Minutes
of the
KUTZTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, August 16, 2010, 7:30 p.m.

The Board of Directors of Kutztown Area School District met for a regular board meeting on Monday, August 16, 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, Craig Schroeder, Leon Smith, Jo Stevens, Sally Sunday, Carl Ziegler

Absent

Also Present Nicholas Lazo, Cynthia Meyer, Rebecca Beidelman, Jennifer McAteer, James Brown, Tracy Blunt, Peter Miller, Donald Kerchner, Barbara Richard, Matthew Link, Joan Haring, Melissa Leiby, Melissa Blatt, Danielle Berger, Ron Devlin, Carol Schulley, Lucy Williams, Claire Kempes, Gordon Konemann, Jeff Huffert, Dennis Krumanocker, Alan Angstadt, Rebecca Ziegler, Randy Wert, Susan Collier, Jeff Collier, Amy Howard, Denice Ruth, Angela Bankes, Cyndi Parker, Beth Stump, Karen Austin, Kerri Schegan, Brenda Loeb, Melissa Nolte, Pam Heid, Steve Rothenberger, Fay Rothenberger, Kay Fritz, Heather Oppmann

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 7:50 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 Pat Bealer, seconded by Leon Smith, to approve the minutes of July 19, 2010 and August 2, 2010 meetings of the Board of School Directors:
Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0
Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report Motion made by Leon Smith, seconded by Jo Stevens, 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 Amy Faust, to ratify for payment the general account bills from the 2009-2010 appropriation in the amount of $53,856.56.
Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0
Motion carried.

Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Amy Faust, to ratify for payment the general account bills from the 2010-2011 appropriation in the amount of $311,393.89.
Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0
Motion carried.

Approval of General Account Bills Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Leon Smith, to approve for payment the general account bills from the 2009-2010 appropriation in the amount of $113,730.30.
Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0
Motion carried.

Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Amy Faust, to approve for payment the general account bills from the 2010-2011 appropriation in the amount of $360,956.02.
Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0
Motion carried.

Approval of Construction Account Bills Motion made by Leon Smith, seconded by Pat Bealer, to approve for payment the construction account bills in the amount of $28,000.00.
Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0
Motion carried.

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Supt's Report

Mr. Lazo reported the district is fully staffed and ready for the opening of school for students on August 30. He took the opportunity to thank the following people for their tireless efforts to prepare for the school year:

- Donald Kerchner and the custodians and maintenance personnel for preparing the buildings and grounds for the return of our students and faculty.
- Mick O'Neil and the athletic department for preparing for the fall sports season and the year.
- Barbara Richard and the transportation department for finalizing the bus/van routes, contacting households, and putting into place practice runs for our kindergarten students.

We are looking forward to all staff and students returning. Teachers will begin next week with three professional development days on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

In addition, today was the first day for fall sports for senior high school students.

Committee Reports

EIT *Pat Bealer* — Mrs. Bealer reported Berks EIT won the approval of the tax collection commission, which means there will be one collector for EIT taxes in the county.

BCTC *Craig Schroeder* — No report, but Mr. Schroeder spent three hours at the BCTC for orientation.

ECC *Jo Stevens* — Mrs. Faust reported Mr. O'Neil will update the committee on the process of adding back a drug and alcohol portion to our policy at a future meeting. There will be volunteers to open and monitor the inside bathrooms during football games. The middle school football team only has 5-6 players to date.

BCIU *Carl Ziegler* — No report.

PSBA *Pat Bealer* — Mrs. Bealer reported there is a shortfall of federal funds going to the state.

Student Achievement *Al Darion* — Dr. Darion reported a group of elementary staff presented the utilization of computers in the elementary buildings.

Personnel

Motion made by Amy Faust, seconded by Jo Stevens, to approve the following personnel items:

1. The acceptance of the resignation of Jennifer L. Wyland as assistant high school field hockey coach, effective August 17, 2010.
2. The approval of Karl J. Olschesky as business administrator, effective September 15, 2010, at a salary of $88,000 per year.
3. The approval of tenure for the following teachers, effective August 24, 2010, due to completion of three (3) years of satisfactory teaching at Kutztown Area School District and fulfillment of all requirements for tenure:

Lucas J. Bricker	Chemistry	High School
Elizabeth I. Hartz	Life Skills	Kutztown Elementary School
Ian R. Moreland	Learning Support	Middle School

4. The approval of a $500 stipend to be paid to Donna A. Keglovits for her extra-duty as staff coordinator for the 2010 Elementary Summer Reading Program. (Appointment approved April 19, 2010.)
5. The approval of Celeste A. Ball as a mentor for Zachary N. Rudy, effective August 23, 2010 through the end of the 2010-2011 school year, at a salary per the KATA/KASD contract.
6. The approval of the attached certified teacher substitute list for the 2010-2011 school year, 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, at the approved substitute teacher rate of $100 per day for days 1-20 and $110 per day thereafter:

Virginia F. Booth	Gerald W. Muller	Susan E. McLellan

8. The approval of the following support staff substitutes for the 2010-2011 school year, at the approved substitute hourly rates of $9.75 for clerical/office/classroom aides, $9.50 for maintenance/custodial personnel, and $8.50 for cafeteria personnel:

Joyce E. Burch	K. Dawn Gehringer	Lisa Messina
Cathy S. Padasak		

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9. The approval of a 2010-2011 salary increase correction for a support staff employee, #67, to be changed from 1.5% to 1.9%, retroactive to July 1, 2010.
10. The approval of Sue A. Kunkel as assistant athletic director for the 2010-2011 school year, effective August 17, 2010, at a salary of $3,944 (salary same as 2009-10).
11. The approval of the following fall sport coaches and salaries for the 2010-2011 school year (salaries same as 2009-10) :

Megan B. Conrad	High School Assistant Field Hockey Coach	$2,262
Rebecca L. Hottenstein	Middle School Assistant Field Hockey Coach	$2,100
Harold D. Sheaffer	Head Rifle Coach	$4,293
Benjamin M. Reiffie	Middle School Assistant Boys Soccer Coach	$2,100

12. The approval of the following Eshelman bus and van drivers for the 2010-2011 school year:

Angela M. Zettlemoyer	Judith E. Deboer	Craig S. Weidner
Stanley T. Shauger	Suzanne R. Boyer	Carol A. Whitehouse
Gene G. Miller	Margarete B. Hottenstein	Melanie A. Kehl
Howard E. King	Sharon L. Trout	Colleen M. Lichtenwalner
Sandra L. Narducci	Peggy S. Weil	Gloria L. Faust
Christine M.H. Quinter	William F. Brobst	Roberta L. Handler
Heather A. Mayer	Michelle L. Christman	Leonel A. Lazo
Oscar A. Ballew	Bonnie L. Hedegard	

13. The approval of the following Eshelman bus and van substitute drivers for the 2010-2011 school year:

Ronald K. Angstadt	Ralph L. Bibbus III	Jean A. Butkus
Deborah A. Chambers	Charles J. DeBoeser Jr.	Jacob G. Feist II
Mark G. George	Richard Q. Haag	Tara L. Jacoby
James M. Keller	Nedra Y. Koller	John P. O'Brien
James Prato	Roderick H. Sutliff	Gerald A. Trate
Jeffrey J. White		

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

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

Board Treasurer Appointment Motion made by Amy Faust, seconded by Jo Stevens, to approve the appointment of Karl J. Olschesky as Kutztown Area School District Board Treasurer for the 2010-2011 school year, effective September 15, 2010, with a salary to be set at $1,050 and prorated (same rate as 2009-2010 and previously approved for Mr. Pugliese).
Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0
Motion carried.

2010-2011 School Year Bus and Van Routes Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Leon Smith, to approve the attached bus and van routes for the 2010-2011 school year, and to allow the assistant to the superintendent for human resources and district services and/or designee to make any necessary changes to the existing routes as deemed appropriate throughout the 2010-2011 school year, with exception of changes that involve additional costs or the complete deletion of a route.
Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0
Motion carried.

2010-2011 Act 93 Personnel Compensation Motion made by Amy Faust, seconded by Pat Bealer, to approve the 2010-2011 Act 93 personnel compensation per the attached list, retroactive to July 1, 2010.
Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0
Motion carried.

Auditor General's Performance Audit Report Motion made by Pat Bealer, seconded by Leon Smith, to approve the Auditor General's Performance Audit Report and Kutztown Area School District's response for fiscal years ending June 30, 2008 and June 30, 2007.
Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0
Motion carried.

Discussion Items **BCIU Greenwich Daycare** Mr. Lazo reported we do not charge the BCIU operated daycare at the Greenwich-Lenhartsville Elementary School because it would reduce our subsidy from the state.

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Weis Station Assessment Appeal

The Board needs to decide if they want to accept the appeal, per Mr. Stott's recommendation. The reduction in revenue would be approximately $17,000.

Motion made by Jasper Ho, seconded by Craig Schroeder, to accept the settlement of the Assessment Appeal for the Weis Station, Inc. at the value of $3,208,980, for the 2010-2010 school year taxes, per the recommendation of Attorney John Stott.
Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0
Motion carried.

Elementary & MS Computer Lease

Public Comment Kerri Schegan invited the board to visit her classroom and contact her with any questions.

Melissa Leiby questioned the vacated district office space in the high school.

Cindy Meyer noted laptops will be distributed to high school students this week, thanked the staff for their hard work in getting the laptops ready, and reminded the board she included an invitation in their board packet to contact her to take them into classrooms and explain how the computers are being utilized.

Dr. Al Darion wished to go on record being concerned of the board members' thoughts regarding the elementary computer lease and urged the board members who previously opposed to reconsider, even though the majority of the board opposes it. He noted the mission of the district is to educate as many children as possible, as efficiently as possible. This is the NCLB law. All children learn differently, therefore, many different approaches need to be used, and the computer is one of them. By denying this tool to our teachers, and we fail to meet AYP in the future, do not blame the teachers, blame the board.

Denice Ruth explained how elementary students and a learning disabled student profit from the use of computers in education.

Claire Kempes remarked the administrators and teachers are stating their needs and making recommendations to the board and the board is not listening.

Melissa Nolte, Karen Austin, and Angela Bankes remarked on the necessity of computers as a teaching tool.

Adjournment Motion made by Leon Smith, seconded by Jo Stevens, to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Barbara L. Richard
Assistant School Board Secretary

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