

**ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING ON JANUARY 27, 2016**

The Antietam School Board's regularly scheduled meeting on January 25, 2016 was postponed due to the snowstorm. The meeting was rescheduled to Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at 7 p.m. in the district office conference room. Mr. David Stauffer, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance. Mr. Stauffer asked if there were any corrections to the agenda. Mrs. Kleiman-Baer requested that the motion accepting the \$100 donation from St. Xenia Philoptochos be included with the other Finance motions. No other changes were noted.

The following members were present:

Chris Faro	
Michael Gierula	Walter Saylor
Julia Kleiman-Baer	Ann Sellers
Larry O'Boyle	David Stauffer
Kyla Ramsey	Michelle Worrall

Also present:

Dr. Melissa Brewer	- Superintendent
Tracy Detwiler	- Business Manager
Melissa Devlin	- Director of Curriculum
Mr. Keith Shively	- Supervisor of Special Education
Brian Boland	- Solicitor
Pam Janda	- Board Secretary

Dr. Brewer shared a picture of the draft mural design for the project that the AVCP and District are working on. Dr. Brewer shared an article that was in the Reading Eagle featuring Mr. Gingrich and some 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students who participated in the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service with Alvernia University. The students worked around the Berks Leisure Area in Spring Township. Finally, Dr. Brewer commended Mr. Schaeffer and his staff for all their hard work cleaning up the roads and walkways around the district after the 30" snowfall. Dr. Brewer also took time to thank the Board for their dedication to the students and entire Antietam School District, as January is designated Board recognition month. Cards were given to the Board that had notes written by children throughout the District.

Mr. Stauffer noted that the minutes of the December 14, 2015 meeting 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**

Mr. O'Boyle reported year-to-date revenue of \$9,647,061.81; year-to-date expenditures of \$7,107,393.60, leaving a balance (unaudited) of \$8,229,941.89, and cash and investments as of December 31, 2015 of \$8,642,207.42.

Mr. O'Boyle moved, seconded by Mr. Faro, to approve the Treasurer's Report, petty cash activity reports, Cash and Investments for December 2015, and payment of bills for January 2016, as presented.

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

Yes 9 Mmes. Kleiman-Baer, Ramsey, Sellers, and Worrall; Messrs. Faro, Gierula, O'Boyle, Saylor and Stauffer

**Motion carried.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Mike Vind, from RBC Capital Markets and Financial Solutions, was at the meeting and presented options to the Board to refinance the remaining portion of the 2011 bonds. He gave the Board an opportunity to ask questions.

Mr. O'Boyle moved, seconded by Dr. Worrall, to authorize RBC Capital Markets and Financial Solutions to proceed with the RFP process to refinance the remaining portion of the 2011 bonds, not to exceed \$2.4 million dollars.

Approve budget transfers for the 2015-16 school year, as presented.

Approve the electric supply agreement between the Antietam School District and Constellation NewEnergy, Inc. to provide electricity at a rate of \$0.03935/kWh, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019, as presented.

Approve the special education agreement and release for special education student 16-2, as presented.

Accept a \$500 donation from AEM Architects, Inc. to be used for a scholarship for a member of the Class of 2016 with the criteria as presented.

Accept a \$100 donation from St. Xenia Philoptochos to the Music Department

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

Yes 9 Mmes. Kleiman-Baer, Ramsey, Sellers, and Worrall; Messrs. Faro, Gierula, O'Boyle, Saylor, and Stauffer

**Motion carried.**

Mr. O'Boyle moved, seconded by Mr. Saylor, to exonerate Fulton Bank from collecting 2014 interim and 2015 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 8 Mmes. Ramsey, Sellers, and Worrall; Messrs. Faro, Gierula, O'Boyle, Saylor, and Stauffer

Abstain 1 Mrs. Kleiman-Baer

**Motion carried.**

**PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Sellers moved, seconded by Mrs. Kleiman-Baer, to accept the donation of a Yamaha YAS 23 Alto Saxophone w/case, with an estimated value of \$400, from Mr. Terry Schnitter.

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

Yes 9 Mmes. Kleiman-Baer, Ramsey, Sellers, and Worrall; Messrs. Faro, Gierula, O'Boyle, Saylor and Stauffer

**Motion carried.**

**POLICY COMMITTEE**

Dr. Worrall moved, seconded by Mr. Faro, to approve a residency affidavit for a kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade student for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year.

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

Yes 9 Mmes. Kleiman-Baer, Ramsey, Sellers, and Worrall; Messrs. Faro, Gierula, O'Boyle, Saylor and Stauffer

**Motion carried.**

**BERKS COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT**

Dr. Worrall moved, seconded by Mrs. Kleiman-Baer, to approve the Regional Area Wide Network (RWAN) Service Agreement between the BCIU and the Antietam School District, as presented.

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

Yes 9 Mmes. Kleiman-Baer, Ramsey, Sellers, and Worrall; Messrs. Faro, Gierula, O'Boyle, Saylor and Stauffer

**Motion carried.**

**ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES**

Mr. Gierula moved, seconded by Mrs. Sellers, to ratify the addition of an assistant Cheerleading Coach in the Antietam Middle-Sr. High School, \$2393, in accordance with the co-curricular contract, effective the 2015-2016 winter season.

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

Yes 9 Mmes. Kleiman-Baer, Ramsey, Sellers, and Worrall; Messrs. Faro, Gierula, O'Boyle, Saylor and Stauffer

**Motion carried.**

**CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**

Mr. Faro moved, seconded by Mrs. Kleiman-Baer, to approve in-home instruction for a student in 9th grade, not to exceed 5 hours/week at \$30/hour, effective January 26, 2016 through the end of the 2015-16 school year.

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

Yes 9 Mmes. Kleiman-Baer, Ramsey, Sellers, and Worrall; Messrs. Faro, Gierula, O'Boyle, Saylor and Stauffer

**Motion carried.****PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Ramsey moved, seconded by Mr. Faro, to ratify a change of employment status for Marge Wanshop from part-time, secondary lead cafeteria worker to full-time, secondary lead cafeteria worker, with benefits, \$16.02/hour (\$1/hour increase), effective the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year.

Approve the transfer of Candace Parsons, part-time lead cafeteria worker at Mt. Penn Elementary Center to part-time cafeteria worker at the Mt. Penn Primary Center, effective January 26, 2016, with no change in hourly rate.

Approve an additional part-time instructional assistant at the Mt. Penn Elementary Center, 5.5 hours/day.

Approve the request for unpaid leave for Jennifer Parsons-Ranck, part-time secondary cafeteria worker, effective January 25, 2016 through March 14, 2016.

Approve Ms. Samar Kline as a SMILES volunteer.

Approve the following person to be added to the substitute list for the 2015-2016 school year:

Michael S. Chwiecko – General Science/Biology

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

Yes 9 Mmes. Kleiman-Baer, Ramsey, Sellers, and Worrall; Messrs. Gierula, O'Boyle, Saylor and Stauffer

**Motion carried.**

Mr. Boland spoke briefly about the Sunshine Laws and possible ramifications of using personal email accounts for school-related business and encouraged the Board to use their Antietam email accounts. As there was no further business to discuss, Mr. Stauffer adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Submitted by,

Pamela S. Janda, Board Secretary