

**Minutes of the
KUTZTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
June 20, 2022 - 7:30 p.m.**

The Board of Directors of Kutztown Area School District met for a regular monthly board meeting on Monday, June 20, 2022, at 7:30 p.m., in the Middle School Commons and remotely via Zoom and YouTube, pursuant to due notice to board members and the public.

Present Michelle Batz, Randy Burch, Erin Engel, Michael Hess, Caecilia Holt, Jason Koch, Dennis Ritter (remote), Jeremiah Light

Absent Al Darion

Also Present Christian Temchatin, Rikki DeVough, David Miller, Melissa Devlin, Ed Myers, Barry Flicker, Erin Anderson, James Brown, Ed Yapsuga, Richard Laubenstein, Beth Ann Siteman, Deb Barnes, Jenni Elliker, Jeff Huffert, Diana Rydzewski, Kathy Lynch, Susan Hillman, Arabel Elliott, Sophia Arnold, Laura Fasnocht, Jacqueline Sharay

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Burch.

Welcome President Burch opened the meeting with a moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. He requested that anyone wishing to speak on an agenda item please use the raise his/her hand feature to be recognized. He indicated that this meeting was being recorded and there was an Executive Session held prior to the meeting for the purpose of Personnel and Legal content.

Meeting Minutes Motion made by Caecilia Holt, seconded by Jason Koch, to approve the Minutes of the June 6, 2022 School Board Meeting.

Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Darion)
Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report Motion made by Dennis Ritter seconded by Caecilia Holt, to approve the Treasurer's Report of the General Fund.

Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Darion)
Motion carried.

Ratification of General Account Motion made by Caecilia Holt, seconded by Jason Koch, to ratify for payment the general account bills in the amounts of \$1,517,989.61.

Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Darion)
Motion carried.

Approval of General Account Motion made by Jeremiah Light, seconded by Michael Hess, to approve for payment the general account bills in the amount of \$685,560.21.

Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Darion)
Motion carried.

Approval of Construction Account Motion made by Michael Hess, seconded by Caecilia Holt, to approve for payment the construction account bills in the amount of \$53,645.73.

Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Darion)
Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report **District 3 Softball Champion Recognition**
Superintendent's Forum - June 29, 2022
Boys' Tennis Honors
Track and Field Honors
Philosophy Club Member Publication

Student Representative Report No report.

Board Committee

- PSBA** PSBA is urging legislative contact to advocate for adequate school funding in the upcoming budget.
- BCIU** Officers were re-approved for the upcoming year. Budget changes were reviewed.
- BCTC** Toured house students are building. Four scholarships from the JOC were presented. The committee reviewed Comprehensive Plan goals and the new Executive Director’s first year evaluation.
- P & C** Reviewed policies with no changes. Discussed Policy 218 - Student Discipline. Mrs. Devlin prepared and presented a list of Act 48 members following a participation survey.
- ECC & Facilities** Discussed the McClure HVAC contract, required 3-year asbestos inspection, and BSGI sprinkler system inspection, all which were moved to place on the June 20th agenda. Reviewed water softener system survey and tennis court light pole padding. Mr. Yapsuga presented a Spring Sports Season Wrap-up.
- TCC** No report.
- Student Achievement** No report.

Personnel

Motion made by Caecilia Holt, seconded by Michelle Batz, to approve the following personnel items:

1. The approval of Sarah Williams as English Teacher at Kutztown Area High School effective August 9, 2022, at a salary of \$ 65,062.00 per Master’s Degree, Step 1, of the KATA/KASD collective bargaining agreement.
2. The approval of Sarah Williams, effective June 8, 2022, as needed to participate in professional development, at the curriculum rate of \$27.00 per hour.
3. The approval of Kaylee Clauser as a long-term substitute at Kutztown Area Middle School as a vocal and general music teacher August 9 2022 through approximately January 13, 2023 at Bachelor’s, Step 1, of the KATA/KASD contract.
4. The acceptance of the resignation of Christina Ilustre as Instructional Aide/Nurse at Kutztown Elementary School, effective July 7, 2022.
5. The approval of John Weaver as summer maintenance at \$14.00 per hour, effective June 6, 2022.
6. The approval of Deborah Cameron as a part time cafeteria aide at Kutztown Area Middle School at a rate of \$12.00/hr effective August 1, 2022.
7. The acceptance of the resignation of Micah Ulicny as math summer school teacher at the middle school, effective June 9, 2022.

Personnel is Approved Pending Receipt of All Mandated Credentials.

Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Darion)
Motion carried.

Motion made by Caecilia Holt, seconded by Michelle Batz, to approve the staffing for the 2022 summer programs:

Kerri Schegan	PAWS Literacy Camp Substitute	\$36 per hour
Katie Hess	PAWS Literacy Camp Substitute	\$36 per hour

Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 1 (Hess) Absent 1 (Darion)
Motion carried.

Final Budget

Motion made by Caecilia Holt, seconded by Jason Koch, to adopt a Final Budget for the 2022-2023 school year with revenues of \$36,074,516 and expenditures of \$36,493,116 supported by Real Estate Tax of 29.9543 mils; Per Capita Tax, Sec. 679 (\$5.00); Per Capita Tax, Act 511 (\$5.00); Local Services Tax (\$5.00); Earned Income Tax (0.5%); Real Estate Transfer Tax (0.5%); and Amusement Tax (5%). The resulting deficit is (\$418,600). Partial coverage of that deficit will include using \$150,000 from the Committed Fund Balance for Retirement Expenses. The remaining deficit of (\$268,600) will be covered by Uncommitted Fund Balance.

Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Darion)
Motion carried.

Employee Assistance Program

Motion made by Caecilia Holt, seconded by Jason Koch, to approve the agreement with Inroads at Family Guidance Center to provide Employee Assistance Program Services for a term of one year beginning July 1, 2022 at a cost of \$2,250.

Roll call vote: Yes 8

No 0

Absent 1 (Darion)

Motion carried.

Public Comment

Diana Rodzewski requested more transparency in posting the proposed final budget and the creation of a more sustainable budget.

Adjournment

Motion made by Michael Hess, seconded by Caecilia Holt, to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Rikki L DeVough
School Board Secretary