

*Minutes*  
of the  
KUTZTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Tuesday, February 17, 2009, 7:30 p.m.

The Board of Directors of Kutztown Area School District met for the regular board meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 7:30 p.m., in the auditorium 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 7:56 p.m.), Michael Ramos, Al Darion, Student Representative – Amelia Mengel

**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, Jennifer McAteer, Don Kerchner, Cynthia Meyer, Tom Kase, Arif Fazil, Joanne Dietrich, Shirley Dreibelbis, Lucy Williams, Lori Pieller, Joe Ruth, LeAnne Zettlemoyer, Donna Graff, Jennifer Neil, Dona Keglovits, Debra Kenney, Lisa Tumbleson, Justin Vallone, Joann Buffum, Rebecca Ziegler, Joan Haring, Heather Mengel, Fay Rothenberger, Steve Rothenberger, Melissa Blatt, Jason Lanter, Beth Stump, Pam Ashman, Randy Burch, Bonnie Treadway, Ann Dietrich, Laura Adams, Peggy Light, Brandy Rapisarda, Philip Rapisarda, Brian Menez, Mary Weber, Denice Ruth, Art Hollenberger, Kathy Hollenberger, Jenny Rau, Elaine Rabenold, Jeri Carroll-Coliechio, Lisa Schnell, Helen Bispels, Caecilia Holt, Beth Sica, Abby Claypoole, Lucy Muth, Bryan Hartman, Doug Matz, Pam Heid, Patrick D'Andrea, Tom Velik, Dana Ide, Jennifer Ide, Scott Heiter, Karin Achfed, Kurt Kanaskie, Cathleen Brown, Tonie Stump, Ann Stump, Andrea Sanders, Judy Heffley, Anabel Elliot, Jennie Friehanf

**Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 7:45 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 Dennis Ritter, to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2009 and February 2, 2009 school board meetings.

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

**Treasurer's Report** Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Pat Bealer, 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 Jo Stevens, to ratify for payment the general account bills in the amount of \$513,011.72.

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

**Approval of General Account Bills** Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Dan Walter, to approve for payment the general account bills in the amount of \$432,239.50.

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

**Sup't's Report** Mr. Gross congratulated our Future City Team from the Middle School, who is currently in Washington, DC for a national competition for future city design.

Mr. Gross also congratulated our High School girls basketball team for winning in district play against Halifax on Friday. This was our first district victory in fifteen years for the girls basketball team. He also recognized Janelle Geist for scoring fifteen points during the game.

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

**BCTC** No report.  
*Dennis Ritter*

**ECC** Ms. Stevens reported the administration shared a recommendation regarding a synthetic turf and track. The committee also discussed options for stadium lighting.  
*Jo Stevens*

**BCIU** Mr. Ziegler reported the BCIU presented a budget with a zero percent increase.  
*Carl Ziegler*

**PSBA** Ms. Bealer reported they are continuing to put something in place against the proposed graduation competency exams. The committee also discussed the Governor's proposal to consolidate Pennsylvania's 500 schools into 100.  
*Pat Bealer*

**Policy & Curriculum** No report.  
*Dan Walter*

**Personnel**

Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Dan Walter, to remove the listing of spring coaches and salaries from the original motion.

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

Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Jo Stevens, to approve the following personnel items:

1. The resignation of Cindy Copeland, Elementary Librarian, due to retirement, effective June 30, 2009.
2. The approval of the following substitute teachers for 2008-2009, effective February 18, 2009, at the approved substitute rate of \$100 per day for days 1-20 and \$110 per day for days 21-45:  
     Nicholas Jacobs                      Matthew Scrbacic                      David Vitanovec
3. The approval of Cindy Heiner as Accounting and Tax Specialist, effective July 1, 2009, at a salary of \$32,500.
4. The approval of Derek Schroeder as Head Custodian at the High School, effective February 19, 2009, at an hourly rate of \$14.00.
5. The approval of Rick Schnabel as a preferred substitute custodian, effective February 18, 2009, at the approved preferred substitute hourly rate of \$9.70.

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

Motion made by Al Darion, seconded by Pat Bealer, to approve the following spring coaches and salaries for 2008-2009:

Baseball

Head Coach	Tim Mertz	\$4,841
JV Coach	Todd O'Neil	\$2,646
Head MS Coach	Scott Scheidt	\$2,646
Assistant MS Coach	Kevin Conrad	\$2,153
Volunteers	Brad Sechler	
	Luke Bricker	
	Bart Fenstermacher	
	Jeff Gernert	
	Jeff Smith	
	Jeff Ebling	
	Joe Peters	
	Dave Mabry (KU Intern)	

Softball

Head Coach	Richard Angstadt	\$4,947
Assistant Varsity Coach	Dwayne Scheidt	\$2,646
JV Coach	Jennifer Schroeder	\$2,153
Head MS Coach	Kathy Schlenker	\$2,646
Volunteers	Angie Lutz	
	Wynn Greiss	
	Emily Behm	
	Amy Giberson (KU Intern)	

Track and Field

Head Coach	Kelley Neyhart	\$4,314
Assistant Coaches	Jennifer Knight	\$2,417

	Benn Trasatt	\$2,358
	Randy Wert	\$2,358
Volunteers	Cory Crider	
	Heather Walkom (KU Intern)	
	Shane Kadlak (KU Intern)	
<u>Boys Tennis</u>		
Head Coach	Harry McGonigle	\$4,314
Volunteers	Jeff Zimmerman	
	Caitlyn Hessian (KU Intern)	
<u>Boys Volleyball</u>		
Head Coach	Shawn Katz	\$3,536
Assistant Coach	Ryan Zotter	\$2,153
<u>Girls Soccer</u>		
Head Coach	Alan Angstadt	\$5,247
JV Coach	William Frosoni	\$2,311
MS Coaches	Dan Kauffman	\$2,311
	Bryce Slattery	\$2,207
Volunteers	Jason Lear (KU Intern)	
	Drew Polinchak (KU Intern)	
	Abby Roth	
<u>Wrestling</u>		
Volunteer	Jared Rutherford	
<b>Roll call vote: Yes 8</b>	<b>No 1 (Ritter)</b>	<b>Absent 0</b>
<b>Motion carried.</b>		

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

**2009-2010 Preliminary Budget** Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Michael Ramos to approve 2009-2010 Preliminary Budget.

**Roll call vote: Yes 6 No 3 (Bealer, Ho, Walter) Absent 0**  
**Motion carried.**

**D'Huy Engineering Contract** Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Michael Ramos, to table the approval of an engineering contract with D'Huy Engineering to provide periodic engineering consultation services at a cost of \$1,900 per month and a one-time fee of \$15,000 as per the attached contract until the administration seeks and brings to the Board at least two additional bids.

**Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 1 (Bealer) Absent 0**  
**Motion to table carried.**

**2003 GOB Refinancing** Motion made by Carl Ziegler, seconded by Pat Bealer, to approve the following motion:

RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of the Kutztown Area School District hereby approves the adoption of the attached Resolution authorizing the issuance of a series of General Obligation Bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$9,985,000, to finance the refunding of the School District's General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2003 (the "2003 Bonds"), provided that the minimum present value debt service savings to the School District after the payment of all costs of issuance of the Bonds is at least \$170,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors hereby authorizes the execution and delivery of (a) a Bond Purchase Proposal from RBC Dain Rauscher for the purchase of the Bonds on the terms and conditions established in the Resolution and (b) an Addendum to such Bond Purchase Proposal which will be delivered by RBC Dain Rauscher upon the final pricing of the Bonds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors hereby authorizes the execution and delivery of such other agreements, certificates, instruments and documents necessary in connection with the issuance of the Bonds subject to the review and approval of such agreements, certificates, instruments and documents by bond counsel to the School District.

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

**Conference Requests**

Motion made by Michael Ramos, seconded by Carl Ziegler, to approve the conference request for Bonita Treadway to attend the *PA Association of School Nurses and Practitioners Annual Education Conference* to be held March 20-22, 2009 at Penn State University in State College, PA, at a cost of \$755.30.

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

Motion made by Al Darion, seconded by Pat Bealer, to approve the conference request for Douglas Matz to attend the *PMEA Music Conference* to be held April 22-25, 2009 in Valley Forge, PA, at a cost of \$990.00.

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

**Albany Elem. School**

Motion made by Al Darion, seconded by Dan Walter, to approve the following motion:

WHEREAS on January 20, 2009, the Board adopted a motion which authorized a reorganization of the elementary program; and,

WHEREAS the vote to reorganize has been interpreted by some as evidencing an intent to permanently close Albany Elementary School; and,

WHEREAS the Board wishes to clearly express its opinion on this issue; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board does not at this time intend to permanently close Albany Elementary School.

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

**Discussion Items**

High School Construction Project  
2009-2010 School District Calendar  
Elementary Reconfiguration Discussion and Update

**Elementary Green Plan**

Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Al Darion, to approve direction of the administration to carry out further investigation into the Elementary Reconfiguration Green Plan.

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

**Public Hearing**

Motion made by Al Darion, seconded by Dan Walter, to approve the scheduling of a properly advertised public hearing for the community regarding both proposed elementary reconfiguration plans.

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

**Public Comment**

The following community members stated their questions, comments, and concerns regarding the Elementary Reconfiguration discussion: Jennifer Ide, Brandy Rapisarda, Randy Burch, Kurt Kanaskie, Lisa Tumbleson, Karen Ashford, Caecilia Holt, Jenny Rau, Barry Hoffman, Anabel Elliot, Patrick D'Andrea, Kelly Ryan, Laura Adams, Jason Lanter, and Beth Sica.

Kurt Kanaskie requested further clarification on the Albany Elementary School motion.

**Executive Session**

Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Dennis Ritter to adjourn for executive session at 10:26 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Adjournment**

Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Dennis Ritter, to adjourn the meeting at 10:51 p.m.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted by,

Rikki L. Clark  
School Board Secretary