Minutes
of the
KUTZTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, December 20, 2010, 7:30 p.m.

The Board of Directors of Kutztown Area School District met for a regular board meeting on Monday, December 20, 2010 at 7:30 p.m., in the High School Library, pursuant to due notice to board members and the public.

Present Patricia Bealer, Alan Darion, Craig Schroeder, Leon Smith, Jo Stevens, Sally Sunday, Amy Faust, Austin Fritz (*student representative*)

Absent Carl Ziegler, Jasper Ho

Also Present Nicholas Lazo, Karl Olschesky, Rikki Clark, Matthew Link, Cynthia Meyer, Rebecca Beidelman, Jennifer McAteer, James Brown, Tracy Blunt, Barbara Richard, Leroy Merkel, David Miller, Fay Rothenberger, Steve Rothenberger, Kay Fritz, Steve Fritz, Michele Moyer, Jeff Huffert, Krista Keim, Dana Keim, Randy Burch, Joy Weber, Shannon Weber, Nicholas Weber, Jim Ryan, Josh Chambers, Lucas Bricker, Gene Sweeney, Beth Stump, Toni Koller, Pam Ashman, Donna Keglovits, Mary Paterno, John Ebner, Rebecca Ziegler, Melissa Blatt, Jennifer Nattress, Renee Mantz, Jessica Bing, Vickie Bastian, Ann Dietrich, Jane Venkauskas, Allison Scheidt, Lisa Fluck, Mary Weber, Nicole Yergey, Dona Hetman, Brenda Boyer, Karen Austin, Amanda Williams, Cyndi Parker, Melissa Nolte, Adam Berrigan, Kris Tuerk, Sue Mixa, Antoinette Sprinkle, Dr. Dennis Seaman, Carol Schulley, Lori Christ, Danielle Berger, Erin Webb, Christy Hetrick, Randall Wert, Terry Guers, Claire Kempes, Jodi Kirstein, Melissa Smith, Stephanie Steigerwalt, Beth Patten, Hallie Schumacher, Sue Collier, Kristin Haring, Brooke Roberts, Scott Heiter, Lou Cottone, Jesse Whitehouse, Ty Smith, Pam Heid, Lori Arndt, Frank Matrone, Brenda Loeb, Karen Kabakoff, Shannon Sunday, Carl Zeplin, Dave Kenney, Shelby Brett, Andrew Brett, Amy Howard, Chris Schumacher

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 7:39 p.m. by President Bealer.

Welcome President Bealer welcomed guests and opened the meeting with a moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. She asked everyone to sign the attendance book and mark the topic of comment next to his/her name. She requested that anyone wishing to speak on an agenda item please raise his/her hand to be recognized. She announced there was an executive session conducted prior to the meeting to discuss personnel matters. She indicated that this meeting was being tape recorded.

Approval of Minutes Motion made by Leon Smith, seconded by Amy Faust, to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2010 School Board Meeting, the November 22, 2010 Policy and Curriculum Committee and Facilities Committee Meetings, the December 6, 2010 Reorganization Meeting with Exhibits A and B, and the December 6, 2010 School Board Meeting.
Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 0 Absent 2 (Ho, Ziegler)
Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report Motion made by Amy Faust, seconded by Jo Stevens, to accept the treasurer's report of the General Fund.
Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 0 Absent 2 (Ho, Ziegler)
Motion carried.

Ratification of General Account Bills Motion made by Amy Faust, seconded by Jo Stevens, to ratify for payment the general account bills in the amount of $409,140.81.
Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 0 Absent 2 (Ho, Ziegler)
Motion carried.

Approval of General Account Bills Motion made by Leon Smith, seconded by Jo Stevens, to approve for payment the general account bills in the amount of $604,001.63.
Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 0 Absent 2 (Ho, Ziegler)
Motion carried.

Supt's Report Mr. Lazo introduced Coach Keim, who recognized the following field hockey athletes for receiving awards for 2010:
Kelsey Mucelli (Senior)

- All County Team 2010
  - Awarded by Berks County Field Hockey Coaches Association
- Berks County Division 4 Player of the Year 2010

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- Awarded by the Berks County Field Hockey Coaches Association
- All-State 2nd team 2010
  - Awarded by the Pennsylvania High School Field Hockey Coaches Association
- Academic All-State 2010
  - Awarded by the Pennsylvania High School Field Hockey Coaches Association
  - For maintaining a 92% or higher GPA through 1st quarter of 2010

Ashley Landis (Senior)

- Berks County Division 4 All-Star Team 2010
  - Awarded by the Berks County Field Hockey Coaches Association
- All-State Honorable Mention 2010
  - Awarded by the Pennsylvania High School Field Hockey Coaches Association

Katrina Rydzewski (Senior)

- Academic All-State 2010
  - Awarded by the Pennsylvania High School Field Hockey Coaches Association
  - For maintaining a 92% or higher GPA through 1st quarter of 2010

Anna Behm (Junior)

- Berks County Division 4 All-Star Team 2010
  - Awarded by the Berks County Field Hockey Coaches Association

Amy Mucelli (Sophomore)

- Berks County Division 4, 2nd Team 2010
  - Awarded by the Berks County Field Hockey Coaches Association

Mr. Lazo introduced Coach Whitehouse, who recognized freshman Shannon Weber who received Berks County Girls Golf Player of the Year award for 2010.

Mr. Lazo introduced Kris Tuerk, middle school art teacher, who recognized Zoe Keim, eighth grade. Ms. Keim's artwork was selected for the 2010 KASD holiday card.

Mr. Lazo recognized Austin Fritz, senior, who received Fourth Place in the 2010 Berks County Math Championship. Mr. Lazo also recognized the building principals of Greenwich-Lenhartsville Elementary School, Kutztown Elementary School, Kutztown Area Middle School, and Kutztown Area High School for receiving the Keystone Awards for making Adequate yearly Progress (AYP) for the 2009-2010 school year. Mrs. Beidelman, Mrs. Blunt, Mr. Brown, and Ms. Steigerwalt (on behalf of Mr. Miller) accepted the awards.

Mr. Lazo reported nine media-production students attended the Hydenfilms Institute's red carpet event on December 16, 2010. These students were afforded the opportunity to network with industry leaders and interview celebrities.

Committee Reports

EIT *Pat Bealer*	No report.
BCTC *Craig Schroeder*	No report.
ECC *Jo Stevens*	Mrs. Stevens reported the two athletic trainers were able to receive enough funds, primarily through the KASD Booster Clubs, to purchase one AED unit.
BCIU *Carl Ziegler*	No report.
PSBA *Pat Bealer*	Mrs. Bealer reported the food and nutrition bill has been passed. She also noted the PSBA Winter Legislative Meeting is scheduled for January 6, 2011.
Student Achievement *Al Darion*	Dr. Darion reported Mrs. Beidelman presented information on additional districts engaging in the one-to-one laptop program. Development of a project to work with at-risk students was also presented.

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Personnel

Motion made by Al Darion, seconded by Jo Stevens, to accept, with regret, the resignation due to retirement of Peter D. Miller, effective July 5, 2011.

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

Motion made by Amy Faust, seconded by Leon Smith, to approve the following personnel items:

1. The acceptance of the resignation of Jennifer L. Knight as National Honor Society Advisor, effective the 2011-2012 school year.
2. The approval of a family medical leave (FMLA) for employee #689 commencing on November 30, 2010 through the end of the first semester of the 2010-2011 school year, followed by a child-rearing leave through the end of the 2010-2011 school year.
3. The approval of Brien T. Kalnoski as a substitute teacher for school year 2010-2011, effective December 21, 2010, at the approved substitute teacher rate of $100 per day for days 1-20 and $110 per day thereafter.
4. The approval of Eric N. Smith as a guest substitute teacher by the Berks County Intermediate Unit for school year 2010-2011, effective December 21, 2010, at the approved substitute teacher rate of $100 per day for days 1-20 and $110 per day thereafter.
5. The approval of Kim L. Cowell as a substitute secretary/clerical/classroom aide for the 2010-2011 school year, effective December 21, 2010, at the approved substitute secretary/clerical/classroom aide rate of $9.75 per hour.
6. The approval to rescind the resignation of Robert W. Smith, and approve him as assistant girls basketball coach at the middle school for the 2010-2011 school year, effective December 21, 2010, at a salary of $2,258.
7. The approval of Rebecca L. Hottenstein as a Kutztown University intern for the athletic office, effective January 18, 2011.
8. The approval of Bonnie S. Block and Elizabeth I. Stump as volunteer swim coaches for the 2010-2011 school year, effective December 21, 2010.
9. The approval of tenure for Walter C. Schumacher, retroactive to November 6, 2010, due to completion of three (3) years of satisfactory teaching at Kutztown Area School District and fulfillment of all requirements for tenure.

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

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

Conference Requests

Motion made by Amy Faust, seconded by Leon Smith, to approve the request for Rebecca E. Beidelman to attend the Pennsylvania Education Technology Expo and Conference (PETE & C) on February 14-16, 2011 in Hershey, PA, at a cost of $659.00.

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

Motion made by Jo Stevens, seconded by Al Darion, to approve the request for Brenda L. Boyer to attend the Pennsylvania Education Technology Expo and Conference (PETE & C) on February 13-16, 2011 in Hershey, PA, at a cost of $542.00.

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

Motion made by Amy Faust, seconded by Jo Stevens, to approve the request for Shelby L. Brett to attend the Pennsylvania Education Technology Expo and Conference (PETE & C) on February 14-15, 2011 in Hershey, PA, at a cost of $433.00.

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

Motion made by Amy Faust, seconded by Jo Stevens, to approve the request for Adelaide T. Peters to attend the Pennsylvania Education Technology Expo and Conference (PETE & C) on February 14-15, 2011 in Hershey, PA, at a cost of $608.30.

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

Motion made by Jo Stevens, seconded by Leon Smith, to approve the request for Barbara L. Richard to attend the PASPA Annual Conference on February 23-25, 2011 in Harrisburg, PA, at a cost of $604.00.

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

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Student Vacation Requests Motion made by Amy Faust, seconded by Sally Sunday, to approve the vacation request for student #105131 for a five (5) day absence from January 3-7, 2011. This will result in the student exceeding excused vacation time by two (2) days due to an educational trip on November 22-23, 2010.

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

Motion made by Amy Faust, seconded by Jo Stevens, to approve the vacation request for student #102592 for the following dates. These will result in the student exceeding excused vacation time by six and a half to seven and a half (6.5-7.5) days, pending weather make-up, due to educational trips on August 30-31 and December 9 (PM)-10, 2010.

February 16-21, 2010	Three-four (3-4) days (pending weather make-up)
March 24-27, 2011	Two (2) days
May 11-15, 2011	Three (3) days

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

Motion made by Amy Faust, seconded by Jo Stevens, to approve the vacation request for student #103263 for a fourteen (14) day absence from January 1-22, 2011. This will result in the student exceeding excused vacation time by nine (9) days.

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

Special Education Software Motion made by Jo Stevens, seconded by Leon Smith, to approve the Letter of Intent and Agreement with Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) for the purchase of Sunguard Public Sector IEPplus® beginning the 2011-2012 school year, at a cost as detailed in Attachment B.

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

Discussion Items ESCO (Energy Saving Companies)

Public Comment Josh Chambers, high school language arts teacher and KATA president, presented a prepared statement on behalf of the Kutztown Area Teachers' Association (KATA) stating the teachers have been working since July 1, 2010 under an expired contract, while continuing to deliver quality education to our students. Mr. Chambers urged the Board to return a similar quality of committment to quality education by coming to a fair and equitable contract settlement.

Alan Angstadt commented he was pleased to see the Board recognize student athletes.

Kristin Haring invited the Board to Kutztown Elementary School on December 21, 2010 to observe her eighth grade students read their own created books to the elementary students. These student-created books will then be sent to a publishing company.

James Brown recognized the students and the staff for helping to achieve the Keystone Awards.

Adjournment Motion made by Amy Faust, seconded by Leon Smith, to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. and convene into Executive Session.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rikki L. Clark
School Board Secretary

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