

Minutes
of the
KUTZTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, January 20, 2009, 7:30 p.m.
School Director Recognition Month

The Board of Directors of Kutztown Area School District met for the regular board meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at 7:30 p.m., in the library of the Senior High School pursuant to due notice to board members and the public.

Present Dennis Ritter, Don Vymazal, Jo Stevens, Carl Ziegler, Pat Bealer, Dan Walter, Jasper Ho (arrived 7:42 p.m.), Michael Ramos, Al Darion, Student Representative – Amelia Mengel (left at 10:43 p.m.)

Absent

Also Present Robert R. Gross III, Joseph Pugliese, Nick Lazo, Rikki Clark, David Miller, Jim Orwig, Matthew Link, Rebecca Beidelman, Peter Miller, Barbara Richard, Mick O'Neil, Melissa Blatt, Amanda Harden, Christina Boyle, Renee Mantz, Lisa Ott, Leslee Saylor, Carlene Sheetz, Joel Backwood, Donna Hill-Chaney, Lisa Fluck, Jane Venkauskas, Leila Yob, Michael Yob, Greg and Debbie Schrupp, Joe Schrupp, Tara and Mike Bergstrom, Jed and Stacey Wood, LeAnne Zettlemyer, Donna Graff, Marianne Hill-Strackbein, Beth Hartz, Terry Guers, Karen Austin, Emily Behm, Pam Behm, Ann Dietrich, Randy Burch, Joann Buffum, Rita Schwalm, Patricia Hicks, Saul Hicks, Melissa Leiby, Kay Fritz, Alaina Hernandez, Joan Dietrich, Jeff and Heather Wagner, Heather Mengel, Kathy Bailey, April Haring, Chantel Raska, Deborah Ryan, Steven Moyer, Michele Moyer, Ben McKnight, Cindy Heiner, Sheila Weaver, Alyssa Diehl, Vreeland Wood, Sr., Barb Weston, Bonnie Treadway, Brian Mengel, Susan Stauffer, Kate Pizzelanti, Mica Kornfeind, Tammi Derr, Andrew Robert, Larry Shrawder, Pam Ashman, Elizabeth Wessner, Rosemary Zettlemyer, Ann McCoach, Maray Graff, Judy Heffley, Melissa Ziegler, Christian Eggleston, Melissa Nolte, Cindy Fisher, Mary Shum, Pam Angstadt, Beth Stump, Ryan Troutman, Andrea Sanders, Jenny Rau, Beverly Leibensperger, Abby Claypoole, Sally Sunday, Trisha Berger, Brad Gammons, Tina Gammons, Kurt and Lisa Kanaskie, Caecilia Holt, Troy Riegel, Deb Kenney, Laura Miller, Pam Heid, Janice Love, Brenda Boyer, Ken Querio, Melanie Querio, Thomas Wendling, Barbara Dieter, Adelaide Peters, Anabel Elliott, Dana and Jen Ide, Andrew Frederick, Laura Adams, Tressa Aulenbach, Heidi Wessner, Sally Sunday, Connie Fitzgerald, Craig Cartalie

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by President Vymazal.

Welcome President Vymazal welcomed guests and opened the meeting with a moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. He asked everyone to sign the attendance book and mark the topic of comment next to his/her name. He requested that anyone wishing to speak on an agenda item please raise his/her hand to be recognized. The meeting was tape-recorded.

Approval Of Minutes Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Dan Walter, to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2008 and January 5, 2009 school board meetings.
Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Ho)
Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Al Darion, to accept the treasurer's report of the general fund.
Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Ho)
Motion carried.

Ratification of General Account Bills Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Carl Ziegler, to ratify for payment the general account bills in the amount of \$458,836.32.
Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Ho)
Motion carried.

Approval of General Account Bills Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Carl Ziegler, to approve for payment the general account bills in the amount of \$486,119.36.
Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Ho)
Motion carried.

Supt's Report Mr. Gross recognized Joe Schrupp and his parents, Greg and Debbie, for his outstanding accomplishment of being named to the 2008 All State Football Team. Mick O'Neil and Coach McKnight presented Joe with a football trophy for his accomplishment and making Kutztown Area School District history.

Since January is School Director Recognition Month, Mr. Gross also recognized the Board Members for their many hours of volunteer public service to school-related duties and responsibilities. "We extend our thanks to our Board members and would like to applaud their vision and voice to help shape a better tomorrow for our children and community."

Committee Reports **EIT** No report.
Pat Bealer

BCTC Mr. Ritter reported they are currently holding a meeting tonight to put together the budget
Dennis Ritter

ECC Ms. Stevens reported the PIAA is recommending moving District II girls spring soccer to the fall for 2012. There was also an audit done on the facility's foot candle illuminations.
Jo Stevens

BCIU Mr. Ziegler reported they are continuing with their commitment not to increase costs to the school districts. The IU also passed a building utilization feasibility study.
Carl Ziegler

PSBA Ms. Bealer reported they are currently working on a new initiative called F.R.E.E.
Pat Bealer

Policy & Curriculum Mr. Walter reported they reviewed the three policies that are currently on the agenda for tonight's meeting. The committee also filed a proposal for the new High School courses, Model United Nations club, and class rank.
Dan Walter

Personnel Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Carl Ziegler, to approve the following personnel items:

1. The resignation of Loretta Flicker, due to retirement, as a cafeteria employee at Maxatawny Elementary, effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year.
2. The resignation of Audrey Miller, due to retirement, as Bookkeeper, effective June 30, 2009.
3. The approval of the following substitute teachers for 2008-2009, effective January 21, 2009, at the approved substitute rate of \$100 per day for days 1-20 and \$110 per day for days 21-45:

Jessie Toth Andrew Hoffman Christopher Bieber

4. The approval of Judy Blosser as a part-time (25 hours per week) school nurse, effective February 2, 2009, at an hourly rate of \$14.00.
5. The approval of Eileen Hoch as a substitute cafeteria employee for 2008-2009, effective January 21, 2009, at the approved substitute hourly rate of \$8.35.
6. The approval of Tricia O'Leary as a substitute school nurse for 2008-2009, effective January 21, 2009, at the approved substitute hourly rate of \$11.70.
7. The approval of the following extra-duty appointments and salaries for 2008-2009, effective August 25, 2008:

Band/Choral

Assistant Band Director	Tom Siegfried	\$2,646
Band Front Advisor	Cecily Siegfried	\$1,669

Class Advisors

Freshman	Chris Schumacher	\$1,062
Sophomore	Sue Mixa	\$1,062
Junior	Amy Howard	\$1,386

Senior Co-Advisors	John Noll, Jr.	\$ 693
	Sallie Sandler	\$ 693
<u>Clubs/Activities</u>		
CTV Advisor – Middle School	Bernie Boyle	\$ 538
Debate Team Advisor	Andy Brett	\$1,345
FFA Advisor	Celeste Ball	\$ 657
History Day Advisor – High School	Amy Howard	\$1,345
History Day Advisor – Middle School	Betty Imboden	\$1,345
Honor Society – High School	Jennifer Knight	\$ 657
Leo Club Advisor	Josh Chambers	\$ 315
Newspaper Advisor	Josh Chambers	\$1,183
Science Olympiad Advisor – High School	Suzanne Peters	\$1,345
Science Olympiad Advisor – Middle School	Betty Imboden	\$1,345
Student Council Advisor- High School	Tom Sally	\$1,262
Student Council Advisor – Middle School	Jeff Huffert	\$754
<u>Emergency Staff Leaders</u>		
Albany Elementary	Melissa Blatt	\$1,467
Greenwich-Lenhartsville Elementary	Alyssa Raifsnider	\$1,467
Maxatawny Elementary	Ann Dietrich	\$1,467
Kutztown Elementary	Louise DeMatteo	\$2,076
Kutztown Elementary Patrol Advisor	Kevin Fretz	\$1,508
Resource Person for Tom Sweet, HS Business LTS	Karen Neas	\$ 300
<u>Yearbook – High School</u>		
Business Manager	Susan DeAngelis	\$1,507
Co-Copy Advisors	Dona Hetman	\$ 753.50
	Carol Schulley	\$ 753.50

8. The approval of John Noll, Jr. as Model United Nations club advisor for 2008-2009 at a salary of \$1,345, to be prorated from January 21, 2009 for the remaining student days of the 2008-2009 school year.
9. The approval of the child rearing and family medical leave for Leslee Saylor, commencing on June 4, 2009 or the expiration of approved, applicable sick leave. Ms. Saylor's absence is planned from May 18, 2009 through the end of School Year 2008-2009.
10. The approval to hire a part-time (5 hours per day for 180 days per year) secretary for the Special Education Office at an hourly salary of \$9.70 with ratification at a future board meeting. This will be a new position as per the attached job description. This position will be funded via Medical Access funds. *

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

Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Carl Ziegler, to approve the following personnel items:

1. The approval of Donald Kerchner as Supervisor of Facilities and Operations, effective January 21, 2009, at a salary of \$52,500. This is a salaried Act 93 position.

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

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

Elementary Reconfiguration Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Carl Ziegler, to approve the reconfiguration of the elementary education program beginning with the 2009-2010 school year. The reconfiguration consists of housing full-day kindergarten, grade 1, and special education classes at Greenwich-Lenhartsville Elementary School, grades 2, 3, and 4, and special education at Kutztown Elementary School, and grade five and special education at Maxatawny Elementary School.

Roll call vote: Yes 5 No 4 (Bealer, Ho, Walter, Vymazal) Absent 0
Motion carried.

Conference Requests Motion made by Al Darion, seconded by Dennis Ritter, to approve the conference request for Danielle Berger to attend the *Powerful Co-Teaching Strategies for the Inclusive Classroom* Conference to be held February 10, 2009 in Harrisburg, PA, at a cost of \$390.69.

Roll call vote: Yes 4 (Darion, Ritter, Ziegler, Vymazal) No 5 Absent 0
Motion not carried.

Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Dan Walter, to approve the conference request for John Noll, Jr. to attend the *Powerful Co-Teaching Strategies for the Inclusive Classroom* Conference to be held February 10, 2009 in Harrisburg, PA, at a cost of \$390.69.
Roll call vote: Yes 3 (Darion, Ritter, Vymazal) No 6 Absent 0
Motion not carried.

Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Pat Bealer, to approve the conference request for Julie Kerchner to attend the *Attendance/Child Accounting Professional Association* Spring Conference to be held March 18-20, 2009 in Hershey, PA, at a cost of \$765.60.
Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0
Motion carried.

Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Jo Stevens, to approve the conference request for Teresa Merkel to attend the *Attendance/Child Accounting Professional Association* Spring Conference to be held March 18-20, 2009 in Hershey, PA, at a cost of \$567.00.
Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 1 (Ho) Absent 0
Motion carried.

Motion made by Dan Walter, seconded by Pat Bealer, to approve the conference request for Michael O'Neil to attend the *Student Assistance Program Training* to be held February 17-19, 2009 in Bethlehem, PA, at a cost of \$375.00.
Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0
Motion carried.

'09-10 Course Selection Guide Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Jo Stevens, to approve the 2009-2010 High School Course Selection Guide with the addition of "Advanced Computer Applications Honors", "Creative Foods: Advanced Foods Elective", "Film Production II", and "Piano Lab: Beginner to Music Major Piano". Necessary grant funding for "Piano Lab: Beginner to Music Major Piano" is required prior to conducting the course.
Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0
Motion carried.

Policy 249 Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Dan Walter, to approve the second reading and final adoption of Policy 249 Student Anti-Bullying.
Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0
Motion carried.

Policy 701.1 Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Dennis Ritter, to approve the second reading and final adoption of Policy 701.1 Naming Rights.
Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0
Motion carried.

Policy 801 Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Dan Walter, to approve the first reading of Policy 801 Public Records.
Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0
Motion carried.

Joint Purchasing Agreement Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Dan Walter, for approval to participate in the Berks County Joint Purchasing Board as per the attached agreement.
Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0
Motion carried.

Medical Staffing Contract Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Dennis Ritter, to approve the attached solicitor reviewed contract with Medical Staffing Network, an independent contractor, to provide Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) for a special education student. Funding for the services provided will come from Medical Access funds.
Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0
Motion carried.

Transportation Contract Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Jo Stevens, to approve the attached solicitor reviewed contract between a parent and the Kutztown Area School District to transport her child to and from the Alsace School for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year, at the IRS mileage rate of \$.55 per mile, effective January 20, 2009.

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

Discussion Items 2009-2010 Budget

Public Comment The following community members stated their questions, comments, and concerns regarding the Elementary Configuration motion: Sally Sunday, Saul Hicks, Mike Gilb, Jennifer Ide, Kathy Bailey, LeAnne Zettlemoyer, Beth Sica, Kate Pizzelanti, Ken Querio, Randy Burch, Melissa Ziegler, Andrew Frederick, Heidi Wessner, Anabel Elliot, Melissa Leiby, Christian Eggleston, Steve Moyer, Jed Wood, Connie Fitzgerald, Kurt Kanaskie, Craig Cartalie, Brad Gammons, Caecilia Holt, Trisha Berger, and Larry Shrawder.

Adjournment Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Dennis Ritter, to adjourn the meeting at 11:08 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rikki L. Clark
School Board Secretary