A N T I E T A M S C H O O L D I S T R I C T
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING ON JANUARY 23, 2012

The Antietam School Board met in regular session on Monday, January 23, 2012 in the district office conference room. Mr. David Stauffer, president, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance. He asked if there were any corrections to the agenda. None were noted.

The following members were present:

Beth Calabria	Larry O'Boyle
Chris Faro	Walt Saylor
John Fielding	Ann Sellers
Kristin Kerchner	David Stauffer
	Judith Swartz

Also present:

Larry W. Mayes	- Superintendent
Michele Zimmerman	- Business Manager
Michele Bleacher	- Supervisor of Special Education
Melissa Brewer	- Secondary Principal
Amy Flannery	- Elementary Center Principal
Shirley Feyers	- Primary Center Principal
Dan Richards	- Math/Science Supervisor and IT Coach
Brian Boland	- Solicitor
Pam Janda	- Board secretary

Dr. Mayes shared that senior Thomas Herb was awarded the Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship grant of $1000. He also shared the results of the Scholastic Art awards, including 3 gold keys, 8 silver keys, and 9 honorable mentions. Out of 30 submissions, 20 students received awards.

Dr. Mayes read a press release to the Board that discussed the possibility and feasibility of pursuing a merger with the Exeter School District. After the release was read, the Board was invited to ask questions. Mr. Faro asked about the time table. Dr. Mayes replied that the timeline for a merger study is approximately 6-12 months; and the timeline for a merger is approximately 3-5 years.

As there were no further questions, Mr. Fielding moved that the Board authorize Dr. Mayes to reach out to the Exeter School District to request a study be done on the possibility of a merger with the Antietam School District. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Swartz.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes_8_ Mmes. Calabria, Kerchner, Sellers and Swartz; Messrs. Faro, Fielding, Saylor, and Stauffer
No _1_ Mr. O'Boyle

Motion carried.

Mr. Stauffer noted that the minutes of the December 19th meeting had been distributed and asked if there were any corrections. Mr. Stauffer moved to approve the minutes of the meeting. A poll of the Board by a voice vote resulted in the minutes being approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Swartz reported year-to-date revenue of $10,660,515.65; year-to-date expenditures of $6,173,315.17, leaving a balance (unaudited) of $8,258,163.43; cash and investments as of December 31, 2011 of $8,290,202.05.

Mrs. Swartz moved, seconded by Ms. Calabria, the Board approve the Treasurer's Report, petty cash activity reports, and Cash and Investments as of November 30, 2011, and payment of bills for December 2011, as presented.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes_9_ Mmes. Calabria, Kerchner, Sellers and Swartz; Messrs. Faro, Fielding, O'Boyle, Saylor, and Stauffer

Motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Swartz moved, seconded by Ms. Calabria, the Board exonerate Fulton Bank from collecting 2011 real estate taxes from Lower Alsace Township and Mt. Penn Borough, and approve the Antietam School District's submittal of these taxes as delinquent to Berks County Tax Claim Bureau for collection.

Approve 2012-2013 preliminary general fund expenditure budget in the amount of $15,268,143.

Approve the filing of a Request for Referendum Exception with the PA Department of Education for each exception for which the District qualifies.

Approve budget transfers for the 2011-2012 school year, as presented.

Approve the referral agreement between the Antietam School District and CONCERN, as presented.

Accept a Repository Bid in the amount of $100 for parcel no. 64-5326-05-07-0956, located in the Borough of Mt. Penn.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes_9_ Mmes. Calabria, Kerchner, Sellers, and Swartz; Messrs. Faro, Fielding, O'Boyle, Saylor, and Stauffer

Motion carried.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Mr. Saylor moved, seconded by Mrs. Swartz, to approve the first reading of the following new policy:

113.4 – Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information

Approve the first reading of revisions to the following policies:

113 – Special Education
113.1 – Discipline of Students with Disabilities

113.2 – Behavior Support
113.3 – Screening and Evaluations for Students with Disabilities

Approve the new guardianship affidavit for the 2011-2012 school year for the following student: one student in grade 6, as presented.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes_9_ Mmes. Calabria, Kerchner, Sellers, and Swartz; Messrs. Faro, Fielding, O'Boyle, Saylor, and Stauffer

Motion carried.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Ms. Calabria moved, seconded by Mr. Faro, to ratify the following elementary teachers as after-school tutors for 1 hour/day at $30/hour: Heather Wamsher, Brad Biehl, Beth Girard, Ashley Schneider, and Kim Quaglia.

Ratify Karl Foerster as full-time, temporary Dean of Students at the Mt. Penn Elementary Center, Master's Step S, $40,800 (pro rated), with benefits, January 17, 2012 through June, 2012.

Ratify the termination of part-time co-curricular employee No. 2011-0554, girls' MS basketball coach, effective November 13, 2011.

Ratify Robert L. Thomas as girls' MS basketball coach, $2324, in accordance with co-curricular contract, pending receipt of clearances.

Accept the resignation of Stephen Janda, long-term substitute elementary teacher, effective December 23, 2011.

Approve the following person to be added to the substitute list for the 2011-2012 school year:

Rose Athas – Classroom/Cafeteria
Michele S. Davidson – Special Ed./English/Social Studies
Jane Pawlik – Cafeteria
Lee A. Rogers – Elementary
Rose Wentzel – Social Studies
Lauren Williams - Elementary

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes_9_ Mmes. Calabria, Kerchner, Sellers, and Swartz; Messrs. Faro, Fielding, O'Boyle, Saylor, and Stauffer

Motion carried.

Unfinished Business: Mr. Stauffer asked if there was any progress on "Project Lead the Way" and if the District had been able to secure any funding. Ms. Calabria gave the Board an update

As there was no further business to discuss, Mr. Stauffer adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Submitted by, Pamela S. Janda, Board Secretary