

Minutes
of the
KUTZTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, October 19, 2009, 7:30 p.m.

The Board of Directors of Kutztown Area School District met for the regular board meeting on Monday, October 19, 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

Absent Alan Darion, Jasper Ho

Also Present Robert R. Gross III, Joseph Pugliese, Rikki Clark, Cindy Meyer, Rebecca Beidelman, Matt Link, Jennifer McAteer, James Brown, Tracy Blunt, Donald Kerchner, David Miller, Tom Kase, Keith Brintzenhoff, Karlene Brintzenhoff, Carole Duran, Melissa Blatt, Kay Fritz, Stevie Sheetz, Bruce Werley, Judy Daub, Danielle Berger, Dr. Javier Cevallos, Josee Cevallos, Alex Cevallos, Jacob Brintzenhoff

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 7:37 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 September 21, 2009 and October 5, 2009 School Board Meetings.

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

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

Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 0 Absent 2 (Darion, Ho)
Motion carried.

Ratification of General Account Bills Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Dennis Ritter, to ratify for payment the general account bills in the amount of \$600,160.20.

Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 0 Absent 2 (Darion, Ho)
Motion carried.

Approval of General Account Bills Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Dennis Ritter, to approve for payment the general account bills in the amount of \$446,001.77.

Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 0 Absent 2 (Darion, Ho)
Motion carried.

Approval of Construction Account Bills Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Dennis Ritter, to approve for payment the construction account bills in the amount of \$154,869.86.

Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 0 Absent 2 (Darion, Ho)
Motion carried.

Supt's Report Mr. Gross announced it has been a very busy first eight weeks of school. Last week, the Kutztown Area School District sponsored a 21st Century Classroom Showcase with Apple, Inc. Eight different school districts attended the various presentations held in the high school library, including a Skype session with a class in Germany, science experiments, etc.

Mr. Gross was pleased to announce the state budget has been signed, which includes a 2% increase in basic education funding for the Kutztown Area School District.

On behalf of the district, the administration, and the Board of Directors, Mr. Gross and President Vymazal presented Alex Cevallos and Jacob Brintzenhoff Certificates of Commendation for being recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Committee.

Committee

Reports

EIT No report.
Pat Bealer

BCTC No report.
Dennis Ritter

ECC Mrs. Stevens reported the committee discussed the “Buy-A-Brick” campaign and other fundraising ideas for the athletic facility improvement project. They also discussed the possible locations and sizes of the future concession facility.
Jo Stevens

BCIU Mr. Ziegler reported the Intermediate Unit is actively engaged in purchasing land for transportation storage and repair facilities. He also reported the Intermediate Unit published an emphasis on how teachers spend a week with a business over the summer to learn what the current needs are for various businesses.
Carl Ziegler

PSBA Mrs. Bealer reported she attended the PSBA’s annual conference in Hershey, PA, where she discussed and voted on the Keystone Exams, and attended various other presentations. Mrs. Bealer reported 71 districts, representing 50% of the Pennsylvania students, are opposed to the Keystone Exams.
Pat Bealer

Policy & Curriculum Mr. Ritter reported the committee discussed and reviewed policies 200 through 251.
Dennis Ritter

Personnel

Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Carl Ziegler, to approve the following personnel items:

1. The approval of Melanie A. McDermott as a full-time paraeducator assigned to the high school, 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (7 hours), at a rate of \$10.50 per hour, effective October 20, 2009.
2. The approval of Daniel R. Ryan as a full-time paraeducator assigned to Greenwich-Lenhartsville Elementary School, 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (7 hours), at a rate of \$10.50 per hour, effective October 20, 2009.
3. The approval of Sherry Sexton as a full-time paraeducator assigned to Kutztown Elementary School, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (7 hours), at a rate of \$10.50 per hour, effective October 23, 2009.
4. The approval of Lucy A. Williams as a full-time greeter/office aide assigned to the high school, 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (7 hours), at a rate of \$10.00 per hour, effective October 20, 2009.
5. The approval of Robert D. Mariano as a teacher substitute for school year 2009-2010, effective October 20, 2009, at the approved substitute teacher rate of \$100 per day for days 1-20 and \$110 per day for days 21 and thereafter.
6. The approval of the following substitute custodians at the rate of \$9.50 per hour, effective October 20, 2009.

Philip K. Ritter

Scott M. Blatt

7. The approval of Jamie L. Chambers as a substitute bus/van driver for the Eshelman Bus Company for the 2009-2010 school year.
8. The approval of an educational sabbatical leave for employee #91, commencing approximately January 22, 2010 or on the first day of the second semester of school year 2009-2010 through the first semester of the 2010-2011 school year. Employee will return the first day of the second semester of the 2010-2011 school year.
9. The approval of tenure for Christopher J. Simmons, High School teacher, effective September 29, 2009.

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

Roll call vote: Yes 7

No 0

Absent 2 (Darion, Ho)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Dan Walter, seconded by Pat Bealer, to amend the winter sports’ salaries to be based on the 2008-2009 school year, with no pay increase for 2009-2010.

Roll call vote: Yes 6

No 1 (Vymazal)

Absent 2 (Darion, Ho)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Don Vymazal, to approve the amended motion to approve the attached list of winter sports' coaches and salaries for the 2009-2010 school year. (Salaries based on the 2008-2009 school year.)

Roll call vote: Yes 7

No 0

Absent 2 (Darion, Ho)

Motion carried.

***Conference
Request***

Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Carl Ziegler, to approve Ian R. Moreland to attend the Leadership Series 2009-2010 "Focus on Learning: Assessment, Grading, and Response to Instruction" on October 15, December 16, 2009, and March 22, 2010 at the Berks County Intermediate Unit in Reading, PA, at a cost of \$355.

Roll call vote: Yes 5

No 2 (Bealer, Walter)

Absent 2 (Darion, Ho)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Dan Walter, seconded by Jo Stevens, to approve Dawn E. Starolis to attend the "Student Assistance Program: Add on Training" on December 8 through December 10, 2009 at the Berks County Intermediate Unit in Reading, PA, at a cost of \$625.

Roll call vote: Yes 7

No 0

Absent 2 (Darion, Ho)

Motion carried.

Policies 200-251

Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Jo Stevens, to approve as a second reading and final adoption, policies number 200 through and including policy 251, excluding policies 210, 237, and 246.

Roll call vote: Yes 7

No 0

Absent 2 (Darion, Ho)

Motion carried.

***Real Estate
Exemption***

Motion made by Carl Ziegler, seconded by Pat Bealer, to approve an exemption for property PIN# 45-5424-00-48-0140 from real estate taxes, per the Disabled Veterans Real Estate Property Certification approval notice.

Roll call vote: Yes 7

No 0

Absent 2 (Darion, Ho)

Motion carried.

***Easement
Request***

Motion made by Carl Ziegler, seconded by Dan Walter, to grant the Maxatawny Township Municipal Authority permanent and construction easements on school district property for the purpose of constructing and maintaining a sewage collection system, as per the attached agreements.

Roll call vote: Yes 5

No 2 (Bealer, Ramos)

Absent 2 (Darion, Ho)

Motion not carried.

***General
Construction
Bid Award***

Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Dan Walter, to award the General Construction Contract for renovations at the Maxatawny facility to the lowest bidder, Purcell Construction Company, at a cost of \$24,400. Funds for these services will be paid from the Capital Project Fund.

Roll call vote: Yes 7

No 0

Absent 2 (Darion, Ho)

Motion not carried.

***Mechanical
Construction
Bid Award***

Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Carl Ziegler, to award the Mechanical Construction Contract for renovations at the Maxatawny facility to the lowest bidder, Burkhardt Mechanical, at a cost of \$29,900. Funds for these services will be paid from the Capital Project Fund.

Roll call vote: Yes 7

No 0

Absent 2 (Darion, Ho)

Motion not carried.

***Electrical
Construction
Bid Award***

Motion made by Carl Ziegler, seconded by Dan Walter, to award the Electrical Construction Contract for renovations at the Maxatawny facility to the lowest bidder, Elec Tech Contracting, at a cost of \$19,945. Funds for these services will be paid from the Capital Project Fund.

Roll call vote: Yes 7

No 0

Absent 2 (Darion, Ho)

Motion not carried.

***Student
Expulsion***

Motion made by Dan Walter, seconded by Carl Ziegler, to approve student #102161 to be permanently expelled from attendance in the Kutztown Area School District. This recommendation came from the School Board Student Discipline Hearing Committee.

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

Motion not carried.

***Plan Con E
Submittal***

Motion made by Dennis Ritter, seconded by Carl Ziegler, to approve for submittal, Plan Con E and all required attachments therewith to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for review and approval.

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

Motion not carried.

***Discussion
Item***

“Buy-A-Brick” Campaign

***Public
Comment***

Ed Weiss requested confirmation that the athletic facility improvement project is moving forward. He stated his support of the project.

Adjournment

Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Carl Ziegler, to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rikki L. Clark
School Board Secretary