

Minutes
of the
KUTZTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, November 16, 2009, 7:30 p.m.

The Board of Directors of Kutztown Area School District met for the regular board meeting on Monday, November 16, 2009 at 7:30 p.m., in the High School library, pursuant to due notice to board members and the public.

Present Pat Bealer, Michael Ramos, Dennis Ritter, Jo Stevens, Don Vymazal, Dan Walter, Carl Ziegler, Alan Darion, Jasper Ho

Absent

Also Present Robert R. Gross III, Joseph Pugliese, Rikki Clark, Cindy Meyer, Rebecca Beidelman, Nick Lazo, Jennifer McAteer, James Brown, Tracy Blunt, Donald Kerchner, Peter Miller, Barbara Richard, Mick O'Neil, Melissa Blatt, Terry Guers, Stevie Sheetz, Melissa Leiby, Beth Sica

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 7:31 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 Pat Bealer, seconded by Dan Walter, to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2009 and November 2, 2009 School Board Meetings.

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

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

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

Ratification of General Account Bills Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Jo Stevens, to ratify for payment the general account bills in the amount of \$383,036.98.

Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0
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 \$355,824.27.

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

Ratification of Construction Account Bills Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Pat Bealer, to ratify for payment the construction account bills in the amount of \$8,980.00.

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

Approval of Construction Account Bills Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Jo Stevens, to approve for payment the construction account bills in the amount of \$148,435.61.

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

Supt's Report Mr. Gross recognized Carl Ziegler for his induction into the Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) Honor Roll and presented Mr. Ziegler a Certificate of Appreciation for his 16 years of service.

Mr. Gross acknowledged Stephen Welsh and Nathan Noll for their tremendous accomplishments in the 2009 state cross country race. Stephen received the gold medal, and Nathan finished 11th place.

Mr. Gross also recognized Mr. Walter, Mr. Vymazal, and Mr. Ramos for their years of dedicated and tireless service on the Kutztown Area School District Board of Directors and presented them with a Certificate of Appreciation. This would be their last voting meeting.

**Committee
Reports**

- EIT**
Pat Bealer Mrs. Bealer reported the committee picked the committee meeting dates for 2010. The committee also discussed Act 32 (one tax collector per county), which will be put into place in 2012. There were 89 representatives from school districts and municipalities across the county present at the discussion.
- BCTC**
Dennis Ritter Pastor Ritter reported the west campus had successful work completed to remove a mold issue. The committee also recognized students for their accomplishments so far this year.
- ECC**
Jo Stevens Mrs. Stevens reported the committee discussed the "Buy-A-Brick" campaign and forming an ad hoc committee to run the fundraising program.
- BCIU**
Carl Ziegler Mr. Ziegler reported the Intermediate Unit is making significant progress on the acquisition of land.
- PSBA**
Pat Bealer Mrs. Bealer reported she attended the regional meeting at the Berks County Intermediate Unit. The committee discussed Bill 1858 which would allow counties to add a 1% tax on sales and hotel usage.
- Policy &
Curriculum**
Dan Walter Mr. Walter reported the committee had a discussion on Policy 210-Self Administering of over-the-counter medications for all age groups. Currently, they are waiting to hear from the district physician for recommendations.

Personnel

Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Dan Walter, to approve the following personnel items:

1. The acceptance of the resignation of Tammy D. Spaid as an Rtl aide at the Kutztown Elementary School, effective December 22, 2009.
2. The approval of Michele Morstatt as a part-time (5 work hours per day) Special Education Department secretary, effective November 17, 2009, at a rate of \$10.00 per hour. (Funding for this position provided by ACCESS funds.)
3. The approval of Rebecca M. Guthrie as a substitute teacher, effective November 17, 2009, at a rate of \$100 per day for days 1-20 and \$110 per day for days 21 and thereafter.
4. The approval of Kristen A. Rapp as a guest substitute teacher by the Berks County Intermediate Unit, effective November 17, 2009, at a rate of \$100 per day for days 1-20 and \$110 per day for days 21 and thereafter.
5. The approval of Steven E. Royles as middle school assistant boys basketball coach for the 2009-2010 school year, effective November 17, 2009, at a stipend of \$2,262.
6. The approval of Eugene C. Sweeney as mentor for Matthew J. Lord, middle school technology education teacher, for the 2009-2010 school year, effective November 17, 2009, at a stipend of \$600 (prorated).
7. The approval of a child rearing leave extension for employee #22 from January 23, 2010 through the end of the 2009-2010 school year.

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

Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0

Motion carried.

Motion made by Al Darion, seconded by Jo Stevens, to approve Rebecca M. Guthrie as a full-time (7 work hours per day), floating kindergarten aide at Kutztown Elementary School, effective November 17, 2009, at a rate of \$11.00 per hour. (Funding for this position provided by ARRA funds.)

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

Motion carried.

Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Carl Ziegler, to approve Allison M. Scheidt as a third grade long-term substitute teacher at Kutztown Elementary School for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year.

Roll call vote: Yes 7

No 1 (Ho)

Absent 0

Abstain 1 (Walter)

Motion carried.

Student Representative

Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Pat Bealer, to approve Stevie D. Sheetz as student representative and Austin E. Fritz as student representative alternate to the Board of School Directors of the Kutztown Area School District for the 2009-2010 school year, effective November 16, 2009.

Roll call vote: Yes 9

No 0

Absent 0

Motion carried.

Conference Requests

Motion made by Carl Ziegler, seconded by Jo Stevens, to approve Cynthia A. Meyer to attend the PA Educational Technology Conference on February 22-24, 2010 in Hershey, PA, at a cost of \$884.70.

Roll call vote: Yes 9

No 0

Absent 0

Motion carried.

Motion made by Dan Walter, seconded by Pat Bealer, to approve Barbara L. Richard to attend the Annual PASBO Conference on March 9-12, 2009 in Hershey, PA, at a cost of \$737.96.

Roll call vote: Yes 9

No 0

Absent 0

Motion carried.

Board Participation

Motion made by Al Darion, seconded by Jasper Ho, to formally invite the board members elect to attend and participate in the November 23, 2009 committee meetings.

Roll call vote: Yes 9

No 0

Absent 0

Motion carried.

Discussion Item

"Creation of an Ad Hoc Committee from ECC to Run the "Buy-A-Brick" Cougar Campaign

Public Comment

Carl Ziegler recognized Mr. Vymazal, Mr. Walter, and Mr. Ramos for their dedicated service on the board. He recognized Mr. Vymazal specifically for all his time commitments by serving on the board and as their president for all those years.

Pastor Ritter noted that there will be H1N1 vaccinations available through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. More information, along with a registration form, is available at www.H1N1inpa.com.

Adjournment

Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Jo Stevens, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rikki L. Clark
School Board Secretary