

**Minutes of the  
KUTZTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Board of Directors Meeting  
September 20, 2021 - 7:30 p.m.**

The Board of Directors of Kutztown Area School District met for a regular monthly board meeting on Monday, September 26, 2021, at 7:30 p.m., remotely via Zoom and YouTube, pursuant to due notice to board members and the public.

**Present** Michelle Batz, Randy Burch, Michael Hess, Caecilia Holt, Dennis Ritter, Charles Shurr, Eric Johnson, Karl Nolte, Alan Darion

**Absent**

**Also Present** Christian Temchatin, Rikki DeVough, David Miller, Steven Leever, Ed Myers, Jennifer Elliker, Diane Quinn, Deb Barnes, James Brown, Richard Laubenstein, Angie Furlong, Erin Fenstermacher, Joyce Cooper-Kahn, Jeff Huffert, Kendra Wessner, Klara Schnore, Lisa Schnell, Shelby Brett, Erin Light, Jackie Bridges, Kris Tuerk, Ben Hoffman, Greg and Jenn Kaufinger, Gary Schnell, Robyn Underwood, Michael Kahn, Abigail Wood, Martin Port, Lisa Mitchell, Ralph Fegely, Allison Scheidt, ERica Adam, Ashley Koch, Leslee Saylor, Jeri Sievert, Eric DeAngelo, Jill Wismer, Mizz Angi, Sara Fidler, Sherie Kugler, Jennifer Hatch, Tonya Salkowski, Ed Biro, Denise Bosler, CherylAnn Reynolds

**Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by President Nolte.

**Welcome** President Nolte opened the meeting with a moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. He requested that anyone wishing to speak on an agenda item please use the raise his/her hand feature to be recognized. He indicated that this meeting was being recorded and there was an Executive Session held prior to the meeting for the purpose of Personnel and Legal content.

**Suspension Policy 006.1** Motion made by Eric Johnson, seconded by Dennis Ritter to, per Board Policy 003, Functions, suspend the application of Board Policy 006.1, Attendance at Meetings Via Electronic Communications, and authorize the use of a virtual meeting platform for the conduct of the current public Board meeting, which has been duly advertised and provide for required public participation in accordance with the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act.

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

**Meeting Minutes** Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Michael Hess, to approve the Minutes of the September 7, 2021 School Board Meeting.

**Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 N/A 1 (Darion) Absent 0**  
**Motion carried.**

**Treasurer's Report** Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Randy Burch, to approve the Treasurer's Report of the General Fund.

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

**Ratification of General Account** Motion made by Charles Shurr, seconded by Eric Johnson, to ratify for payment the general account bills in the amounts of \$1,913,284.17.

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

**Approval of General Account** Motion made by Eric Johnson, seconded by Al Darion, to approve for payment the general account bills in the amount of \$896,101.86.

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

**Approval of  
Construction Account**

Motion made by Caecilia Holt, seconded by Randy Burch, to approve for payment the construction account bills in the amount of \$1,686,679.03.

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

**Superintendent's  
Report**

Traveling Art Show Participant Recognition

Kristina Guzman	Kyrie Butz	Ava Adam
Fiora Schnell	Makenna Schneck	Alenda Schwoyer
Andrew Homan	Elliot Johnson	Kya Barrell
Savannah Delp	Klara Schnore	Adriana Walters
	Makenna Dietrich	
	Cheyenne Fenstermaker	

**Board Committee  
Reports**

**PSBA** The PA Department of Education has new regulations for Cyber Charter Schools. The School Leadership Conference will now be virtual at no cost to attendees.

**BCIU** No report.

**BCTC** No report.

**P & C** The committee adjourned to Executive Session. No business was conducted.

**ECC & Facilities** The committee discussed a trailer for the Ag Department and a retaining wall between the tennis courts. They received updates on stadium advertising fees and high school driveway drain.

**TCC** No report.

**October 4 Board Meeting  
Platform**

Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Al Darion, to hold the October 4, 2021 School Board Meeting in a virtual, remote platform, pending changes in masking mandates. The President and Vice President may congregate the Board to make a change in the meeting platform, if needed, prior to the meeting.

**Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 2 (Batz, Nolte) Absent 0**  
**Motion carried.**

**Public Comment**

- Jennifer Hatch encouraged the Board to adopt Policy 809.
- Erin Fenstermacher asked for clarification on the platform of the October Policy/Curriculum Committee Meeting. She also expressed concern that the Board is not moving forward with adopting Policy 809.
- Jennifer Kaufinger stated her concern regarding healthy kids needing to quarantine and their education. She urged the Board to re-visit the Health and Safety Plan.
- Carrie Wessner expressed the need for in-person meetings and people will put on a mask to have their voices heard.
- Jackie Bridges showed her disappointment there will be no homecoming dance.

**Personnel**

Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Caecilia Holt, to approve the following personnel items:

1. The acceptance, with regret, of the resignation due to retirement of Dr. Diane Quinn, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Development, effective January 3, 2022.
2. The approval of Julie Markley as a part time Learning Support Aide at Greenwich-Lenhartsville Elementary School, effective on September 21, 2021, at a rate of \$15.00 per hour.
3. The approval of Sherry Aulenbach as a part time Learning Support Aide at Kutztown Area Middle School, effective on September 21, 2021, at a rate of \$15.27 per hour.
4. The approval of Tiffani Stine as part time general cafeteria employee at Kutztown Elementary School at a rate of \$9.60/hr, effective on or after September 21, 2021.
5. The approval of Tim Ford as full time custodian at Kutztown High School effective on or after September 21, 2021 at a rate of \$12.65 per hour.
6. The approval of Pierson Lang as part time Maintenance help for seasonal support at a rate of \$11.00 per hour:
7. The approval of the following coaches/extra duty positions and stipends for the 2021-2022 school year:

Shaylon Krautwald	Freshman - 2025	\$475.00
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Thomas Miller	Freshman - 2025	\$475.00
Kelly Mahoney	HS Science Olympiad	\$700.00
David Drummer	HS Science Olympiad	\$700.00 (adjusted)
Carol Schulley	HS Student Council Advisor	\$825.00
Antoinette Sprinkle	HS Student Council Advisor	\$825.00
Josh Neyhart	Fall Cross Country	Volunteer

**Personnel is Approved Pending Receipt of All Mandated Credentials.**

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

**COVID-19 Leave A.R.** Motion made by Michelle Batz, seconded by Al Darion, to approve and adopt Administrative Regulation 334 COVID-19 Related Leave.

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

**BCIU Spec. Ed.** Motion made by Randy Burch, seconded by Caecilia Holt, to approve the Special Education Agreement with the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) for the 2021-2022 school year.

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

**CCIU Brandywine Virtual** Motion made by Michelle Batz, seconded by Randy Burch, to approve the agreement and rate sheet with Chester County Intermediate Unit for Brandywine Virtual Academy Full Service Online Courses.

**Roll call vote: Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0**  
**Motion not carried.**

**Tennis Courts** Motion made by Randy Burch, seconded by Al Darion, to approve Kohler Landscapes LLC to construct a terrace wall between the tennis courts at the high school at a cost of \$17,230.

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

**Ag Trailer** Motion made by Randy Burch, seconded by Caecilia Holt, to approve the purchase of a trailer for the High School Ag Program from Best Choice Trailers at a cost of \$4,169.70.

**Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0**  
**Motion not carried.**

**Mandatory Vaccinations** Motion made by Al Darion, seconded by Caecilia Holt, to direct administration, when building the October 4, 2021 agenda, to include action to require all paid employees and volunteers with direct contact with children to be vaccinated.

**Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 2 (Batz, Nolte) Absent 0**  
**Motion carried.**

**Adjournment** Motion made by Michael Hess, seconded by Charles Shurr, to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 p.m.  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted by,

Rikki L DeVough  
School Board Secretary