

Minutes
of the
KUTZTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, May 18, 2009, 7:30 p.m.

The Board of Directors of Kutztown Area School District met for the regular board meeting on Monday, May 18, 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 (*arrived 8:26 p.m.*), Don Vymazal, Jo Stevens (*departed 9:31 p.m.*), Carl Ziegler, Pat Bealer, Jasper Ho, Michael Ramos (*departed 10:00 p.m.*), Al Darion, Dan Walter, Amelia Mengel – Student Representative (*departed 11:00 p.m.*)

Absent

Also Present Robert R. Gross III, Joseph Pugliese, Nick Lazo, Rikki Clark, Matt Link, Cindy Meyer, Rebecca Beidelman, Jennifer McAteer, Jim Orwig, Peter Miller, Donald Kerchner, Barbara Richard, Mick O’Neil, David Miller, Atty. Ellis Katz, Amy Faust, John Noll, Melissa Leiby, Donna Keglovits, Randy Burch, Lisa Tumbleson, Brandy Rapisarda, Melissa Blatt, Laura Adams, Rachael Hill, Jeremiah Light, Beth Stump, Thomas Wendling, Thomas Powell, Sally Sunday, Jennie Friehauf, Kurt Kanaskie, Bill Kolson, Aaron Ashman, Abby Claypoole, Andrea Sanders, Caecilia Holt, Derek Mace, Brenda Boyer, Jim Hanna, Karen Austin

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 7:34 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 Jo Stevens, seconded by Pat Bealer, to vote separately on the April 20, 2009 and May 4, 2009 minutes.

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

Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Dan Walter, to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2009 School Board Meeting.

Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 0 Absent 1 (Ritter) Abstain 1 (Walter)
Motion carried.

Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Dan Walter, to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2009 School Board Meeting.

Roll call vote: Yes 6 No 0 Absent 1 (Ritter) Abstain 2 (Darion, Stevens)
Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Mike Ramos, to accept the treasurer’s report of the general fund.

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

Ratification of General Account Bills Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Dan Walter, to ratify for payment the general account bills in the amount of \$327,675.29.

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

Approval of General Account Bills Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Jo Stevens, to approve for payment the general account bills in the amount of \$441,408.17.

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

Supt’s Report Mr. Gross recognized Amelia Mengel’s service as the 2008-2009 School Board Student Representative. He thanked Amelia for her dedication and exemplary service over the last year. President Vymazal, on behalf of the Board of Directors, presented Amelia with a certificate, card, and gift.

Mr. Gross also recognized Elsa Voytas, who received *Berks' Best* in Social Studies for 2008-2009.

Mr. Gross congratulated the National History Day team and the following members who will be moving on to the national competition: Chad Dunkelberger, Emily Stevens, and Erica Yurvati.

The indoor twirling team was also congratulated for winning the regional competition, and in participating in the championship in Wildwood, New Jersey.

Committee Reports

EIT No report.
Pat Bealer

BCTC No report.
Dennis Ritter

ECC Ms. Stevens reported the committee discussed increasing the cost of each initial sports physical from five dollars to ten dollars.
Jo Stevens

BCIU Mr. Ziegler reported that the Intermediate Unit held the Annual Convention of Berks County School Directors on Thursday, April 23, 2009 at the Schuylkill Valley Middle School. Kutztown was recognized for having the greatest number of participants present.
Carl Ziegler

PSBA Mrs. Bealer reported PSBA hired Data Recognition Corporation to draft a copy of the graduation competency exams.
Pat Bealer

Policy & Curriculum Mr. Walter reported the committee was given information on the current laptop leases and an elementary education reconfiguration review in regards to staff development.

Personnel

Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Al Darion, to approve the following personnel items:

1. The approval of the following 2009 High School Summer School teachers, effective June 22 through July 24, 2009 for 72 hours at the then current contracted hourly rate:

Mathematics	Jesse W. Whitehouse
Science	Kourtney A. Buck
Language Arts	Katharine S. Mannai
2. The approval of the following substitute teachers for 2008-2009, effective May 19, 2009 at the approved substitute teacher rate of \$100 per day for days 1-20:

Timothy A. Noble	Marilyn K. Wilson
James E. Unell (Guest Teacher)	
3. The approval of the following substitute support staff and approved hourly rates for 2008-2009, effective May 19, 2009:

Kelly A. Dyak	Substitute Aide	\$9.40
Melanie J. Querio	Substitute Aide	\$9.40
Melanie J. Querio	Substitute Cafeteria Worker	\$8.35
4. The approval for intermittent FMLA leave for employee #523 commencing April 28, 2009.
5. The approval of Stephanie G. Steigerwalt to take a full-year educational sabbatical leave for professional development during the 2009-2010 school year per guidelines of Policy 438.

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

Motion carried.

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

2009-2010 Tentative Budget

Motion made by Carl Ziegler, seconded by Al Darion, to adopt the Kutztown Area School District 2009-2010 School Year tentative operating budget totaling \$28,540,066 with a millage of 28.846.

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

Motion carried.

Business Administrator Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Dennis Ritter, to approve Joseph P. Pugliese to serve as business administrator for a three (3) year term commencing on July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012 in accordance with the attached contract. Salary for year one of the contract to be established at \$98,880.00.

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

School Board Secretary Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Dan Walter, to appoint Rikki L. Clark as Kutztown Area School Board Secretary for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2013. Salary for the 2009-2010 school year to be set at \$2,000.

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

School Board Treasurer Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Dan Walter, to appoint Joseph P. Pugliese as Kutztown Area School Board Treasurer for the 2009-2010 school year, with a salary to be set at \$1,050.

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

Engineering Services Motion made by Al Darion, seconded by Dan Walter, to award the district-wide engineering services contract to D'Huy Engineering, the lowest responsible bidder, at a one-time lump sum cost of \$15,000 and a monthly retainer amount of \$1,900 per the attached agreement. Funds to pay for this work will come from the General Fund.

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

Act 32 Representative Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Mike Ramos, to assign School Board Member Patricia Bealer to the Act 32 Countywide Tax Collection Committee as representative of the Kutztown Area School District.

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

Real Estate Tax Exemption Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Carl Ziegler, to exempt PIN#45-5416-00-52-6529 and PIN#45-5416-00-52-6529-X01 from real estate taxes compliant with the Disabled Veterans Real Estate Property Certification legislation.

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

Policy 617 Petty Cash Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Dan Walter, to approve the second reading and adoption of Policy 617 *Petty Cash*, as per attached.

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

Discussion Items Elementary Education Reconfiguration – Transportation Update
Special Education Strategic Plan Mid-point Update Report
Final Budget Adoption Meeting Date – June 29, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
High School Laptop Lease Proposal
Senior Volunteer Tax Exchange Program Update

Public Comment Laura Adams questioned the retention time of the meetings' recordings.

The following community members stated their questions, comments, and concerns regarding the 2009-2010 tentative operating budget: Jeremiah Light, Tom Wendling, Kurt Kanaskie, Amy Faust, Brandy Rapisarda, Sally Sunday, and Laura Adams.

Laura Adams asked for the increase percentage of the business administrator's salary.

The following community members stated their questions, comments, and concerns regarding the engineering services contract with D'Huy Engineering: Brandy Rapisarda, Kurt Kanaskie, Randy Burch, and Jeremiah Light.

Rachael Hill asked for clarification on the job description of the Act 32 Committee Representative.

Laura Adams requested the agenda attachments be available to the public via hardcopy or website.

Lisa Tumbleson and Laura Adams followed-up on a previous request to preserve documents at the March 9, 2009 Board hearings.

The following community members stated their questions, comments, and concerns regarding the elementary education reconfiguration discussion: Laura Adams, Amy Faust, Kurt Kanaskie, Brandy Rapisarda, Caecilia Holt, and Sally Sunday.

Amy Faust and Laura Adams stated their questions, comments, and concerns on the High School laptop lease proposal and the one-to-one program.

Laura Adams questioned each member of the Board how they prefer to be contacted outside of Board meetings.

Melissa Leiby questioned if Mr. Gross would be giving his recommendation on the elementary education reconfiguration prior to June 10, 2009.

Adjournment Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Jasper Ho, to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rikki L. Clark
School Board Secretary