

Minutes of the
KUTZTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Board of Directors Meeting
 Monday, March 16, 2020 - 7:30 p.m.

The Board of Directors of Kutztown Area School District met for a regular monthly board meeting on Monday, March 16, 2020, at 7:30 p.m., in the High School Library, pursuant to due notice to board members and the public.

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

Absent James Shrawder

Also Present Christian Temchatin, Rikki DeVough

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by President Nolte.

Welcome President Nolte 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. He noted there was an Executive Session held prior to the meeting to discuss matters of personnel and legal. He indicated that this meeting was being tape recorded.

Meeting Minutes Motion made by Randy Burch, seconded by Charles Shurr, to approve the Minutes of the March 2, 2020 School Board Meeting.

Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 0 NA 1 (Ritter) Absent 1 (Shrawder)
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 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Shrawder)
Motion carried.

Ratification of General Account Motion made by Michael Hess, seconded by Dennis Ritter, to ratify for payment the general account bills (including manual checks) in the amount of \$6,584,931.59.

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

Approval of General Account Motion made by Michael Hess, seconded by Caecilia Holt, to approve for payment the general account bills in the amount of \$671,221.42.

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

Approval of Construction Account Motion made by Caecilia Holt, seconded by Charles Shurr, to approve for payment the construction account bills in the amount of \$12,400.00.

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

Board Committee Reports **T.C.C.** No report.

PSBA Legislative platform submissions are being accepted through June. There is information available regarding virtual meetings with access for the public. All sectional meetings are canceled.

BCIU No report.

- BCTC** The committee reviewed student awards, applications for student trips, and looked at the new Director of Curriculum position, and reviewed the proposed budget which represents a 1.79% increase.
- P & C** The committee reviewed policies in the review schedule, and received updates on the Special Education Plan and strategic goals focusing on student growth.
- ECC and Facilities** The committee discussed the GT Church proposal for storage, Ag lab and barn, tennis court cleaning, and a stairway from the high school to the middle school. The committee also received an update on the winter season wrap-up and football joining the Lancaster-Lebanon league for the 2021-2022 season.

Personnel

- Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Charles Shurr, to approve the following personnel items:
1. The approval of Michael R. Aboulhoda as a secondary Technology and Engineering teacher effective August 11, 2020, at a salary of \$58,817 per Bachelor's Degree +24, Step 1, of the KATA/KASD contract.
 2. The approval of Michael R. Aboulhoda as a per diem teacher, effective March 17, 2020, as needed to participate in professional development at the curriculum rate of \$27.00 per hour.
 3. The approval of Stephanie R. Warner as an Eshelman bus/van aide for the 2019-2020 school year.
- All Personnel are Approved Pending Receipt of All Mandated Credentials**

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

2020 Summer Reading Program

- Motion made by Al Darion, seconded by Randy Burch, to approve the 2020-2021 Kutztown Area School Elementary Summer Reading Program
- Staff: Susan Bristel Tracy Hammond
 Heather DeWald Kim Moyer-Burcaw
 Laura Giannantonio
- Substitute Staff: Jennifer Houp
 Librarian: Christina Caulfield
 Coordinator: Placeholder
- Staff Dates: June 22 (teacher preparation day), June 23 -July 30 (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 6
- Student Dates: June 23-July 30 (Monday (except the first week) through Thursday), 21 days total
- No School: Monday, July 6
- Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Shrawder)**
Motion carried.

Policy Maintenance

- Motion made by Michael Hess, seconded by Charles Shurr, to approve the first reading of the following policies:
1. Policy 127 - Assessments
 2. Policy 305 - Employment of Substitutes
 3. Policy 324 - Personnel Files
 4. Policy 706.1 - Disposal of Surplus Property
- Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Shrawder)**
Motion carried.

Special Education Plan

- Motion made by Randy Burch, seconded by Caecilia Holt, to approve the Special Education Plan for July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023.
- Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Shrawder)**
Motion carried.

Payroll for Support Staff

Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Caecilia Holt, to approve the administration to pay wages to their support staff for their normally scheduled hours as a result of the government required closure of the school district for the period of March 16, 2020 through March 27, 2020.

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

Motion carried.

Hogan Learning Academy LLC

Motion made by Caecilia Holt, seconded by Michael Hess, to approve the 2019-2020 school year tuition agreement with Hogan Learning Academy LLC in Fleetwood, PA, at a cost of \$420 per day.

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

Motion carried.

BCTC Budget

Motion made by Charles Shurr, seconded by Al Darion, to approve the Berks County Technology Center 2020-2021 budget.

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

Motion carried.

Donations

Motion made by Randy Burch, seconded by Caecilia Holt, to accept the following donations:

1. It is the recommendation of the administration that the Board of School Directors respectfully accept the donation of a Friendship/Buddy bench from Mr. and Mrs. Roy and Barb Hottenstein. The bench was made by the Hottenstein's, and is being donated in honor and remembrance of Conner and Brinley Snyder. The bench will be placed on the playground at Greenwich Elementary School. The students and staff of Greenwich are thankful and appreciative of this heartfelt gift.
2. It is the recommendation of the administration that the Board of School Directors respectfully accept the donation from Forrest Schaeffer of \$1,114.66 to the athletic department for the purchase of equipment for the baseball program.

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

Motion carried.

Tennis Court Cleaning

Motion made by Al Darion, seconded by Randy Burch, to approve an agreement with Breneman Company to clean the KAHS tennis courts at a cost not to exceed \$3500.

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

Motion carried.

Meeting Cancelation

Motion made by Al Darion, seconded by Charles Shurr, to approve cancel the March 23, 2020 Budget and Finance Committee Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Motion made by Charles Shurr, seconded by Randy Burch, to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Rikki L. DeVough
School Board Secretary