

Minutes
of the
KUTZTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, April 18, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

The Board of Directors of Kutztown Area School District met for a regular monthly board meeting on Monday, April 18, 2016 at 7:30 p.m., in the high school library, pursuant to due notice to board members and the public.

- Present** Alan Darion, Eric Johnson, Karl Nolte, Michael Hess, Caecilia Holt, Randy Burch, James Saunders, Carl Ziegler, Tyler Akers (student representative)
- Absent** James Shrawder
- Also Present** Katherine Metrick, Rikki DeVough, Matthew Link, Dave Miller, Diane Barrie, Chris Harrington, Barry Flicker, Chris Nelson, Allison Scheidt, Joyce Dietrich, Clifford Dietrich, Melissa Blatt, Donna Keglovits, Joleen Greenwood, Debra Kenney, Karise Mace, Jean Ziegler, Carol Schulley, Barb Weston, Erin Kraal
- Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by President Ziegler.
- Welcome** President Ziegler 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. He indicated that this meeting was being tape recorded.
- Meeting Minutes** Motion made by Michael Hess, seconded by Karl Nolte, to approve the Minutes from the April 4, 2016 School Board Meeting.
Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Shrawder)
Motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report** Motion made by Caecilia Holt, seconded by Al Darion, to approve the Treasurer's Report of the General Fund.
Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Shrawder)
Motion carried.
- Ratification of General Account** Motion made by Michael Hess, seconded by Caecilia Holt, to ratify for payment the general account bills in the amount of \$5,340,813.54.
Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Shrawder)
Motion carried.
- Approval of General Account** Motion made by Al Darion, seconded by Randy Burch, to approve for payment the general account bills in the amount of \$394,393.59.
Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Shrawder)
Motion carried.
- Ratification of Construction Account** Motion made by Randy Burch, seconded by Michael Hess, to ratify for payment the construction account bills in the amount of \$2,354.00.
Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Shrawder)
Motion carried.
- Approval of Construction Account** Motion made by Caecilia Holt, seconded by Karl Nolte, to approve for payment the construction account bills in the amount of \$812,859.46.
Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 Absent 1 (Shrawder)
Motion carried.
- Superintendents Report** Mrs. Metrick recognized Melissa Blatt and Rebecca Ziegler for managing the district's United Way campaign which raised over \$27,000 and set the district to be awarded the Carl E. Levan award for outstanding dedication to the United Way.
- Board Committee T.C.C.** Mr. Miller reported the committee is looking to connect with a third party to assist in collection of delinquent taxes.

Reports

- PSBA** Mrs. Holt reported an educational policy was published to assist in increasing student achievement.
- BCIU** Mr. Ziegler reported the IU is continuing to draw on lines of credit to make funds available to keep programs running.
- BCTC** No report.
- P & C** Mrs. Holt reported the committee was provided a presentation on blended learning and how it is utilized in classrooms. She also reported the committee discussed Policy 707 Use of Facilities and agreed no change to the policy was necessary.
- ECC** Mr. Burch reported the committee received a written update since the meeting was cancelled, and a discussion **Facilities** regarding the pole vault pit is on tonight's agenda.

Student No Report.

Achievement

Special No report.

Education

Personnel

Motion made by Randy Burch, seconded by Al Darion, to approve the following personnel items:

1. The approval of Julianne E. Michalik as vocal music teacher at the high school, effective August 22, 2016, at a salary of \$50,001 per Bachelor's, Step 1 of the KATA/KASD contract.
2. The approval John H. Perella, Jr. and John H. Perella, Sr. as chaperones for the Music Department trip to Cleveland, Ohio on April 28-30, 2016.

Roll call vote: Yes 8

No 0

Absent 1 (Shrawder)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Eric Johnson, seconded by Michael Hess, to approve the salary increase for Richard Galley to \$70,000 due to completion of his six-month evaluation process, per Policy #328, effective December 16, 2015.

Roll call vote: Yes 5

No 3 (Darion, Nolte, Saunders)

Absent 1 (Shrawder)

Motion carried.

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

Appointment of District Superintendent

Motion made by Randy Burch, seconded by Eric Johnson, to approve the following:

1. The appointment of George F. Fiore as assistant to the superintendent effective August 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016 at a salary of \$155,000, subject to the terms and conditions of a pending contract.
2. The election of George F. Fiore as district superintendent, effective October 1, 2016 at a salary of \$155,000, subject to the terms and conditions of a pending contract.
3. The approval of the salary for George F. Fiore at the per diem rate of \$596.16 for superintendent work completed prior to his start date of August 1, 2016, subject to the terms and conditions of a pending contract.

Roll call vote: Yes 8

No 0

Absent 1 (Shrawder)

Motion carried.

2016 Summer School Programs

Motion made by Al Darion, seconded by Michael Hess, to approve the following summer school programs and staffing for 2016:

Elementary Summer Reading Program

Staff: Jade E. Dahlquist Jane E. Venkauskas
Lori E. Arndt **Kerri L. Schegan**
Lisa Moyer Heather DeWald

Substitute Staff: Allison Schedit

Librarian: Joyce E. Burch (4 days per week at her then current hourly rate)

Coordinator: Kerri L. Schegan (stipend of \$500)

Staff Dates: June 20 (teacher preparation day)

June 21-July 28 (Monday through Thursday), 23 days total (including prep day) for 3.5 hours per day (4.5 hours per day for weeks 1 and 6), at a rate of \$24.50 per hour (current curriculum rate)

No School: Monday, July 4

Student Dates: June 21-July 28 (Monday through Thursday), 22 days total (Tuesday through Thursday – first week only)

No School: Monday, July 4

Middle School Summer Program

Staff: Mathematics – Justin Q. Dahlquist

Reading/Language Arts – Timothy N. Haas
 Staff Dates: June 20 (teacher preparation day)
 June 21-July 28 (Monday through Thursday), 23 days total (including prep day) for 3.5 hours per day (4.5 hours per day for weeks 1 and 6), at a rate of \$24.50 per hour (current curriculum rate)
 No School: Monday, July 4
 Student Dates: June 21-July 28 (Monday through Thursday), 22 days total
 (Tuesday through Thursday – first week only)
 No School: Monday, July 4
 Cost: \$75 per course for resident students; \$100 per course for out-of-district students

High School Online Summer Program

Staff: Lisa Saby
 Staff Dates: June 20 (teacher preparation day)
 June 21-July 28 (Monday through Thursday), 23 days total (including prep day) for 3.5 hours per day (4.5 hours per day for weeks 1 and 6), at a rate of \$24.50 per hour (current curriculum rate)
 No School: Monday, July 4
 Student Dates: June 20-July 28 (Monday through Thursday), 22 days total
 (Tuesday through Thursday – first week only)
 No School: Monday, July 4
 Cost: \$200 per course for resident students; \$225 per course for out-of-district students

Roll call vote: Yes 7 No 0 N/A 1 (Burch) Absent 1 (Shrawder)
Motion carried.

2016 Extended School Year (ESY) & Work Program

Motion made by Al Darion, seconded by Caecilia Holt, to approve the 2016 Extended School Year (ESY) and High School Summer Work Program and staffing for eligible special education students. One teacher preparation day will be granted for both programs. ESY and High School Summer Work students will attend Monday through Thursday from June 20-July 28. There are no student sessions on Monday, June 20 and Monday, July 4. Hours of instruction for both programs will be 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Instructors will be paid \$24.50 per hour and paraeducators will be paid at \$14.00 per hour for ESY/Summer Work Program only.

Elementary School Learning Support at Kutztown Elementary School

Instructor: Vickie L. Bastian
 Paraeducators: Ambika S. Khanna

Middle School Learning Support at Kutztown Middle School

Instructor: Lori E. Christ

Middle School Life Skills Support at Kutztown Middle School

Instructor: Alison VanDuren
 Paraeducator: Joanna O. Waidelich

Elementary Life Skills Support at Kutztown Elementary School

Instructor: Linda M. Schroeder
 Paraeducator: Martha J. Bergman
 Marianne E. Hill-Strackbein

High School Summer Work Program at Kutztown Middle School, Kutztown Elementary School, and District Administration Building

Instructor: Erin Tenny
 Paraeducator: Nicole M. DeLong
 Amy J. Pettit
 Julie Weaknecht

Additional Personnel:

Nurse Aide: June 20-June 28 from 8:30-11:45 a.m.
 Carol J. Fairchild (then current hourly rate)
 Substitute School Nurse: Tina M. Schmeck (\$24.50 per hour, current curriculum rate)
 Vanessa Sherrer (then current hourly rate)

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

Policy 201 – Adoption

Motion made by Caecilia Holt, seconded by Randy Burch, to approve the second reading and adoption of Policy 201 Admission of Students.

Roll call vote: Yes 5 No 2 (Hess, Nolte) N/A 1 (Darion) Absent 1 (Shrawder)
Motion carried.

Special Education Plan

Motion made by Randy Burch, seconded by Eric Johnson, to approve the Kutztown Area School District Special Education Plan for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019.

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

Snowstorm Relief Agent

Motion made by Randy Burch, seconded by Karl Nolte, to approve David Miller to act as the Applicant Agent regarding receipt of public assistance for the January 2016 Jonas Snowstorm emergency event.

Roll call vote: Yes 8
Motion carried.

No 0

Absent 1 (Shrawder)

Collection of Unpaid Taxes

Motion made by Caecilia Holt, seconded by Eric Johnson, to approve the resolution to approve the Berks County Earned Income Tax Office to use a third party collection agency to collect small value delinquent taxes from employers and individuals.

Roll call vote: Yes 8
Motion carried.

No 0

Absent 1 (Shrawder)

Odyssey of the Mind

Motion made by Al Darion, seconded by Eric Johnson, to approve the status of Odyssey of the Mind as a recognized district-wide club.

Roll call vote: Yes 8
Motion carried.

No 0

Absent 1 (Shrawder)

Pole Vault Pit

Motion made by Al Darion, seconded by Eric Johnson, to approve the purchase of a 21'6"x24'x32" pole vault pit (Product No. 1800) from UCS Inc., Lincolnton, NC, at a cost of \$16,204.00.

Roll call vote: Yes 8
Motion carried.

No 0

Absent 1 (Shrawder)

Public Comment

Elena Sewall asked the board the possibility of funding assistance for Odyssey of the Mind.

Adjournment

Motion made by Randy Burch, seconded by Caecilia Holt, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Rikki L. DeVough
School Board Secretary