

**ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING ON OCTOBER 26, 2020**

The Antietam School Board met virtually in a Zoom meeting for their October 26, 2020 meeting. Mr. Michael Gierula, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Gierula asked if there were any corrections to the agenda. None were noted.

The following members were present:

Kimberly Alarcon	Kyla Ramsey
Chris Faro	Mike Roberts
Michael Gierula	Ann Sellers
James Glendening	Charles Weldele
Larry O'Boyle	

Also present:

Jeffrey Boyer	- Superintendent
Tracy Detwiler	- Director of Finance & Business
Felice Stern	- MSHS Principal
Tim Matlack	- MSHS Assistant Principal
Kelly Landherr	- MPEC Principal
Michele Bleacher	- MPPC Principal
Becky Kohr	- Director of Special Ed.
Tony DiSarro	- Supervisor of Technology
Brian Boland	- Solicitor, Kozloff Stoudt
Pam Janda	- Board Secretary

Mr. Boyer mentioned that Mrs. Bleacher and the PTL are working to provide things for the students virtually. Mr. Boyer thanked everyone involved in last weekend's "Book Hike". It was a big success! The High School Student Council is planning a virtual Halloween contest. Mr. Boyer acknowledged Mrs. Tina Steckbeck, Special Education secretary, for being nominated for the Annie Sullivan award. She is a great voice for the Special Education community.

Mr. Boyer asked Zack Williams, AD, to provide the Board with an update on Fall Sports. He said we had 58 students participating, and there were no COVID issues. The Boys' Soccer Team just clinched the Division IV championships. They also qualified for Berks County playoffs and will play Wilson on October 27th. Update: The boys lost 4-0 to Wilson, who was seeded 1st versus Antietam seeded 8th. Open gym practices have begun for winter sports. November 20th will be the first date for winter sports competition.

Mr. Gierula noted that the minutes of the September 28, 2020 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.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. O'Boyle reported year-to-date revenue of \$10,434,481.57; year-to-date expenditures of (\$4,023,958.75), leaving a balance (unaudited) of \$11,557,499.97, cash and investments as of September 30, 2020 of \$12,259,037.79.

Mr. O’Boyle moved, seconded by Mr. Faro, to approve the Treasurer’s Report, petty cash activity reports, Cash and Investments for September 2020, and payment of bills for October 2020, as presented.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

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

Motion carried.

Mr. O’Boyle moved, seconded by Mr. Faro, to approve the agreement between the District and Orton Gillingham for tutoring during the 2020-2021 school year.

Approve the Health and Welfare Benefits Consulting Agreement with Conrad Siegel Actuaries for Affordable Care Act (ACA) mandatory employer reporting services for the 2020 tax year, as presented.

Approve the agreement between the District and the Children’s Home of Reading (CHOR) for the 2020-21 school year.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

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

Motion carried.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Mr. Weldele moved, seconded by Mr. Faro, to approve the Antietam School District’s revised language to the Health and Safety Plan, continuing with the current mode of remote instruction, to be submitted to the PA Department of Education.

Approve the home schooling request from the parent of a 1st grade student.

A lengthy discussion evolved among the Board members about the pros/cons of going hybrid or remaining remote. Although both motions were presented together, Mr. Faro requested that they be separated.

Mr. Weldele moved, seconded by Mr. Faro, to approve the Antietam School District’s revised language to the Health and Safety Plan, continuing with the current mode of remote instruction, to be submitted to the PA Department of Education.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes 6 Mmes. Alarcon and Sellers; Messrs. Faro, Glendening, Roberts, and Weldele

No 3 Mrs. Ramsey; Messrs. Gierula and O’Boyle

Motion carried 6-3.

Mr. Weldele moved, seconded by Mr. Faro, to approve the home schooling request from the parent of a 1st grade student.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

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

Motion carried.

BERKS COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT

Mrs. Sellers moved, seconded by Mr. Faro, to ratify the agreement for the BCIU to provide superintendent search consulting services to the Antietam School District, as presented.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

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

Motion carried.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Mr. Faro moved, seconded by Mr. Gierula, to approve James Glendening to chair the work for the Comprehensive Planning process.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

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

Motion carried.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Ramsey moved, seconded by Mrs. Alarcon, to **table** the following motion: To resolve by the Board of School Directors of the Antietam School District that the following persons be appointed as follows:

- 1) Tracy Detwiler, Acting Superintendent of Schools
- 2) Felice Stern, Assistant to the Superintendent for Educational Operations; and
- 3) Timothy Matlack, Assistant to the Superintendent for Curriculum Development

All three appointments are effective January 1, 2021 and expire upon the hiring of a full-time Superintendent, but in no event extend beyond June 30, 2021 unless further extended by the Board of School Directors.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

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

Motion carried.

Mrs. Ramsey moved, seconded by Mr. Faro, to accept, with regret, the letter of resignation from Jeffrey R. Boyer, Superintendent of the Antietam School District, effective December 31, 2020.

Ratify a \$355.56 stipend for Christina Richard, full-time Special Education teacher, for teaching an additional class from August 26, 2020 through September 18, 2020.

Ratify a \$777.78 stipend for Sheri Groff, full-time Special Education teacher, for teaching an additional class from August 26, 2020 through October 16, 2020.

Approve a \$1,244.44 stipend for Kyle Williams for teaching an additional class beginning October 19th through the end of the 1st semester.

Ratify the following people as mentors for the 2020-2021 school year, \$500, in accordance with the co-curricular contract: Laura Ellis, Liz Faust-Shucker, and Dawn Laub.

Ratify the following people as mentors for the 2020-2021 school year, \$250, in accordance with the co-curricular contract: Cami Bertolet and Alicia Morales.

Ratify the following people as mentors to the Kutztown University Reading Interns for the 2020-2021 school year: Danielle Bastian, Jennifer Gavin, Dawn Laub, Alicia Morales, Taryn Moyer, and Linda Stanko.

Ratify the following people as substitutes for the 2020-2021 school year:

Derek Evans – BCIU Guest Teacher

Jason Evans – Van Driver

Craig Hoffer – Elementary & Middle School Professional/Van Driver

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

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

Motion carried.

As there was no other business to discuss, Mr. Gierula moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. He announced the Board would be going into an executive session to discuss Personnel and they would not re-convene.

Submitted by,

Pamela S. Janda, Board Secretary