

Antietam School District
Minutes of the Hybrid Board Meeting
Monday, April 25, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

The Antietam School District Board met in person and virtually in a Zoom meeting for their voting meeting on Monday, April 25, 2022. Mr. Glendening, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. Mr. Glendening noted that The Board met in executive session on April 12, 2022 @ 7:30 PM in the district boardroom to discuss a personnel matter, they did not reconvene. Mr. Glendening made a motion to amend the board voting meeting agenda to add a motion under Property Committee ratifying the Agreement between the Antietam School District and Lower Alsace Township for submission of the Flood Mitigation Grant. The motion was seconded by Mr. Faro. A poll by voice vote on the motion was taken and passed unanimously.

The following members were present:

Kimberly Alarcon	Kyla Ramsey
Chris Faro	Michael Roberts
James Glendening	Charles Weldele Via Zoom
Geneia Kromer	

Also present:

Dr. Heidi Rochlin Superintendent
Tracy Detwiler Director of Finance & Business
Becky Kohr Director of Special Ed.
Staci Fink Supervisor of Special Ed. via Zoom
Michele Bleacher, Principal of the Mt. Penn Primary Center via Zoom
Kelly Landherr, Principal of the Mt. Penn Elementary Center via Zoom
Tim Matlack K-6 Assistant Principal/K-12 Curriculum Supervisor via Zoom
Brian J Boland, Solicitor, Kozloff Stoudt
Jennifer Reeves, Board Secretary

Dr. Rochlin acknowledged what a great success the Mountaineer Impact Award banquet was on April 12, 2022. The following 23 educators and staff were nominated: Matt Ahearn, Mary Benischeck, Brad Biehl, Russ Edmonds, Mike Esterly, Melissa Faro, Jennifer Gavin, Becky Giatras, Jim Gingrich, Beth Girard, Jami Gresh Scott Kerper, Janice Kline, Paula Lamp, Mariah Ligas, Tina Lill, Katie Mosser, Taryn Moyer, Donna Nuding, Caitlin Peck, Stephanie Smith, Kaylee Stahl and Zachary Williams. She explained that we are excited to have this event and this will become a yearly event, where each senior student will nominate a teacher or staff member that has impacted their lives during their time at Antietam. The event was catered by SOS which was also a chance to build that relationship more.

Dr. Rochlin also remarked that the Summit Café has been open for a few weeks and is very popular with the kids. The Café is Grant funded and will be a self funding coffee/smart snack Café it has coffee both hot and iced and she thanked Barista Donna Nuding. Dr. Rochlin is also proud of the library space where the Café is located, it is a nice, relaxing area for the kids. There are puzzles and board games, it's a nice space for the students to hang out.

There was an International Fair this past month, Mariah Ligas spearheaded the event. Food was donated by local vendors, there were passports for the students to present at each table.

Also, Dr. Rochlin told the meeting attendees that Antietam was given the designation of Best Community for Music Education. This is the first time that Antietam has been given this designation. She is very proud of the Music Department and the Community for their support of the Arts.

She stated that today was Advocacy Day, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Glendening and Dr. Rochlin went to Harrisburg, to talk to our legislators to give a wish list. Two of our legislators were not in attendance but they were able to mingle and talk. Dr. Rochlin said, it's always important for us to attend and reach out. She noted that PSBA is pushing for charter school funding reform to level the playing field. They are still offering school choice but coming up with a better funding formula.

Mr. Glendening noted the minutes of the Monday, March 28, 2022 meeting had been distributed and asked if there were any corrections. None were noted. A poll by a voice vote resulted in the minutes being approved.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Weldele reported Revenue Year to Date \$16,445,617.05, Expenditures Year to Date 14,523,879.31 Fund Balance (Unaudited) March 31, 2022 \$ 7,980,068.00

Mr. Weldele moved, seconded by Mr. Faro to approve the Treasurer's Report, Cash and investments as of March 31, 2021- \$8,278,124.07. and the Approval of bills for April 2022 as listed.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes: 7 Mmes. Alarcon, Kromer, and Ramsey; Messrs. Faro, Glendening, Roberts, and Weldele

Motion Carried.

Mr. Weldele motioned, Mr. Faro seconded, to Ratify the agreement between Teachers In the Parks (TIPS) and the Antietam School District to offer all-inclusive Tips programming for the 2022 summer session to be held at the Antietam Pool for an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 to be paid from ARP-ESSER grant funds.

Approve participation in the Berks County Safety & Security Consortium through Berks County Intermediate Unit for the 2022-2023 school year, as presented.

Approve the 2022-2023 General Fund proposed final budget in the amount of \$22,751,169.

Ratify the eRate category 2 quotes with ePlus technology for 2022-2023, as presented.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes: 7 Mmes. Alarcon, Kromer, and Ramsey; Messrs. Faro, Glendening, Roberts, and Weldele

Motion Carried.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Mr. Roberts moved seconded by Mr. Faro to ratify the Agreement between the Antietam School District and Lower Alsace Township for submission of the Flood Mitigation Grant, as presented.

Accept the Phase I Construction Administration Proposal from Barry Isett & Associates, Inc., as presented.

Accept the Phase II Design Proposal from Barry Isett & Associates, Inc., as presented.

Rescind the motion from March 28, 2022 approving the Agreement of Sale between the Antietam School District and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for the slope easement necessary for the PennDot Bridge Project

Approve the Deed of Easement, Agreement of Sale and Settlement Statement between the Antietam School District and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for the slope easement necessary for the PennDot Bridge Project, as presented.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes: 7 Mmes. Alarcon, Kromer, and Ramsey; Messrs. Faro, Glendening, Roberts, and Weldele

Motion Carried.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Ms. Alarcon moved seconded by Mr. Faro to approve the second reading of Policy 251: Homeless

Approve the second reading of Policy 335: Family and Medical Leaves

Approve the second reading of Policy 249: Bullying/Cyber Bullying

Approve the second reading of Policy 103: Nondiscrimination/Discriminatory Harrassment - School and Classroom Practices

Approve the second reading of Policy 339.1: Childbearing/Childrearing.

Approve the new residency affidavits for one 9th grade, one 7th grade and one 5th grade student for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes: 7 Mmes. Alarcon, Kromer, and Ramsey; Messrs. Faro, Glendening, Roberts, and Weldele

Motion Carried.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Mr. Faro moved and Mr. Glendening seconded to approve the Antietam School District Comprehensive Plan 2022-2025 as presented.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes: 7 Mmes. Alarcon, Kromer, and Ramsey; Messrs. Faro, Glendening, Roberts, and Weldele

Motion Carried

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Ms. Ramsey moved, seconded by Mr. Faro to approve the transfer of Michelle Kersikoski from full-time MPPC/MPEC Instructional Coach to full-time, 10-month Act 93 Assistant Principal/MTSS Coordinator, \$75,000, effective July 1, 2022.

Ratify the following professional staff for the Mount Penn Primary Center after-school program, 1.5 hours per day at \$50.00 per hour, effective February 1, 2022 through May 26, 2022, max of two days per week, to be paid through the ARP ESSER Grant, Alanna Lebo (Substitute).

Accept the letter of resignation from Ashley Roth, Kindergarten teacher at the Mt. Penn Primary Center, effective the end of the 2021-2022 school year.

Accept with regret, the letter of retirement from Michele Bleacher, Principal of the Mt. Penn Primary center, effective August 19, 2022.

Accept the letter of resignation from Jami Gresh, Secondary Language Arts teacher at the Antietam Middle Senior High School effective March 29, 2022.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes: 7 Mmes. Alarcon, Kromer, and Ramsey; Messrs. Faro, Glendening, Roberts, and Weldele

Motion Carried

As there was nothing further to discuss, Mr. Glendening moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 PM and announced that the Board would be going into Executive Session to discuss a litigation matter and they would not reconvene.

Submitted by:

Jennifer L. Reeves, Board Secretary