

Minutes
of the
KUTZTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, February 2, 2009, 7:30 p.m.

The Board of Directors of Kutztown Area School District met for a workshop board meeting on Monday, February 2, 2009, 7:30 p.m., at Maxatawny Elementary School pursuant to due notice to board members and the public.

Present Dan Walter, Jo Stevens, Carl Ziegler, Dennis Ritter, Pat Bealer, Jasper Ho, Al Darion, Mike Ramos, Don Vymazal, and student representative Amelia Mengel

Absent

Also Present Robert Gross, Joseph Pugliese, Rikki Clark, Rebecca Beidelman, James Orwig, Peter Miller, Barb Richard, Dave Miller, Matt Link, Nick Lazo, James Brown, Donald Kerchner, Cathleen Brown, Joann Buffum, Donna Keglovits, Melissa Blatt, Barbara Dieter, Amanda Harden, Brandy Rapisarda, B. Hunsberger, JoAnna Freund, Robert Freund, Joe Reidenhour, Becky Reidenhour, Benjamin Schrock, Amy Vanek, Todie Schell, Brian Mengel, Rachael Hill, Randy Burch, Jill Remick, Melissa Leiby, Michael Kellum, Courtney Kellum, Kathy Bailey, Michele Moyer, Zach Wood, Chrisy Wood, Kristen Hunt, Kristen Armstrong, Pam Ashman, Charlene Sheetz, Tina Remp, Bob Williams, Terry Guers, April Hourns, Chantel Roska, Melissa Nolte, Colleen Fitzgerald, Heather Mengel, Rebecca Delvillia, Ryan Nowacki, Susan Stauffer, Mica Kurnfernd, Joanne Dietrich, Derek Mace, Brenda Wengert, Crystal Wengert, Jenny Rau, Thomas Powell, Laurel Powell, Brenda Bailey, Michelle Wessner, Bryan Hartman, Bonnie Treadway, Andrea Sanders, Judy Daub, Samantha Matt, Alaine Hewards, Craig Kardohely, Ellen Rose Krantz, Elizabeth Sica, Kristen Berk, Penny Rhodes, Abby Claypoole, Lucy O'Neill, Erika Kelly, Art Laudenslager, Anronia Alaimo, Ross Alaimo, Kelly LaMastra, Dee LaMastra, Deane Rabert, Cindy Fisher, Andrew Detter, Dana Ide, Jennifer Ide, Caecilia Holt, Tom Booth, Kurt Kanaskie, Tracy Mally, Bradley Gammons, Saul Hicks, Patience Hicks, Louis Bobbyn, Eric DeAngelo, Melanie Hartman, Lisa Tumbleson, Roxanna Bolt, Mike Wert, Diane Graver

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 7:49 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 that everyone sign the attendance book and mark the topic of comment next to their name. He requested that anyone wishing to speak on an agenda item please raise his/her hand to be recognized. This meeting was being tape-recorded.

Personnel Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Dan Walter, to approve the following personnel items:

1. The resignation of Andrew Weber as a special education teacher at the Middle School, effective the end of the workday on March 17, 2009.
2. The approval of Mary Paterno, sixth grade Language Arts teacher, to take a leave of absence for six (6) weeks, commencing on February 2, 2009.
3. The approval of Aileen Burke as a long-term substitute teacher for Mary Paterno, sixth grade Language Arts teacher, effective February 3, 2009, at the approved substitute teacher rate of \$100 per day for days 1-20, \$110 per day for days 21-45, and the balance at Bachelor's Degree, Step 1, non-tenured, as per the KASD/KATA contract.
4. The approval of Aileen Burke as a substitute teacher, effective February 3, 2009 at the approved substitute teacher rate of \$100 per day for days 1-20, \$110 per day for days 21-45, and the balance at Bachelor's Degree, Step 1, non-tenured, as per the KASD/KATA contract.

5. The approval of the following support staff substitutes, effective February 3, 2009 at the following approved hourly salaries:

Joan Brown	Clerical Aide	\$ 9.40
Constance Silfies	School Nurse Assistant Substitute	\$11.70

6. The approval of the following tax collectors appointed by their respective municipalities, effective January 1, 2009:

Albany Township	Angela Bittner
Greenwich Township/Lenhartsville Borough	Melissa Nolte

Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0

Motion carried.

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

PlanCon A Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Al Darion, to approve the District-Wide Feasibility Study for the Kutztown Area School District and the Plan Con Part A Project Justification for the Kutztown Area High School additions and renovations. Both documents will be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 2 (Ho, Vymazal) Absent 0

Motion carried.

Conference Request Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Pat Bealer, to approve the conference request for Mick O'Neil to attend the PSADA 42nd Annual Conference to be held March 25-28, 2009 in Hershey, PA at a cost of \$390.00.

Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0

Motion carried.

2009-2010 BCIU Budget Motion made by Al Darion, seconded by Pat Bealer, to approve the 2009-2010 Berks County Intermediate Unit Mandated School District Services Budget in the total amount of \$1,734,488, with the share for Kutztown Area School District to be \$24,135.42, which represents a zero-percent (0%) increase from Kutztown's portion of last year's actual costs.

Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0

Motion carried.

Policy 801 Motion made by Jasper Ho, seconded by Pat Bealer, to table the motion to approve the second reading and adoption of Policy 801 Public Records.

Roll call vote: Yes 3 (Bealer, Ho, Ramos) No 6 Absent 0

Motion to table not carried.

Policy 801 Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Dennis Ritter, to approve the second reading and adoption of Policy 801 Public Records.

Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 2 (Bealer, Ho) Absent 0

Motion carried.

Tax Collector Compensation Amendment Motion made by Don Vymazal, seconded by Pat Bealer, to amend option #1 under the original tax collector compensation motion, to read \$1.75 for each tax bill instead of \$1.30.

Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0

Amendment carried.

Tax Collector Compensation Motion made by Carl Ziegler, seconded by Pat Bealer, to approve the following options for compensation for our elected school district tax collectors for the term beginning January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2013:

- \$1.75 for each tax bill when tax collector collects and remits taxes to the school district and inputs data into the Berks County Intermediate Unit computerized tax tracking system.
- \$0.50 for each bill mailed when tax collector deputizes the school district personnel to collect taxes.

Each collector must choose a payment option. Each option is subject to a \$500 minimum fiscal year payment. For option 1, a reconciliation of final duplicate, taxes collected, and commissions paid will be made in June of each fiscal year.

Roll call vote: **Yes 9** **No 0** **Absent 0**

Motion carried.

**Public
Comment**

The following community members stated their comments, questions, and concerns on the elementary reconfiguration discussion: Caecilia Holt, Derek Mace, Lisa Tumbleson, Tom Booth, Todie Schell, Randy Burch, Kelly LaMastra, JoAnne Dietrich, Roxanna Bolt, Mike Wert, Colleen Fitzgerald, Diane Graver, Benjamin Schrock, Cathleen Brown, Brandy Rapisarda, Charlene Sheetz, and Brad Gammons.

The following community members stated their comments on tax collector compensation: Brenda Bailey, Kathy Bailey, and Brad Gammons.

Barb Richard stated that the district will continue to do our best to keep our children safe.

Al Darion publicly thanked those stating concerns for their civil debates.

Pat Bealer and Jasper Ho departed at 10:51 p.m.

**Discussion
Items**

District Office Location
High School Design
2009-2010 Budget

Adjournment

Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Jo Stevens, to adjourn the meeting at 11:32 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rikki L. Clark
School Board Secretary