roofing project at the high school, as well as alternatives 100 and 200, from TRS Roofing, Inc., Williamsburg, PA, in the amount of \$1,538,400, per the attached.

Roll call vote: Yes 7

No 2 (Darion, Stevens) Absent 0

Motion not carried.

Public Comment Lori Arndt asked for clarification on the middle school football coaches and program. She stated her concern of the Board supporting the football program over the family/consumer science and technology programs at the middle school level. Ms. Arndt asked for further clarification on the programs, courses, and electives that will not be offered next year due to the position cuts. She stated it is a shame that the Board is negatively impacting the District's curriculum to this point.

Arabel Elliot stated she fails to see the logic in the Board's actions and feels the Board is hiding behind the administration on position cuts. She stated her concern that no secondary alternatives were ever discussed or considered.

Norm Adams asked for clarification on the first and third year proposals of teacher contract negotiations. He stated his concern on public sector unions and generous contracts. He asked KATA to be sensible when negotiating their teaching contract.

Troy Berger stated his concern that the tennis court lights are still on after hours and the tax payers are the ones paying.

Melissa Leiby questioned if the administration is working on a plan to address ongoing declining enrollment in the District.

Beth Sica stated the Board is not admitting that the furloughs will negatively affect education.

Pastor Ritter stated when he moved into the District 21 years ago, it was the best in the area; however, that cannot be said in the same way today. He stated the Board is taking for granted what we have, and we are running the risk and reality to lose what we currently have. Pastor Ritter stated saving tax increases is not the best for the District and the Board needs to look at if they are truly committed to serving the children.

Adjournment Motion made by Amy Faust, seconded by Leon Smith, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rikki L. Clark
School Board Secretary