

Minutes of the
KUTZTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, February 1, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

The Board of Directors of Kutztown Area School District met for a regular board meeting on Monday, February 1, 2016 at 7:30 p.m., at Kutztown Elementary School, pursuant to due notice to board members and the public.

Present Randy Burch, Al Darion, Caecilia Holt, Karl Nolte, Carl Ziegler, James Saunders, Eric Johnson, Tyler Akers (Student Representative)

Absent Michael Hess, Jim Shrawder

Also Present Katherine Metrick, David Miller, Deb Barnes, Rikki DeVough, Barry Flicker, Chris Harrington, Deb Kenney, Barb Weston, Carol Schulley, Ron Devlin

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 7:49 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 indicated that this meeting was being tape recorded.

Minutes Motion made by Randy Burch, seconded by Caecilia Holt, to approve the Minutes of the January 18, 2016 School Board Meeting.

Roll call vote: Yes 7

No 0

Absent 2 (Hess, Shrawder)

Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report Mrs. Metrick reported the district was awarded the Safe Schools grant. She also acknowledged Krystal Nolte's accomplishment of making the State Jazz Ensemble.

Personnel Motion made by Karl Nolte, seconded by Caecilia Holt, to accept, with regret, the resignation due to retirement of Katherine D. Metrick as superintendent, effective October 1, 2016.

Roll call vote: Yes 6

No 1 (Johnson)

Absent 2 (Hess, Shrawder)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Karl Nolte, seconded by Caecilia Holt, to approve the following personnel items:

1. The acceptance, with regret, of the resignation due to retirement of Bryan M. Hartman as vocal music teacher at the high school, effective July 1, 2016.
2. The approval of Alex H. Eskin as a classroom aide at Greenwich-Lenhartsville Elementary School, effective February 2, 2016 for 29 hours per week, at a rate of \$10.66 per hour.
3. The approval of Alexis L. Dolena as a speech and language pathologist, effective February 8, 2016, at a salary of \$61,342 per Masters +24, Step 2 of the KASD/KATA contract.

Roll call vote: Yes 7

No 0

Absent 2 (Hess, Shrawder)

Motion carried.

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

Conference Request Motion made by Al Darion, seconded by Randy Burch, to approve the request for employee #457 to attend the Pennsylvania Literacy Conference in Hershey, PA on June 21-23, 2016 at a cost of \$662.64.

Roll call vote: Yes 6

No 1 (Saunders)

Absent 2 (Hess, Shrawder)

Motion carried.

RWAN Consortium Motion made by Randy Burch, seconded by Al Darion, to approve the district's participation in the Berks County Regional Wide Area Network (RWAN) E-rate Consortium through the Berks County Intermediate Unit for a five (5) year term effective July 1, 2016. The estimated monthly cost during the first year of the agreement is \$3,182.49.

Roll call vote: Yes 7

No 0

Absent 2 (Hess, Shrawder)

Motion carried.

Chiller Service Motion made by Al Darion, seconded by Randy Burch, to approve an agreement with H.T. Lyons for annual service to the chillers in the four district buildings, effective February 1, 2016, at a total cost of \$7,147. This is a 1% increase from the previous year's agreement.

**Roll call vote: Yes 7
Motion carried.**

No 0

Absent 2 (Hess, Shrawder)

Superintendent Search Motion made by Randy Burch, seconded by Eric Johnson, to employ the Berks County Intermediate Unit to supply a superintendent search for the district at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.

**Roll call vote: Yes 7
Motion carried.**

No 0

Absent 2 (Hess, Shrawder)

Public Comment Barb Weston thanked the board for allowing faculty and staff to donate sick days to individual staff members on medical leave.

Discussion Items Albany Building Assessment
February 16 Board Meeting Date Change

Adjournment Motion made by Randy Burch, seconded by Caecilia Holt, to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Rikki L. DeVough
School Board Secretary