

**ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING ON JANUARY 28, 2019**

The Antietam School Board met for their scheduled Voting meeting on January 28, 2019 in the district office conference room. Mr. Michael Gierula, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

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| Chris Faro       | Walter Saylor   |
| Michael Gierula  | Ann Sellers     |
| James Glendening | Charles Weldele |
| James Lorah      |                 |
| Larry O'Boyle    |                 |
| Kyla Ramsey      |                 |

Also present:

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| Mr. Jeffrey Boyer | - Superintendent            |
| Tracy Detwiler    | - Business Manager          |
| Melissa Devlin    | - Director of Curriculum    |
| Tony DiSarro      | - Supervisor of Technology  |
| Brian Boland      | - Solicitor, Kozloff Stoudt |
| Pam Janda         | - Board Secretary           |

Mr. Gierula asked if there were any corrections to the agenda. None were noted. A poll of the Board by a voice vote resulted in the agenda being approved as presented.

Public Comment: Mrs. Corinne Hauk, a parent, asked about the elementary discipline policy. She is concerned about group punishment versus individual punishment. Mrs. Caitrin Rinkevich, another parent, echoed Mrs. Hauk's concerns. She doesn't feel it is fair to children who obey the rules to be punished with the entire group.

Mrs. Kris Kerchner, a parent, requested that the Board go into an executive session to discuss a situation pertaining to one of her children because she wanted to address the matter confidentially. Mr. Boland clarified that the proper protocol would be for Mrs. Kerchner to meet with the principals, guidance counselors and Mr. Boyer, who would then address the situation with the Board if that was necessary.

Mr. Boyer began his report by acknowledging the Board for their time and commitment, as January is Board Appreciation Month. The Board members were given cards that had been made by some elementary and secondary art students. He informed the Board that the district had just received a \$35,000 STEAM grant. Mr. Boyer was at the BCIU at a meeting about ATSI, and the district will be putting a planning team together, similar to the Comprehensive Planning team. Mr. Boyer updated the Board that we had some winter weather last week and had a late start on Tuesday, January 22.

Mr. Gierula noted that the minutes of the December 3, 2018 reorganization and voting 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.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Mr. O’Boyle moved, seconded by Mr. Faro, to approve Cash and Investments for November and December 2018 and approval of payment of bills for January 2019 as listed.

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

Yes 9 Mmes. Ramsey and Sellers; Messrs. Faro, Gierula, Glendening, Lorah, O’Boyle, Saylor and Weldele

**Motion carried.**

Mr. O’Boyle moved, seconded by Mr. Faro, to approve the quote from Robinson Steel Company for the purchase and installation of new lockers in the Antietam Middle-Sr. High School, COSTAR #306740 at a cost of \$72,000.

Exonerate Fulton Bank from collecting 2017 Interim and Splits and 2018 real estate taxes from Lower Alsace Township and Mt. Penn Borough and ratify the District’s submittal of these taxes to Berks County Tax Claim Bureau for collection.

Ratify the E-Rate Consulting Agreement between the Lincoln Intermediate Unit and the Antietam School District for E-Rate year 2019-2020, as presented.

Ratify the awarding of a contract for the purchase of fuel through the Berks County Joint Purchasing Board, effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, as presented

Approve the agreement between the Antietam School District and CHOR Day Academy for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year.

Approve the agreements between the Antietam School District and New Story for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year.

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

Yes 9 Mmes. Ramsey and Sellers; Messrs. Faro, Gierula, Glendening, Lorah, O’Boyle, Saylor and Weldele

**Motion carried.**

**PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Sellers moved, seconded by Mr. Faro, to authorize AEM Architects, Inc., to solicit bids for the MPPC renovation project, including the deduct alternate as discussed at the January 22<sup>nd</sup> Property Committee meeting.

Acknowledge the following for donations to the family STEM Night:

- Berks Oral Surgery \$100
- The Extra Edge – prizes approx. value \$25
- Lori Kreisher 31 Bags - gift basket approx. value \$50
- Reppert’s Chocolate - gift card and sample \$16.50
- Mount Penn Sports Cards – Three \$10 gift cards

Walmart – 4 prizes valued at \$100  
The Duong Family - \$25 gift card  
Redner’s  
Goods Potato Chips

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

Yes 9 Mmes. Ramsey and Sellers; Messrs. Faro, Gierula, Glendening, Lorah, O’Boyle, Saylor and Weldele

**Motion carried.**

**POLICY COMMITTEE**

Mr. Saylor moved, seconded by Mr. Faro, to approve Option 1 of the District Calendar for the 2019-20 school year, as presented.

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

Yes 5 Mrs. Sellers; Messrs. Glendening, Lorah, O’Boyle, and Saylor  
No 4 Mrs. Ramsey; Messrs. Faro, Gierula, and Weldele

**Motion carried 5-4.**

Mr. Saylor moved, seconded by Mr. Gierula, to approve the following new guardianship affidavits for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year: one student in K and one student in 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Approve the following new residency affidavits for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year: two students in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, one student in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, one student in 4<sup>th</sup> grade, one student in 5<sup>th</sup> grade, and one student in 10<sup>th</sup> grade.

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

Yes 9 Mrs. Ramsey and Sellers; Messrs. Faro, Gierula, Glendening, Lorah, O’Boyle, Saylor and Weldele

**Motion carried.**

**BERKS COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT**

Mrs. Sellers moved, seconded by Mr. Lorah, to approve participation in the Berks County Safety and Security Consortium, as presented.

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

Yes 9 Mrs. Ramsey and Sellers; Messrs. Faro, Gierula, Glendening, Lorah, O’Boyle, Saylor and Weldele

**Motion carried.**

**ATHLETIC/ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**

Mr. Lorah moved, seconded by Mr. Weldele, to approve the proposed itinerary for the 2019 Senior class trip, at no cost to the district, as presented.

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

Yes 9 Mmes. Ramsey and Sellers; Messrs. Faro, Gierula, Glendening, Lorah, O’Boyle, Saylor and Weldele

**Motion carried.**

**CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**

Mr. Faro moved, seconded by Mr. Weldele, to approve the Antietam Middle-Sr. High School Master Schedule for the 2019-20 school year.

Approve the Grade 7-12 Social Studies curriculum, as presented.

Approve the Bell Schedule for the Antietam Middle-Sr. High School for the 2019-20 school year, as presented.

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

Yes 9 Mmes. Ramsey and Sellers; Messrs. Faro, Gierula, Glendening, Lorah, O’Boyle, Saylor and Weldele

**Motion carried.**

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Ramsey moved, seconded by Mr. Faro, to accept the letter of resignation from Annamarie Strickler, full-time, 10-month confidential secretary at the Mt. Penn Primary Center, effective December 21, 2018.

Ratify the transfer of Lori Kreisher, part-time Paraprofessional at Mt. Penn Elementary Center, to full-time, 10-month confidential secretary at the Mt. Penn Primary Center, \$14.90/hour, effective January 7, 2019.

Approve Katiana Brutus as a part-time instructional assistant in the Mt. Penn Elementary Center, 5.5 hours/day, \$12.41/hour, effective January 22, 2019.

Accept the retirement letter from Terrence Schnitter, full-time Technology Education teacher, effective June 4, 2019.

Accept the retirement letter from Margie L. Wanshop, Cafeteria Director at the Antietam Middle-Sr. High School, effective June 10, 2019.

Approve the resignation letter from Susan Hettrick, part-time cafeteria worker in the Antietam Middle-Sr. High School, effective May 31, 2019.

Approve the request from Stephen Rainey, full-time custodian at the Mt. Penn Elementary Center, for unpaid leave, effective January 9, 2019.

Approve an extension of unpaid leave for Abby Salgado from January 22, 2019 to January 28, 2019.

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

Yes 9 Mmes. Ramsey and Sellers; Messrs. Faro, Gierula, Glendening, Lorah, O'Boyle, Saylor and Weldele

**Motion carried.**

New Business:

Mr. Saylor informed the Board that the Mt. Penn Soccer Club and Antietam Youth Baseball Association have combined and are now under the same organization: Antietam Valley Athletic Association.

As there was no further business to discuss, Mr. Gierula moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Pamela S. Janda, Board Secretary