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 MARCH 26, 2012

The Antietam School Board met in regular session on Monday, March 26, 2012 in the high school cafeteria. 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
Shirley Feyers	- Primary Center Principal
Dan Richards	- Math/Science Supervisor and IT Coach
Brian Boland	- Solicitor
Pam Janda	- Board secretary

Mr. Greg Burdan, resident, thanked the Board for all their hard work during the difficult times we are facing and also thanked the Board for looking into the possibility of a merger with the Exeter Township School District.

Dr. Mayes congratulated the principals, teachers, and students for their efforts during the PSSA testing last week. He then acknowledged Tim Kiedeisch for his successful Bowling season, scoring a perfect game at the Regional tournament and earning 12th place at the State tournament. He also acknowledged Hayden Lee for his 1,014 point career while playing on the boys' basketball team and presented him with a certificate and some dinner coupons.

Dr. Brewer then presented Emilee Cooper with an Antietam Applause for her efforts to raise awareness about bullying and setting aside a day for local schools to wear green to stand up to prevent bullying.

There was no student representative report.

Mr. Stauffer noted that the corrected minutes of the February 27th 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 corrected minutes being approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Swartz reported year-to-date revenue of $11,565,282.18; year-to-date expenditures of $8,309,505.71, leaving a balance (unaudited) of $7,026,739.42; cash and investments as of February 29, 2012 of $7,113,535.48.

Mrs. Swartz moved, seconded by Ms. Calabria, to approve the Treasurer's Report, petty cash activity reports, and Cash and Investments as of February 29, 2012, and payment of bills for March 2012, 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, to approve budget transfers for the 2011-2012 school year, as presented.

Approve the letter of agreement between Northwestern Human Services and the Antietam School District for an extended school program for an autistic student.

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.

At this time, Ms. Lauren Eby from RBC Capital Markets, LLC, gave a brief overview of the bond purchase agreement to refinance the 2007 Bonds.

Mrs. Swartz moved, seconded by Mrs. Kerchner, to approve Resolution No. 2012-2 to refinance the District's General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2007.

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.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Mr. Faro moved, seconded by Mrs. Swartz, to authorize the administration to seek bids to renovate rooms 301, 401, and 402 at the middle-senior high school.

Authorize the administration to seek and accept bids to replace the Mt. Penn Elementary Center playground, not to exceed $53,000.

Authorize the administration to seek and accept quotes to remove an underground heating oil storage tank at the Mt. Penn Elementary Center.

Authorize the administration to seek bids to replace stair tower (windows and doors) "E" and "H" at the middle-senior high school.

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 request for an 8th grade student to remain at the Antietam Middle-Sr. High School as a tuition student for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year.

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.

Mr. Saylor moved, seconded by Mrs. Kerchner, to approve John Fielding's attending the PSBA "Spring Legal Roundup" on March 14, 2012, registration fee of $129.

Approve John Fielding's attending the PSBA "Right to Know Law" workshop on June 29, 2012, registration fee of $219.

Approve the final reading of the following new policies:

305 – Employment of Substitutes
306 – Employment of Summer School Staff
307 – Student Teachers/Interns

Approve the final reading of revisions to the following policies:

302 – Employment of Superintendent and/or Assistant
304 – Employment of District Staff
309 – Assignment and Transfer
317 – Disciplinary Procedures
333 – Professional Development
701 – Facilities Planning
705 – Safety
818 – Contracted Services

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes_8_ Mmes. Calabria, Kerchner, Sellers, and Swartz; Messrs. Faro, O'Boyle, Saylor, and Stauffer

Abstain 1__Mr. Fielding

Motion carried.

BERKS CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER

Mr. Saylor moved, seconded by Mrs. Swartz, to approve the BCTC Budget Resolution for the 2012-2013 school year.

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.

ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Mr. O'Boyle moved, seconded by Mrs. Kerchner, to ratify the overnight trip of Matthew Ahearn, Tim Kiedeisch, and Gage Okonski, to Pittsburgh for the state Bowling tournament on March 16th.

Approve the Antietam Glee Club for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year, at no cost to the district.

Approve the graduation date and time for the Class of 2012 on June 8, 2012 at 7 p.m.

Approve the contribution of $300 to the Antietam Sports Boosters to cover the cost of the venue for their spring banquet.

Approve the senior "open campus" plan as proposed for the 2012-2013 school year on a trial basis to be re-evaluated for continuation.

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 Mrs. Swartz, to approve the resolution to study curtailment requirements for the 2012-2013 school year, with one modification to #4 as noted in bold:

1. Study the professional staffing needs of the District based upon instructional program requirements and student enrollment; and
2. Determine the minimum professional staffing needs of the District for the upcoming school year based upon the foregoing studies; and

3. Make recommendations to the Board during April 2012, based upon the considerations set forth in the Public School Code, concerning whether any professional or temporary professional employee positions should be maintained, added, reduced or eliminated during the 2012-2013 school year; and
4. If a recommendation is made for elimination or reduction of positions **and the Board so approves**, implement the established procedures through termination of specific temporary professional employees, suspension of specific professional employees or demotion of specific professional employees, obtaining such approvals from the Department of Education that may be required for the alteration or curtailment of educational programs; and
5. Notify any temporary professional and professional employees who may be affected by the recommendations; and
6. Consult with and work with District legal counsel to insure the correctness and completeness of the process.

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.

Ms. Calabria moved, seconded by Mr. O'Boyle, to approve the addition of an assistant jr. high Softball coach for the remainder of the 2011-2012 season.

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.

Ms. Calabria moved, seconded by Mrs. Kerchner, to approve Matthew Ahearn, Kyle Schaeffer, and Adrienne Weller as jr. high Softball volunteer coaches.

Accept the resignation of Darren Max, boys' varsity basketball coach, effective immediately.

Ratify Kelly Morrell as full-time health assistant at the Mt. Penn Primary Center, 7.5 hours/day, $11.67/hour, with benefits, effective March 12, 2012.

Ratify Amy Koller as part-time weight room supervisor at the Antietam Middle-Sr. High School, 2 days/week for 1 hour/day, at $17/hour, for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year.

Accept the resignation of Glenn Bealer, part-time groundskeeper, effective March 16, 2012.

Accept the resignation of Krissy Baer, part-time cafeteria worker at the Mt. Penn Elementary Center, effective March 9, 2012.

Approve the revised list of Spring coaches and salaries, as presented.

Approve post-season pay for the winter coaches, as presented.

Approve Alex Krick as volunteer advisor of the Glee Club for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year.

Approve Nicole Krick as volunteer accompanist of the Glee Club for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year.

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

Scott Sandt – Elementary/Special Ed.
Rebecca Stoll - Art

As there was no further business to discuss, Mr. Stauffer adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Submitted by,

Pamela S. Janda, Board Secretary