

Antietam School District
Minutes of the Hybrid Board Meeting
Monday, February 27, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

The Antietam School District Board met in person and virtually in a Zoom meeting for their voting meeting on Monday, February 27, 2023. Mr. Roberts, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Mr. Roberts noted that the Board met in executive session immediately following the COW meeting on February 21, 2023 regarding Personnel and Superintendent Mid-Year Evaluation, they did not reconvene. The Board met in executive session prior to the Voting meeting on Monday, February 27 at 6:30 pm regarding Personnel and Litigation. Mr. Roberts requested a motion to amend the agenda to add a motion under personnel to accept the resignation of Mary Raymond, effective February 27, 2023. Mr. Faro moved, and Mr. Weldele seconded the motion. A poll by voice vote resulted in the motion being passed unanimously.

The following Members were present:

Kimberly Alarcon	Kyla Ramsey
Rebecca DiSarro	Michael Roberts
Chris Faro	Charles Weldele
Michael Gierula via Zoom	

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
Anthony DiSarro	Supervisor of Technology
Brian J. Boland	Solicitor, Kozloff Stoudt
Jennifer Reeves	Board Secretary

Superintendents Report

Dr. Rochlin opened her report noting that the district held a Wellness day on February 17th for teachers and staff. She sent out a feedback form to the staff, on the fun and relaxing day. She was happy with the results, on a scale of 0 to 5, 0 being the worst PD day ever, to 5 being the best PD day ever, we got a lot of 4's and 5's on the feedback. We also had some great comments from the teachers and staff.

Nominations were made for the Mountaineer Impact Awards by the Senior Class and the following teachers & staff will be celebrated by the students that nominated them, on April 13th, at the 2nd Annual Mountaineer Impact Awards dinner: Alanna Lebo, Ashley Brown, Beth Girard, Brian Young, Chad Shalaway, Derek Evans, Elizabeth Faust-Shucker, Elizabeth Kissling, Janice Kline, Jared Frederick, Jeffrey Heck, Katie Mosser, Kirsten Lebo, Laura Henning, Mariah Ligas, Matthew Ahearn, Melissa Faro, Myra Morales, Richard Burgon, Robert Silcox, Russell Edmonds, Scott Spatz, Stephanie Smith, Taryn Moyer, Tiffany Kaszmetskie. We are very proud of them!

Dr. Rochlin spoke about our students that have been in the news, and upcoming events; Star bowler Ayden Davis, who was selected as Bowler of the year for the county, highest average in the county and county Champion. Jovan Hollis was recently nominated to be the Berks County player of the week and is leading our basketball team to the

championship game tomorrow night in Hershey. In Music and the Arts; Rocky Rochlin and Angel Bueno Cruz made it to Jr County Band. AMP presents Little Women on March 10, 11th and 12th. And the Ringold Band is going to be doing a side by side concert with our band.

Dr. Rochlin noted a few things the district has been pulling together, a fundraising breakfast on March 17th – to help payoff food service balances. Followed by a community clean up event at Crystal Lake.

We will be starting Student Exit Interviews with our seniors to gather feedback on how we can improve as a district. So that they feel they feel they can make a difference here after they leave.

Next school year we will have presentations from students each month at our meetings and student representatives will be present at the Committee of a Whole meetings going forward.

Dr. Rochlin is making headway on a Playground Grant to improve the MPEC Playground through the PCNR.

Swatting is on the rise, Anthony DiSarro, and Dr. Rochlin will be working together alongside BCIU to review the procedures to keep them fresh.

Mr. Roberts noted the minutes of the January 23, 2023, 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.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Weldele reported Revenue Year to Date \$17,160,652.84 , Expenditures Year to Date 10,624,071.77, leaving a Fund Balance (Unaudited) 1/31/2023 - \$13,314,322.21.

Mr. Weldele moved, seconded by Mr. Faro, to approve the Treasurer’s Report, cash and investments as of January 31, 2023 - \$13,600,872.89 and approval of bills for February 2023 as listed.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes: 7 Mmes. Alarcon, DiSarro, and Ramsey; Messrs. Faro, Gierula, Roberts, and Weldele

Motion carried

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Weldele moved seconded by Mr. Faro to Approve the Resolution for the project titled Mount Penn Borough and Antietam School District Joint Community Playground Project.

Ratify the agreement between the Antietam School District and Elwyn Opportunities School for the 2022-2023 school year, as presented.

Approve the purchase of the following food service equipment, as presented, pending final approval through the PDE Capital Expenditure Request process. All equipment will be paid by the Antietam School District Food Service Fund and were obtained through the formal bid process, as required by Uniform Grant Guidance (UGG).

- o MPEC Dishwasher Replacement

- o MPEC Water Softener Conditioner
- o MPEC Roll-in Heated Cabinet Replacement
- o MPEC Roll-thru Heated Cabinet Replacement
- o MPEC Combi Oven, gas
- o MSHS Walk-in Refrigerator/Freezer Replacement
- o MSHS Water Softener Conditioner

Approve the Agreements between New Story and Antietam School district for one Kindergarten student, one 2nd grade student and one 11th grade student for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes: 7 Mmes. Alarcon, DiSarro, and Ramsey; Messrs. Faro, Gierula, Roberts, and Weldele

Motion carried

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Mr. Roberts motioned, Mr. Faro seconded, to accept the donation of materials from Donor's Choose for the projects "Bright Bulletin Boards for Brilliant Students" and "How to Draw Books for Our Imagination Station".

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes: 7 Mmes. Alarcon, DiSarro, and Ramsey; Messrs. Faro, Gierula, Roberts, and Weldele

Motion carried

POLICY COMMITTEE

Ms. Alarcon moved seconded by Mr. Faro, to approve combining the March 2023 COW and Voting Meeting and holding them on March 20, 2023.

Approve the District Calendar for the 2023-2024 school year.

Approve the new 9th grade Homeschool student for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year.

Approve the new residency affidavit for one 11th grade student for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year.

Approve the 2nd reading of Policy No. 201 "Admission of Beginning Students."

Approve the 2nd reading of Policy No. 707 "Use of School Facilities".

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes: 7 Mmes. Alarcon, DiSarro, and Ramsey; Messrs. Faro, Gierula, Roberts, and Weldele

Motion carried
BERKS COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT

Mr. Gierula moved seconded by Ms Ramsey to approve the Proposed BCIU Mandated Services Budget July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes: 7 Mmes. Alarcon, DiSarro, and Ramsey; Messrs. Faro, Gierula, Roberts, and Weldele

Motion carried

ATHLETIC/ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Mrs. DiSarro moved, and Mr. Faro seconded to approve the 2023 Spring Coaches, as presented.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes: 7 Mmes. Alarcon, DiSarro, and Ramsey; Messrs. Faro, Gierula, Roberts, and Weldele

Motion carried

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Mr. Faro reported Dr. Stern shared information from the Berk County Curriculum Coordinators meeting.

Mr. Faro moved seconded by Ms. Alarcon to approve the after-school programs to be offered at each building, as required by the ARP ESSER grant agreements.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes: 7 Mmes. Alarcon, DiSarro, and Ramsey; Messrs. Faro, Gierula, Roberts, and Weldele

Motion carried

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Ms. Ramsey moved, seconded by Mr. Faro to ratify the Employment Program Agreement between the Antietam School District and PA CareerLink of Berks County, effective January 25, 2023 through December 31, 2023, as presented, pending final review by the District Solicitor.

Approve the list of Spring Coaches and salaries for the 2023 Season as presented.

Approve Vicki Kauffman as Activity Leader at the Climb Enrichment Center at her regular hourly rate effective immediately.

Amend October 2022 motion for Amy Rossetti to mentor Jason Trullinger for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year in accordance with the co-curricular contract.

Approve the transfer of 13.5 sick days from Muhlenberg School District for Paige McGrogan.

Amend the June 2022 motion for Shannon Dieffenbach' mentor to read: Approve Matt Ahearn as 1st semester mentor, and Stephanie Smith as 2nd semester mentor for the 2022-2023 school year, \$250 each according to the cocurricular contract.

Ratify the FMLA request from Lee Yochum effective December 13, 2022 through March 7, 2023.

Approve the following additions to the 2022-2023 Substitute list: Britney Medoro from the BCIU Guest Teaching Program.

Ratify Jason Trullinger, Autistic Support K-2 at the Mt. Penn Primary Center, Bachelor's Step 6 \$50,120, prorated to actual days worked, temporary professional contract with benefits, effective Monday, February 27, 2023.

Amend the May 2022 motion for rate of pay for Kimberly Patterson from Bachelor's Step 2 to Master's Step 2, \$47,500.

Amend the August motion for Noreen Cosgrove Professional Employee to Temporary Professional Employee.

Accept the resignation of Mary Raymond effective February 27, 2023.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes: 7 Mmes. Alarcon, DiSarro, and Ramsey; Messrs. Faro, Gierula, Roberts, and Weldele

Motion carried

With nothing further to discuss, Mr. Roberts adjourned the meeting at 7:27 pm

Submitted by:



Jennifer Reeves
Board Secretary