

*Minutes of the*  
KUTZTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Tuesday, February 16, 2021 - 7:30 p.m.

The Board of Directors of Kutztown Area School District met for a regular monthly board meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, at 7:30 p.m., in the Middle School Commons and 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 (departed 8:57 p.m.), Kelly Leiby (student representative)

**Absent**

**Also Present** Christian Temchatin, Rikki DeVough, David Miller, Steven Leever, Ed Myers, Barry Flicker, James Brown, Beth Patten, Diane Quinn, Melissa Blatt, Jeff Huffert, Katelyn Martin

**Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 7:48 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.

**Meeting Minutes** Motion made by Caecilia Holt, seconded by Charles Shurr, to approve the Minutes of the January 19, 2021 School Board Meeting.

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

**Treasurer's Report** Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Michael Hess, 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 Michael Hess, seconded by Charles Shurr, to ratify for payment the general account bills in the amounts of \$1,319,892.50.

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

**Approval of General Account** Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Michael Hess, to approve for payment the general account bills in the amount of \$814,912.76.

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

**Superintendent's Report** Imagine Learning Literacy Bowl  
Co-ed Unified Bocce  
KT Connect & T-Mobile's Project 10 Million  
BCIU COLA Advocacy  
KAHS Hybrid Model  
Board Meeting Location Update  
McClure Update  
Budget Presentation

**Board Committee Reports** **PSBA** No report.

<b>BCIU</b>	The committee reviewed the BCIU Education Association contract, structured their own leave plan to replace FCCRA, and recognized student artwork.
<b>BCTC</b>	The committee approved the Proposed Operating Budget for 2021-2022 which reflects a 1.35% increase to participating districts.
<b>P &amp; C</b>	The committee discussed five policies in the review cycle and interscholastic activities.
<b>ECC &amp; Facilities</b>	The committee received presentations from McClure and Scott Kramer from RBC Capital Markets.
<b>TCC</b>	No report.

**Personnel**

Motion made by Caecilia Holt, seconded by Eric Johnson, to approve the following personnel items:

1. The approval of a transfer of Laura Giannantonio from part-time to full-time learning support aide at Kutztown Elementary, effective January 25, 2021 at a rate of \$11.51 per hour.
2. The approval of Tiffani Devos-Little to transition from part time long-term substitute learning support aide to part time learning support aide at Kutztown Elementary School, effective January 25, 2021 at a rate of \$10.50 per hour.
3. The approval of Kimberly Moyer-Bercaw as a long-term substitute at Greenwich-Lenhartsville Elementary School as an elementary teacher effective February 26, 2021 until the end of the school year at Bachelor's, Step 1, of the KATA/KASD contract.
4. The approval of Tracy Hammond as a long-term substitute at Kutztown Elementary School as an elementary teacher effective February 26, 2021 until the end of the school year at Bachelor's, Step 1, of the KATA/KASD contract.
5. The approval of Leanne Seidel as a long-term substitute at Kutztown Elementary School as an elementary teacher effective February 26, 2021 until the end of the school year at Bachelor's, Step 1, of the KATA/KASD contract.
6. The approval of Noah Reasoner as a part time long-term substitute learning support aide at Kutztown Elementary School, effective February 17, 2021 until the end of the school year at a rate of \$10.50 per hour.
7. The approval of medical leave for employee #161, effective February 8, 2021 and returning on approximately March 8, 2021.
8. The approval of medical leave for employee #211, effective February 4, 2021 and returning on approximately February 22, 2021.
9. The approval of employee #362 to take a Family Medical Leave (FMLA) commencing approximately February 15, 2021 and returning on approximately March 5, 2021.
10. The approval of the following coaches, advisors, and stipends for the 2020-2021 school year:

George Cherrie	MS Baseball Assistant	\$2,400.00
Melissa G. Keller	Tennis - Boys (Asst. Coach)	\$2,220.00
Forrest Schaeffer	Baseball (HS JV)	\$3,060.00
Mike Bergstrom	Baseball (MS Head Coach)	\$2,460.00
Rob Howard	Baseball (HS Assistant Coach Volunteer)	
Adam Schafer	HS Baseball (Volunteer)	
Patrick Austin	HS Baseball (Volunteer)	
Roger Muth	MS Baseball (Volunteer)	
Dale Reppert	Tennis - Boys (Volunteer)	
Lucetta T. Muth	Tennis - Boys (Volunteer)	
Archie L. Follweiler	Tennis - Boys (Volunteer)	
Virginia Grim	Tennis - Boys (Volunteer)	
Thomas Wendling	Tennis - Boys (Volunteer)	
Erin Tenney	Special Olympics Incl. Youth Leadership (Volunteer)	
Megan Conrad	Softball (HS Volunteer)	
Trevor Greenawalt	Softball (Volunteer)	

Larry Chester	Spring Track/Field (HS Asst., Jumps/Sprints)	\$2,440.00
Michael DiBenedetto	Spring Track/Field (HS Asst., Jumps Coach)	\$2,360.00
Michael Aboulhoda	Spring Track/Field (HS Asst, Throws Coach)	\$2,300.00
Austin Cory	Spring Track/Field (HS Asst, Hurdles/Jumps)	\$2,320.00
Shelby Brett	Spring Track/Field (MS Head Coach)	\$2,760.00
Anson Weidner	Spring Track/Field (MS Asst. Coach)	\$2,300.00
Stacy Kressley	Softball (HS Assistant)	\$2,760.00
Daniel Stemko	Volleyball (Head Coach)	\$2,890.00
Isaac Mengel	Volleyball (HS Assistant)	\$2,890.00
Xavier Feliciano	Spring Track/Field (Pole Vault Volunteer Coach)	
Kay Schwalm	Spring Track/Field (Volunteer)	
Michael Hill	Spring Track/Field (Volunteer)	
Celine Neyhart	Spring Track/Field (Volunteer)	
Erin Tenney	HS Unified Bocce - Special Olympics (Volunteer)	

**Payment shall be contingent on sport occurring in light of COVID-19 Pandemic. In the event of a partial season, the coaching stipend shall be prorated accordingly. Personnel is Approved Pending Receipt of All Mandated Credentials.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**Charter School Reform** Motion made by Randy Burch, seconded by Eric Johnson, to approve the Kutztown Area School District Resolution Calling for Charter School Funding Reform.

Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Eric Johnson, to amend the original resolution to include the additional language from Mr. Temchatin.

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

**Motion carried.**

Motion made by Randy Burch, seconded by Eric Johnson, to approve the Kutztown Area School District Resolution Calling for Charter School Funding Reform with the inclusion of additional language from Mr. Temchatin.

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

**Motion carried.**

**Policy Maintenance** Motion made by Randy Burch, seconded by Charles Shurr, to approve the first reading of Policy 122 - Extracurricular Activities.

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

**Motion carried.**

**Drivers Education** Motion made by Michelle Batz, seconded by Randy Burch, to approve the Driving School Agreement with the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) effective February 17, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

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

**Motion carried.**

**Donation to Borough** Motion made by Randy Burch, seconded by Eric Johnson, to approve a donation of \$2,500 to the Borough of Kutztown for the use of the baseball and softball fields in the borough park for the 2020-2021 school year.

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

**Motion carried.**

**Health and Safety Plan** Motion made by Randy Burch, seconded by Charles Shurr, to approve the updated Kutztown Area School District Health and Safety Plan for the 2020-2021 school year.

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

**Motion carried.**

**Summer Reading**

Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Michelle Batz, to approve the following summer programs for 2021:

Staff Dates: June 21 (teacher preparation day), June 21 -July 29 (Monday through Thursday), 22 days total (including prep day) for 3.5 hours per day (4.5 hours per day for weeks 1 and 6), at an hourly rate of \$27.00 (current curriculum rate)

Non-Workdays: Monday, July 5

Student Dates: June 22-July 29 (Monday (except first week) through Thursday), 22 days total

No School: Monday, July 5

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

**Motion carried.**

**Extended School Year**

Motion made by Randy Burch, seconded by Dennis Ritter, to approve the following summer programs for 2021:

Staff Dates: June 21 (teacher preparation day), June 21 -July 29 (Monday through Thursday), 22 days total (including prep day) for 3.5 hours per day (4.5 hours per day for weeks 1 and 6), at an hourly rate of \$27.00 (current curriculum rate)

Non-Workdays: Monday, July 5

Student Dates: June 22-July 29 (Monday (except first week) through Thursday), 22 days total

No School: Monday, July 5

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

**Motion carried.**

**Internet Services**

Motion made by Charles Shurr, seconded by Michael Hess, to approve the services agreements with PennTeleData and the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) to provide internet services to the Kutztown Area School District for the 2021-2022 school year.

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

**Motion carried.**

**Baseball Donation**

Motion made by Michelle Batz, seconded by Randy Burch, to accept, with gratitude, the donation from Rob Howard to the KASD Baseball Budget in the amount of \$2,740.

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

**Motion carried.**

**Adjournment**

Motion made by Michelle Batz, seconded by Randy Burch, to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted by,

Rikki L DeVough  
School Board Secretary