

Minutes
of the
KUTZTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, January 18, 2015, 7:30 p.m.

The Board of Directors of Kutztown Area School District met for a regular monthly board meeting on Monday, January 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, James Saunders, James Shrawder, Caecilia Holt, Michael Hess, Randy Burch, Carl Ziegler, Tyler Akers (student representative)

Absent

Also Present Katherine Metrick, Rikki DeVough, Matthew Link, Dave Miller, Diane Barrie, Chris Harrington, Barry Flicker, Erin Anderson, Brenda Boyer, Wanda Herring, Karen Chandler, Diana Rydzewski, Ruth Synnestvedt, Christopher Smith, Salvatore Tuccio,

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 7:42 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 Caecilia Holt, seconded by Jim Shrawder, to approve the Minutes from the January 4, 2016 School Board Meeting and the January 11, 2016 Budget and Finance Committee Meeting.

Roll call vote: Yes 8 No 0 N/A 1 (Hess) Absent 0
Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report Motion made by Michael Hess, seconded by Caecilia Holt, to approve the Treasurer's Report of the General Fund.

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

Ratification of General Account Motion made by Karl Nolte, seconded by Jim Shrawder, to ratify for payment the general account bills in the amount of \$3,762,852.97.

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

Approval of General Account Motion made by Michael Hess, seconded by Randy Burch, to approve for payment the general account bills in the amount of \$494,004.82.

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

Ratification of Construction Account Motion made by Karl Nolte, seconded by Jim Shrawder, to ratify for payment the construction account bills in the amount of \$17,600.00.

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

Approval of Construction Account Motion made by Karl Nolte, seconded by Caecilia Holt, to approve for payment the construction account bills in the amount of \$165,674.52.

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

Superintendents Report In celebration of School Director Recognition Month, Mrs. Metrick honored and thanked each board member for their dedication and tireless service to the students and community of the Kutztown Area School District. In recognition of each board member, a book has been selected at one of our libraries and dedicated in their name.

Board Committee T.C.C. No report.

Reports

PSBA No report.

BCIU No report.

BCTC No report

P & C No report.

ECC Mr. Burch reported the committee received an update on various student clubs/activities and results of student athletic teams.

Facilities No report.

Student No report.

Achievement

Special No report.

Education

Personnel

Motion made by Michael Hess, seconded by Randy Burch, to approve the following personnel items:

1. The acceptance, with regret, of the resignation due to retirement of Dr. Dennis L. Seaman, school psychologist, effective June 30, 2016.
2. The approval for Lori Schwarz to continue as a long-term substitute librarian at Kutztown Elementary School for January 15, 2016 and January 19, 2016, at the per diem rate for Bachelor’s, Step 1 of the KATA/KASD contract. Ms. Schwarz was previously approved as a long-term substitute for the first semester of the 2015-2016 school year effective through January 14, 2016.
3. The approval of Spencer C. Dize as an Eshelman substitute bus/van driver for the 2015-2016 school year, effective January 18, 2016.
4. The approval of a start date of January 25, 2016 for Krista K. Biernat as a speech and language pathologist. Mrs. Biernat was previously approved on December 21, 2015 with a start date effective upon the release of her current employment.
5. The approval of Jacqueline Gawronski as a long-term substitute RTII aide at Kutztown Elementary School, effective January 19, 2016 through on or about March 29, 2016, for 7 work hours per day at a rate of \$9.75 per hour for days 1-20, and \$10.50 per days 21 and thereafter.

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

Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0

Motion carried.

Forecast5 Software

Motion made by Randy Burch, seconded by Michael Hess, to approve the agreement with Forecast5 for data analysis through June 30, 2016 at a cost of \$2,534. The remainder of the agreement in the amount of \$8,580 will be included in the 2016-2017 budget.

Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0

Motion carried.

Act 48 Professional Development Cmte Motion made by Karl Nolte, seconded by James Shrawder, to approve the following individuals to serve on the Act 48 Professional Development Committee:

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| Brian Noecker | Local Business Representative |
| Theresa Stahler | Parent Representative |
| Karise Mace | Parent Representative |
| Caecilia Holt | Local Business/School Board Representative |
| Cathleen Brown | Community Representative |
| Connie Skipper | Community Representative |

Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0

Motion carried.

Payments to Charter Schools Motion made by Jim Shrawder, seconded by Al Darion, to release payment to charter schools equal to their portion of the state funds we receive.
Roll call vote: Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0
Motion carried.

Public Comment Christopher Smith requested clarification on the reason for the high per student cost for the district.

Salvatore Tuccio expressed his concern for the board choosing top priorities for budgeting costs and what costs are set in the budget.

Ruth Synnestvedt questioned if the district had any problems with an abundance of migrating students or illegal aliens.

Adjournment Motion made by Randy Burch, seconded by Jim Shrawder, to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Rikki L. DeVough
School Board Secretary