

Minutes
of the
KUTZTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, September 21, 2009, 7:30 p.m.

The Board of Directors of Kutztown Area School District met for the regular board meeting on Monday, September 21, 2009 at 7:30 p.m., in the High School library, pursuant to due notice to board members and the public.

Present Pat Bealer, Alan Darion, Jasper Ho (arrived 7:48 p.m.), Michael Ramos, Jo Stevens (departed 9:30 p.m.), Don Vymazal, Dan Walter (departed 8:49 p.m.), Carl Ziegler

Absent Dennis Ritter

Also Present Robert R. Gross III, Joseph Pugliese, Rikki Clark, Cindy Meyer, Rebecca Beidelman, Matt Link, Jennifer McAteer, James Brown, Tracy Blunt, Donald Kerchner, Barbara Richard, Mick O'Neil, Peter Miller, David Miller, Bryan Hartman, Donna Hill-Chaney, Michael Billman, Scott Kramer, Terry Guers, Deanne Johnson, Jan Lenich, Deb Kulp, Lisa Rarick, Melissa Keller, David Riegel, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Aulenbach, Emma Ketterer, Caleb Ketterer, Sue Ellen Ketterer, Melissa Blatt, Michelle Park, Kyle Aulenbach, Melissa Leiby, Fay Rothenberger, Steve Rothenberger, Sally Sunday, Lou Cottone, Lisa Schnell, Caecilia Holt, Chris Rarick, Emily Riegel, Kasandra Aulenbach, Melea Barahona

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 7:46 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 Carl Ziegler, to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2009 and September 8, 2009 School Board Meetings.

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

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

Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Ritter)
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 \$986,043.42.

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

Approval of General Account Bills Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Carl Ziegler, to approve for payment the general account bills in the amount of \$247,245.13.

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

Ratification of Construction Account Bills Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Carl Ziegler, to ratify for payment the construction account bills in the amount of \$74,191.50.

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

Approval of Construction Account Bills Motion made by Carl Ziegler, seconded by Al Darion, to approve for payment the construction account bills in the amount of \$212,280.67.

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

**Supt's
Report**

Mr. Gross informally recognized Casey Trexler, a Kutztown Area Senior High School FFA (Future Farmers of America) participant, who recently attended the Greater Allentown Fair where she was chosen to represent the Pennsylvania FFA organization in the Eastern States National Competition in Springfield, Massachusetts. Mr. Gross commended Casey for finishing second place nationally in this competition.

Bryan Hartman, Fine Arts Department Chair, and Donna Hill-Chaney, elementary art teacher, presented the 2009-2010 Kutztown Area School District Traveling Art Show, and recognized each student participant. Chris Rarick, Emily Riegel, Kasandra Aulenbach, Emma Ketterer, and Melea Barahona were in attendance to accept the Board's congratulations and their award certificates. Recognition was also given to Victoria VanDuren and Fallon Kolb who were unable to attend. Mr. Gross also acknowledged the talented art staff for all their hard work and ability to bring out the best in the students.

**Committee
Reports**

EIT <i>Pat Bealer</i>	Mrs. Bealer reported the earned income tax distribution is down 1% this year, and the number of people employed has dropped by several thousand.
BCTC <i>Dennis Ritter</i>	No report.
ECC <i>Pat Bealer</i>	No report.
BCIU <i>Carl Ziegler</i>	Mr. Ziegler reported the committee discussed how the Intermediate Unit will cope without a state budget in effect, since 75% of the BCIU's revenue comes from the state. He also reported the committee continues to move on the \$14.5 million renovation to the facility.
PSBA <i>Pat Bealer</i>	Mrs. Bealer reported PSBA's annual conference is being held October 14-16 in Hershey, PA. She also reported the final form of the Keystone Exams has been passed.
Policy & Curriculum <i>Dan Walter</i>	Mr. Walter reported the committee reviewed and discussed the updated PSBA policies number 000 through 011 and 100 through 146. There was also a PD360 presentation given by Mr. Lazo on professional development of the professional staff.

Personnel

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

1. The acceptance of the resignation of Lisa J. Gump, part-time Special Education secretary, effective September 18, 2009.
2. The approval of Lisa J. Gump as a clerical substitute for the 2009-2010 school year, effective September 22, 2009, at the approved substitute hourly rate of \$9.75 for clerical personnel.
3. The acceptance of the resignation of Kathy J. Kramer, hall monitor at the high school, effective September 11, 2009.
4. The acceptance of the resignation of Robin D. Rhodes, inclusion aide at the high school, effective September 16, 2009.
5. The acceptance of the resignation of Matthew B. Cullen as the Middle School TSA Advisor for the 2009-2010 school year.
6. The approval of David G. Fisher as a full-time Response to Intervention/instructional support aide at Albany and Kutztown Elementary School, effective September 22, 2009, at an hourly rate of \$11.00.
7. The approval of Darlene S. Bogert as a part-time elementary nurse assistant for 5 hours per day and 180 school days per year, effective September 22, 2009, at an hourly rate of \$13.50.
8. The approval of the following teacher substitutes for school year 2009-2010, effective September 22, 2009, at the approved substitute teacher rate of \$100 per day for days 1-20 and \$110 per day for days 21 and thereafter.

Linda A. Mentzel (guest teacher)

Tammy D. Spaid

9. The approval of the following cafeteria substitutes for the 2009-2010 school year, effective September 22, 2009, at the approved substitute hourly rate of \$8.50 for cafeteria personnel:

Ronald A. Heffner

Patience Hicks

Erin M. Long

10. The approval of the following Senior Volunteer Tax Exchange Program participants for the 2009-2010 school year, effective September 22, 2009.

Sandra A. Long

Audrey M. Miller

Donald L. Miller

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

Roll call vote: Yes 8

No 0

Absent 1 (Ritter)

Motion carried.

***School
Psychologist
Intern***

Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Dan Walter, to approve Tiffani E. Kinsey as a school psychologist intern for the 2009-2010 school year, at a stipend of \$8,000.

Roll call vote: Yes 8

No 0

Absent 1 (Ritter)

Motion carried.

***Conference
Request***

Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Carl Ziegler, to approve Matthew J. Link to attend the Eastern Pennsylvania Special Education Administrators Conference on October 28-30, 2009 in Hershey, PA, at a cost of \$528.60.

Roll call vote: Yes 8

No 0

Absent 1 (Ritter)

Motion carried.

***Midpoint
Review
Submission***

Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Dan Walter, to approve for submission to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, the Academic Standards and Assessment and Professional Education Midpoint Review.

Roll call vote: Yes 8

No 0

Absent 1 (Ritter)

Motion carried.

Policy 815

Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Dan Walter, to approve as a second reading and final adoption, Policy 815 *Computer Hardware/Software/Network Usage*.

Roll call vote: Yes 8

No 0

Absent 1 (Ritter)

Motion carried.

***Policies 000-011
And 100-146***

Motion made by Dan Walter, seconded by Pat Bealer, to approve as a second reading and final adoption, policies number 000 through and including policy 011, *Local Board Procedures*, and policies number 100 through and including policy 146, *Programs*.

Roll call vote: Yes 8

No 0

Absent 1 (Ritter)

Motion carried.

***Bond Resolution
for HS Project***

Motion made by Carl Ziegler, seconded by Jo Stevens, to approve the bond resolution as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of the Kutztown Area School District hereby approves the adoption of the attached Resolution authorizing the issuance of a series of General Obligation Bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$12,125,000, to finance various capital projects of the School District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors hereby authorizes the execution and delivery of (a) a Bond Purchase Proposal from RBC Capital Markets Corporation for the purchase of the Bonds on the terms and conditions established in the Resolution and (b) an Addendum to such Bond Purchase Proposal which will be delivered by RBC Capital Markets Corporation upon the final pricing of the Bonds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors hereby authorizes the execution and delivery of such other agreements, certificates, instruments and documents necessary in connection with the issuance of the Bonds subject to the review and approval of such agreements, certificates, instruments and documents by bond counsel to the School District.

Roll call vote: Yes 7

No 1 (Ho)

Absent 1 (Ritter)

Motion carried.

Real Estate Tax Adjustment Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Jo Stevens, to permit taxpayer #55545400039378 to pay their 2008 Interim School Read Estate tax bill at the flat amount rather than the penalty amount. Taxpayer states they did not receive the bill in the mail. Taxpayer did pay their 2008 County Interim bill within the flat tax period.

Roll call vote: Yes 5
Motion carried.

No 2 (Ramos, Ziegler)

Absent 2 (Ritter, Walter)

Purchase of Used Utility Truck Motion made by Al Darion, seconded by Pat Bealer, to approve the purchase of a used 2005 Ford F250 SD XL 4WD utility truck at a price of \$17,200. The purchase price includes a three (3) month warranty.

Roll call vote: Yes 4
Motion not carried.

No 3 (Ho, Ziegler, Vymazal)

Absent 2 (Ritter, Walter)

Discussion Item Transportation Update

Public Comment The following community members stated their transportation concerns on the length of the bus rides and some elementary students not arriving to school on time due to late bus arrival: Melissa Keller, Deb Kulp, Deanne Johnson, Lisa Schnell, and Sally Sunday.

Adjournment Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Carl Ziegler, to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rikki L. Clark
School Board Secretary