

Minutes
of the
KUTZTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, April 6, 2009, 7:30 p.m.

The Board of Directors of Kutztown Area School District met for a workshop board meeting on Monday, April 6, 2009, 7:30 p.m., at the Berks Career and Technology Center – East Campus pursuant to due notice to board members and the public.

Present Dan Walter, Carl Ziegler, Dennis Ritter, Pat Bealer, Jasper Ho, Al Darion (departed at 9:30 p.m.), Mike Ramos, Don Vymazal, Jo Stevens, and student representative Amelia Mengel

Absent

Also Present Robert Gross, Joseph Pugliese, Rikki Clark, Matt Link, Cindy Meyer, Rebecca Beidelman, Jennifer McAteer, James Brown, James Orwig, Peter Miller, Donald Kerchner, Barbara Richard, Mick O'Neil, Karen Austin, Melissa Blatt, Donna Keglovits, Karise Mace, Caecilia Holt, Stephen Hann, Amy Faust, Karen Ashford, Beth Sica, Lisa Tumbleson, Kurt Kanaskie, Laura Adams

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 7:48 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 Dennis Ritter, seconded by Pat Bealer, to approve the following personnel items:

1. The approval of Kimberly A. Kamp as a long-term substitute teacher for Leslee A. Saylor, 2nd grade teacher at Greenwich-Lenhartsville Elementary School, effective on or before April 27, 2009 at the approved substitute 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.
2. The approval of Lori S. Snyder as a part-time (4.5 hours per day) cafeteria employee, effective April 7, 2009 at the approved hourly rate of \$8.45.
3. The approval of Melinda J. Queman as a custodial substitute for 2008-2009, effective April 7, 2009 at the approved hourly rate of \$9.35.
4. The approval of Rossin J. Wood as a technology helper at the High school for summer 2009, effective June 15, 2009 through August 28, 2009 at the approved hourly rate of \$8.40 for 20 hours per week.
5. The approval of Gerald D. Faust as a volunteer volleyball coach for 2008-2009, effective April 7, 2009.
6. The approval of Randall L. Schwartz as a Senior Tax Exchange Program volunteer, effective April 7, 2009.
7. The approval of the following Krapf substitute drivers and effective dates:

David W. Daniels	March 23, 2009
Nan L. Gessner	March 24, 2009
8. The approval of a family and medical leave followed by a child-rearing leave for employee #22 commencing on September 16, 2009, upon the exhaustion of all available paid leave. The approved leave will terminate at the conclusion of semester one of the 2009-2010 school year.

Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0

Motion carried.

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

Holiday Schedule Motion made by Jo Stevens, seconded by Al Darion, to approve the 2009-2010 Support Staff/Administration Holiday Schedule as per attached.

Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0

Motion carried.

Assessment Training Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Al Darion, to stop debate on the assessment training services contract with Solution Tree, Inc.

Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 1 (Ho) Absent 0

Motion carried.

Motion made by Carl Ziegler, seconded by Jo Stevens, to contract with Solution Tree, Inc. to provide assessment training services to all instructional staff on June 16 and 17, 2009 at a cost of \$13,000. The attached contract has been reviewed by the solicitor.

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

Motion carried.

PlanCon A Materials Motion made by Dan Walter, seconded by Al Darion, to resolve that the Board of School Directors of the Kutztown Area School District hereby acknowledges receipt of the attached PDE approved PlanCon Part A, Project Justification, materials and that the document be included in the official Board minutes.

Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0

Motion carried.

PlanCon B Materials Motion made by Dan Walter, seconded by Al Darion, to resolve that the Board of School Directors of the Kutztown Area School District hereby acknowledges receipt of the attached PDE approved PlanCon Part B, Schematic Design, materials and that the document be included in the official Board minutes.

Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0

Motion carried.

Conference Request Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Jo Stevens, to approve the conference request for Alison M. Kocis to attend the *PSU One-to-One Computing Conference* to be held April 27-29, 2009 at Penn State University in State College, PA , at a cost of \$819.97.

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

Motion not carried.

Student Summer Programs Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Jo Stevens, to approve the following High School Summer Program and staffing for 2009:

High School Summer School

June 22 – July 24 Monday through Friday (No Classes July 3)

Math and Social Studies 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Science and Language Arts 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Cost to Kutztown resident students: \$150 per course

Cost to out-of-district students: \$160 per course

Teachers (effective June 22 through July 21 for 60 hours at the current curriculum rate):

Mathematics – Jesse W. Whitehouse

Social Studies – TBD

Science – Kourtney A. Buck

Language Arts – TBD

Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0

Motion carried.

Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Al Darion, to add, as a discussion item, the High School Summer School cost to out-of-district students to the Policy and Curriculum Committee agenda.

Roll call vote: Yes 6 No 3 (Bealer, Ziegler, Vymazal) Absent 0
Motion carried.

Motion made by Dan Walter, seconded by Dennis Ritter, to remove "by invitation only" from the Elementary Summer Reading and Math Program section of the 2009 Student Summer Program brochure.

Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 2 (Darion, Stevens) Absent 0
Motion carried.

Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Michael Ramos, to approve the following summer programs, staffing, and attached brochure for 2009:

Pre-Kindergarten

June 22 – July 30 Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Cost: \$50

Summer Reading and Math

June 22 – July 30 Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Cost: \$50

Summer Middle School Math

June 22 – July 30 Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Cost: \$50

Teacher: TBD

Summer Middle School Language Arts/Reading

June 22 – July 30 Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Cost: \$50

Teacher: Timothy N. Haas, effective June 18 or 19 and June 22 through July 30 for 25 days at the current curriculum rate

Young Writers/Young Readers

July 6 – 17 Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.
Cost: \$275 (\$250 before June 6)

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

Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Dan Walter, to approve the following Elementary Summer Reading/Mathematics Program staffing and dates for 2009:

Staff Teachers

Amanda B. Harden	Kerri L. Schegan	Jane E. Venkauskas
Jessica L. Almond	Ann L. Dietrich	

Staff Coordinators

Donna A. Keglovits	Karen H. Austin
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Calendar for 2009

Staff: June 18 (teacher preparation day)
June 22 – July 30 (Monday through Thursday) for 25 days at the current curriculum rate

Students: June 22 – July 30 (Monday through Thursday)

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

Psychological Testing Services Motion made by Dan Walter, seconded by Jo Stevens, to approve the attached contract with Dr. Janine Wargo, Certified School Psychologist and independent contractor, to provide initial student evaluation services. Contracted services will not exceed \$4,000 on an annual basis.

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

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BCIU Representative Motion made by Dan Walter, seconded by Dennis Ritter, to nominate Carl Ziegler for a three year term as the Board's Berks County Intermediate Unit representative for reelection at the 39th Annual Convention of Berks County School Directors.

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

Kutztown Park Usage Donation Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Al Darion, to approve a \$750 good-faith donation to the Kutztown Borough for the usage of the Kutztown Park for the current 2008-2009 school year.

Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 1 (Vymazal) Absent 0
Motion not carried.

Public Comment Amy Faust and Lisa Tumbleson stated their comments on the Senior Tax Exchange Program.

Beth Sica and Kurt Kanaski stated their questions regarding the assessment training services contract.

The following community members stated their comments, questions, and concerns on the Elementary Summer Reading and Math Program: Laura Adams, Donna Keglovits, Amy Faust, Karen Austin, and Sally Sunday.

The following community members stated their comments, questions, and concerns on the elementary reconfiguration: Caecilia Holt, Amy Faust, Kurt Kanaskie, Sally Sunday, and Beth Sica.

Amelia Mengel notified the Board and the public of the FFA Community Day on Saturday, April 18 in the High School parking lot.

Jasper Ho presented information and recommended that in future years, the Kutztown Area School District participate in the Berks County Science and Engineering Fair at Albright College.

Executive Session Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Carl Ziegler, to adjourn for executive session at 10:04 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.
Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment Motion made by Carl Ziegler, seconded by Dennis Ritter, to adjourn the meeting at 11:38 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rikki L. Clark
School Board Secretary