

Minutes
of the
KUTZTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, April 20, 2009, 7:30 p.m.

The Board of Directors of Kutztown Area School District met for the regular board meeting on Monday, April 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, Jasper Ho, Michael Ramos, Al Darion, Amelia Mengel – Student Representative

Absent Dan Walter

Also Present Robert R. Gross III, Joseph Pugliese, Nick Lazo, Rikki Clark, David Miller, Jim Orwig, Jim Brown, Matthew Link, Rebecca Beidelman, Barbara Richard, Jennifer McAteer, Don Kerchner, Cynthia Meyer, Mick O'Neil, Sharon Montayne - Solicitor, Harry McGonigle, Krista Keim, Aaron Ashman, Melissa Blatt, Melissa Leiby, Karen Austin, Stephen Hamm, Donna Keglovits, Andrea Sanders, Lisa Tumbleson, Sally Sunday, Beth Stump, Bill VanDuren, Peter Oyler, Brandy Rapisarda, Jennie Frieauf, Laurel Powell, Thomas Powell, Caecilia Holt, Beth Sica, Abby Claypoole, Derek Mace, Arabel Elliott, Brenda Boyer, Phil Rapisarda, Laura Adams

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 7:39 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 Michael Ramos, seconded by Pat Bealer, to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2009 and April 6, 2009 School Board Meetings.

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

Treasurer's Report Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Dennis Ritter, to accept the treasurer's report of the general fund.

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

Ratification of General Account Bills Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Michael Ramos, to ratify for payment the general account bills in the amount of \$677,802.37.

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

Approval of General Account Bills Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Pat Bealer, to approve for payment the general account bills in the amount of \$615,092.26.

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

Sup't's Report Mr. Gross congratulated the following teachers and groups:

- Jenn Reis for being recognized by the Berks County Conservancy
- All those involved in the *Festival of the Arts* at the Middle School last Friday for a tremendous display of visual and performance arts
- Kris Tuerk and all those who contributed to the Bread Clip Art display
- FFA for a fantastic event on Saturday to provide agricultural awareness
- Matt Cullen and our MS TSA members who represented Kutztown at the PA-TSA Leadership Conference last week
- Brenda Boyer and Terry Lindemuth for hosting an outstanding 21st Century Learning Open House last week

Mick O'Neil presented the Board with the Berks County Interscholastic Athletic Association Sportsmanship Award for the second year in a row. Kutztown is only the second school to receive this award for two consecutive years since the award was established in 1991.

Cindy Meyer and Peter Oyler from Apple Inc. presented the Board with the Apple Distinguished School Award for the second consecutive year. This is a national award that recognizes exemplar schools that demonstrate 21st century learning. Kutztown is one in seven schools who received this award in the northeast United States, and one of thirty-three in the country.

Committee Reports

EIT No report.
Pat Bealer

BCTC Pastor Ritter announced they discussed starting a program for adult *Dennis Ritter* students to upgrade their technology knowledge and training.

ECC Ms. Stevens reported the committee discussed an athletic training services *Jo Stevens* agreement which is on tonight's agenda for approval.

BCIU Mr. Ziegler reported Dr. George confirmed they have successfully *Carl Ziegler* completed the reorganization within the IU.

PSBA Mrs. Bealer reported they elected Don Raifsnider as the new regional director *Pat Bealer* for Region 8.

Policy & Curriculum No report.

Personnel

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

1. The resignation, with regret, of Betty L. Imboden, gifted support teacher at the Middle School, effective August 7, 2009.
2. The approval of the following High School Summer School teachers, effective June 22 through July 24 for 60 hours at the current curriculum rate (previously approved through July 21 for 60 hours):

Mathematics	Jesse W. Whitehouse
Science	Kourtney A. Buck
3. The approval of the following Elementary Summer Reading/Mathematics Program staff coordinators and stipends for 2009:

Donna A. Keglovits	\$ 250.00
Karen H. Austin	\$ 250.00
4. The approval of the following substitute teachers for 2008-2009, effective April 21, 2009 at the approved substitute teacher rate of \$100 per day for days 1-20 and \$110 per day for days 21-45:

Diane K. Rarick	Sean R. Simonds
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5. The approval of Christine T.J. Kyle as a substitute secretary, effective April 21, 2009 at the approved substitute secretary hourly rate of \$9.40.
6. The dismissal of Bryce R. Slattery as assistant girls soccer coach at the Middle School, effective April 20, 2009.
7. The approval of the following volunteer spring coaches for 2008-2009, effective April 21, 2009:

Baseball	Eric M. Domzalski
Track and Field	Caleb R. Wendling
	Tim E. Snyder
Softball	Derek W. Schroeder
Girls Soccer	Richard J. Mucelli
8. The approval of a family medical leave for employee #562 commencing on April 14, 2009, or the expiration of approved, applicable sick and personal leave, through December 21, 2009.

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

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

**Athletic
Training
Services**

Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Carl Ziegler, to table the approval to enter into an agreement with CATC for athletic training services, as per plan A, at a cost of \$33,000 for the 2009-2012 athletic seasons.

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

Policy 011.

Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Al Darion, to resolve that the Board has a second reading and adoption of Policy 011. Board Governance Standards/Code of Conduct, to be part of the Kutztown Area School District policy manual.

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

**District
Depositories**

Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Al Darion, to appoint the following institutions as district depositories for 2009-2010:

National Penn Bank	Citizens Bank
PSDLAF (Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund)	
Sovereign Bank	Wachovia Bank Fleetwood Bank

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

**Kutztown
Manor
Agreement**

Motion made by Carl Ziegler, seconded by Pat Bealer, to approve a five year rental lease agreement with the Kutztown Manor, Inc. for the district owned parking lot located at Trexler Avenue and Constitution Boulevard per the attached agreement. The lease rate represents a 4.25% annual increase over the existing rate.

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

**Discussion
Items**

Student Vacation Request
2009-2010 Budget
Elementary Education Reconfiguration

**Student
Vacation**

Motion made by Al Darion, seconded by Pat Bealer, to approve student #103026 permission for a five (5) day absence on March 20, 26, 27, 30, and 31, 2009.

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

**Public
Comment**

Brandy Rapisarda asked to clarify the 2009-2010 budget increase.

The following community members stated their questions, comments, and concerns regarding the elementary education reconfiguration discussion: Sally Sunday, Brandy Rapisarda, Laurel Powell, Phil Rapisarda, Laura Adams, Lisa Tumbleson, Derek Mace, Karen Austin, and Thomas Powell.

**Executive
Session**

Motion made by Al Darion, seconded by Jasper Ho, to adjourn for executive session at 9:46 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Motion made by Jasper Ho, seconded by Pat Bealer, to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rikki L. Clark
School Board Secretary