

**ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING ON JANUARY 26, 2015**

The Antietam School Board met in regular session on Monday, January 26, 2015 in the district office conference room. Mr. Brian Boland, Solicitor, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by a roll call and the pledge of allegiance. Due to the absence of both Mr. Stauffer, Board president, and Mr. Walt Saylor, Board vice president, Mr. Boland asked if someone would make a motion to appoint a temporary chair from the Board members to preside over the meeting. Mr. Faro moved, seconded by Mr. O'Boyle, to appoint Mr. Fielding. A poll of the Board by a voice vote resulted in the meeting being turned over to Mr. Fielding.

Mr. Fielding asked if there were any corrections to the agenda. No changes were identified.

The following members were present:

Chris Faro  
John Fielding  
Julia Kleiman-Baer  
Larry O'Boyle  
Judith Swartz

Absent:Walter Saylor  
Ann Sellers (arrived late)  
David Stauffer

Also present:

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| Dr. Larry Mayes | - Superintendent   |
| Tracy Detwiler  | - Business Manager |
| Brian Boland    | - Solicitor        |
| Pam Janda       | - Board Secretary  |

Dr. Mayes welcomed Mr. Ben Overley, Mt. Penn Mayor, and Dr. S. Michelle Worrall, who is interested in filling Mrs. Kerchner's term on the Board. Mayor Overley administered the Oath of Office to Dr. Worrall, and the Board welcomed her. Dr. Mayes announced that January is typically the month when PSBA recognizes Board members, and he thanked them for their on-going dedication to the Antietam School District. Dr. Mayes also commended Kyle Schaeffer and his staff for the excellent job they did to clean up the roads and walkways after the snowstorm.

There was no student representative present.

Mr. Fielding noted that the minutes of the December 15, 2014 and January 19, 2015 meetings had been distributed and asked if there were any corrections. None were noted. 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 \$11,544,499.10; year-to-date expenditures of \$6,907,879.30, leaving a balance (unaudited) of \$10,102,896.62, cash and investments as of December 31, 2014 of \$10,570,920.61.

Mrs. Swartz moved, seconded by Mr. Faro, to approve the Treasurer's Report, petty cash activity reports, Cash and Investments as of December 31, 2014, and payment of bills for January 2015, as presented.

**A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:**

Yes 7 Mmes. Kleiman-Baer, Sellers, Swartz, and Worrall; Messrs. Faro, Fielding, and O'Boyle

**Motion carried.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Swartz moved, seconded by Mrs. Sellers, to approve the 2015-2016 preliminary general fund budget in the amount of \$17,129,443.

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 2014-2015 school year, as presented.

Accept a \$500 donation from AEM Architects designated for a one-time scholarship to a graduating member of 2015 with the criteria as presented.

Approve the request from the Berks County Commissioners for 2014 tax relief for a new exonerated property, the former Angora Fruit Farm.

Authorize the administration to proceed with the special education settlement agreement for student "J", as presented.

**A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:**

Yes 7 Mmes. Kleiman-Baer, Sellers, Swartz, and Worrall; Messrs. Faro, Fielding, and O'Boyle

**Motion carried.**

Mrs. Swartz moved, seconded by Mr. Faro, to exonerate Fulton Bank from collecting 2012, 2013, and 2014 interim and regular 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.

**A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:**

Yes 6 Mmes. Sellers, Swartz, and Worrall; Messrs. Faro, Fielding, and O'Boyle  
Abstain 1 Mrs. Kleiman-Baer

**Motion carried.**

**POLICY COMMITTEE**

Mr. Faro moved, seconded by Mrs. Swartz, to approve Resolution No. 2015-1, to overhaul the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (currently known as the "No Child Left Behind Act"), as presented.

Approve the first reading of revisions to the following policies:

- No. 302 – Employment of Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent
- No. 304 – Employment of District Staff
- No. 305 – Employment of Substitutes
- No. 306 – Employment of Summer School Staff
- No. 307 – Student Teachers/Interns
- No. 309 – Assignment and Transfer
- No. 317 – Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures
- No. 806 – Child Abuse
- No. 818 – Contracted Services

Approve the first reading of the following new policy:

- No. 317.1 – Educator Misconduct

Approve the deletion of the following policies: No. 404, 405, 406, 407, 411, 504, and 511

Approve the following new residency affidavits for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year, as presented.

**A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:**

Yes 7 Mmes. Kleiman-Baer, Sellers, Swartz, and Worrall; Messrs. Faro, Fielding, and O’Boyle

**Motion carried.**

**BERKS COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT**

Mr. Fielding moved, seconded by Mr. Faro, to appoint Michelle Worrall as Antietam’s representative on the BCIU Board, effective immediately through June 30, 2016.

**A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:**

Yes 7 Mmes. Kleiman-Baer, Sellers, Swartz, and Worrall; Messrs. Faro, Fielding, and O’Boyle

**Motion carried.**

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Kleiman-Baer moved, seconded by Mrs. Swartz, to accept the letter of resignation from Corey Fuzi, part-time ESL teacher, effective January 23, 2015.

Approve the following people to be added to the substitute list for the 2014-2015 school year:

Kristin Kerchner – Elementary  
Elizabeth Reach – Elementary Gr. 4-8

**A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:**

Yes 7 Mmes. Kleiman-Baer, Sellers, Swartz, and Worrall; Messrs. Faro, Fielding, and O'Boyle.

**Motion carried.**

As there was no further business to discuss, Mr. Fielding adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Pamela S. Janda, Board Secretary