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

The Board of Directors of Kutztown Area School District met for a regular board meeting on Monday, September 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, Amy Faust, Jasper Ho (departed at 7:40 p.m.), Craig Schroeder, Leon Smith, Jo Stevens, Sally Sunday, Carl Ziegler

Absent

Also Present Nicholas Lazo, Rikki Clark, Karl Olschesky, Matthew Link, Cynthia Meyer, Rebecca Beidelman, Tracy Blunt, Peter Miller, Donald Kerchner, Barbara Richard, Dave Miller, Helenirene Kuehne, Ron Devlin-*Reading Eagle*, Karen Kabakoff, Bonnie Treadway, Lori Arndt, Karen Austin, Meredith DeVere, Jennifer Wyland, David Kenney, Melissa Blatt, Ann McCoach, Marianne Hill-Strackbein, Rebecca Ziegler, Bonnie Yurvati, Melissa Leiby, Sara Mohler, Harry and Nettie Herman, Brad Keller, Allison Scheidt, Margaret McKenna, Donna Keglovits, Jeff Huffert, Ann Dietrich, Shelby Brett, Amanda Williams, Bruce Werley, Karl Bubbenmoyer, Lucille Bubbenmoyer, Emily Bubbenmoyer, Sarah Bubbenmoyer, Brock Rabenold, Julie Rabenold, Brian Floyd, Sandra Floyd, John Noll Jr., Josh Chambers, Michenelle Groller, Paul Noon, Pam Ashman, Claire Kempes, Donna Hill-Chaney, Laurel Ziegler, Kris Tuerk, Justin Tuerk, Melissa Nolte, Kay Fritz, Katie Kunkel, Enos Bleiler, Kyra Hulsebos

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

Welcome President Ziegler 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. He announced there was an executive session conducted prior to the meeting to discuss personnel matters.

Approval of Minutes Motion made by Leon Smith, seconded by Pat Bealer, to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2010 School Board Meeting, the August 23, 2010 Policy and Curriculum Committee and Facilties Committee Meetings, and the September 7, 2010 School Board Meeting.
Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 0 Absent 1 (Ho) Abstain 1 (Darion)
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 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Ho)
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 $689,402.63.
Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 0 Absent 1 (Ho) Abstain 1 (Faust)
Motion carried.

Approval of General Account Bills Motion made by Amy Faust, seconded by Sally Sunday, to approve for payment the general account bills in the amount of $489,161.88.
Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Ho)
Motion carried.

Supt's Report Mr. Lazo presented, with great pleasure, the annual Traveling Art Show and "resident" artists. He expressed his pride of all the artwork in the district. Mr. Lazo and President Ziegler presented certificates and a job well done to the following 2010 Traveling Art Show participants:

- Gretta Bankes, Kutztown Elementary School
- Jordan Noecker, Kutztown Elementary School
- Michaela Ryan, Greenwich-Lenhartsville Elementary School
- Sarah Bubbenmoyer, Greenwich-Lenhartsville Elementary School
- Logan Fisher, Kutztown High School
- Zachary Dietrich, Albany Elementary School
- Emma Keller, Albany Elementary School

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- Kimberly Brazina, Kutztown Middle School
- Brock Rabenold, Kutztown Middle School
- Kaitlyn Floyd, Kutztown Middle School

Ms. Donna Hill-Chaney, elementary art teacher, and Ms. Kristen Tuerk, middle school art teacher, along with the student participants, presented, shared, and summarized their artwork.

Mr. Lazo introduced Helenirene Kuehne from the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees, who presented the 2010 Lauretta Woodson Award. Ms. Kuehne bestowed the prestigious Lauretta Woodson Award upon Donald L. Kerchner, supervisor of facilities and operations of the Kutztown Area School District. This award is given to an active professional and staff professional in Berks County for their many years of exceptional service, caring, and dedication to their students. Congratulations to Mr. Kerchner for his dependability, trustworthiness, and commitment in securing and maintaining a safe environment for all who daily walk over the thresholds of our schools.

Committee Reports

EIT *Pat Bealer* — No report.

BCTC *Craig Schroeder* — No report.

ECC *Jo Stevens* — Mrs. Stevens reported the middle school football team only has five members. The team is unable to participate in any games; however, the team is continuing to practice. The coaching staff is currently assisting with the high school team. The committee discussed what it would take to start a lacrosse team. Besides the issue of field space, the sport would need to be active for three years and show adequate student interest.

BCIU *Carl Ziegler* — No report.

PSBA *Pat Bealer* — Mrs. Bealer reported the general assembly is meeting this fall. PSBA has been discussing how to get more revenue into the state, and they are recommending the Marcellus Shale revenue be taxed.

Student Achievement *Al Darion* — No report.

Personnel

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

1. The resignation of Kenneth W. Story as a paraeducator at Kutztown Elementary School, effective September 20, 2010.
2. The approval of a full-time (7 hours per day) paraeducator placeholder.
3. The resignation of Brooke M. Roberts as head middle school girls basketball coach, effective September 1, 2010.
4. The approval of Lyndell M. Johnson as a part-time (5 hours per day) nurse assistant, effective September 21, 2010, at a rate of $13.50 per hour.
5. The approval of the salary of $3,178 for Truman K. Neyhart as cross country head coach for school year 2010-2011. (Coach Neyhart was approved as the head coach on March 15, 2010.)
6. The approval of Jessica L. Ellex as a certified substitute teacher for the 2010-2011 school year, effective September 21, 2010, at the approved substitute teacher rate of $100 per day for days 1-20 and $110 per day thereafter.
7. The approval of the following guest substitute teachers by the Berks County Intermediate Unit for the 2010-2011 school year, effective September 21, 2010, at the approved substitute teacher rate of $100 per day for days 1-20 and $110 per day thereafter:
   Dorothy M. Haring Sharon L. Wiley-Snyder
8. The approval of Kyle T. Smith as a volunteer cross-country coach, effective September 6, 2010.
9. The approval of FMLA leave for employee #289 commencing on March 17, 2011 through the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year, as of September 20, 2010. (The employee's leave will begin on January 3, 2011, with the use of sick and personal days from January 3, 2011 through March 16, 2011.)
10. The approval of the salary of $129,000 for Nicholas Lazo, Jr. as acting superintendent, retroactive to August 6, 2010, his appointment date as acting superintendent.

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

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

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Student Board Representative Motion made by Amy Faust, seconded by Pat Bealer, to approve Austin E. Fritz as student representative to the Board of School Directors of Kutztown Area School District for the 2010-2011 school year, effective September 20, 2010. (Mr. Fritz was student board representative alternate during the 2009-2010 school year.

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

Student Vacation Requests Motion made by Sally Sunday, seconded by Amy Faust, to approve the vacation request for student #104315 for an eight (8) day absence from September 21-30, 2010. This will result in the student exceeding excused vacation time by three (3) days.

Roll call vote: Yes 3 (Schroeder, Stevens, Sunday) No 5 Absent 1 (Ho)
Motion not carried.

Motion made by Sally Sunday, seconded by Craig Schroeder, to approve the vacation request for students #104513 and #104164 for a seven (7) day absence from September 23-October 1, 2010. This will result in the students exceeding excused vacation time by two (2) days.

Roll call vote: Yes 3 (Schroeder, Stevens, Sunday) No 5 Absent 1 (Ho)
Motion not carried.

Policies 300. Employees Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Jo Stevens, to approve the second reading and adoption of Policies 300. Employees.

Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Amy Faust to table the motion to approve the second reading and adoption of Policies 300. Employees. The policies will be a discussion item at the September 27, 2010 Policy and Curriculum Committee meeting.

Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Ho)
Motion tabled.

Kutztown Tax Exoneration Request Motion made by Amy Faust, seconded by Jo Stevens, to approve the Kutztown Borough tax exoneration resolution for the years 2006, 2007, and 2008, in the amount of $1,791.80, inclusive of penalties and interest, for four property parcels.

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

Copier Replacement Bid Motion made by Leon Smith, seconded by Sally Sunday, to award the copier replacement bid for four copiers to Fraser Advanced Information Systems of West Reading, PA, at a cost of $515.46 per month for a term of 48 months with a $1 buyout option, which includes service and maintenance.

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

Apex at Kutztown Assessment Appeal Motion made by Jo Stevens, seconded by Al Darion, to approve the stipulation and the court order for tax reduction of Apex at Kutztown, LP, with an assessment value of $11,847.500.

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

Discussion Items Technology Update

Public Comment Joe Soga questioned a 'roll back' tax possibility on the Apex property and requested clarification on the amusement tax stated in the 2010-2011 budget.

Justin Tuerk expressed the great need to update computers at the middle school and explained the difference between a computer lab and a computer cart. Mr. Tuerk shared the importance of computers and technology in preparing students for the future.

Claire Kempes requested the board to reconsider the lease for computers.

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Donald Kerchner announced three of our head custodians have completed course work online for chlorination and treatment of well water: Scott VanHorn, Maxatawny; Shane Ritzman, Greenwich; and Jonathan Stickler, Albany. The courses were offered by the Pennsylvania Rural Water Association, and the certification received is valid for the next three years.

Executive Session Motion made by Amy Faust, seconded by Jo Stevens, to convene into executive session following adjournment of the meeting.
Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment Motion made by Leon Smith, seconded by Craig Schroeder, to adjourn the meeting at 9:06p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rikki L. Clark
School Board Secretary

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