

**Antietam School District**  
Minutes of the Hybrid combined COW and Board Meeting  
**Monday, March 20, 2023, 6:30 p.m.**

The Antietam School District Board met in person and virtually in a Zoom meeting for their voting meeting on Monday, March 20, 2023. Mr. Roberts , Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:29 pm .

**The following Members were present:**

Kimberly Alarcon	Kyla Ramsey
Rebecca DiSarro	Michael Roberts
Chris Faro	Lorraine Storms
Michael Gierula	Charles Weldele
Geneia Kromer Via Zoom	

**Also Present:**

Dr. Heidi Rochlin	Superintendent
Tracy Detwiler	Director of Finance & Business
Becky Kohr	Director of Pupil Services
Staci Fink	Supervisor of Special Ed
Ken Bonkoski	Supervisor of Maintenance and Facilities
Anthony DiSarro	Supervisor of Technology and Security Coordinator
Felice Stern	Principal, Antietam Middle Senior High School
Zachary Williams	Vice Principal, Antietam Middle Senior High School
Kelly Landherr	Principal, Mt. Penn Element Center – via Zoom
Amanda Munson	MTSS Coordinator/Vice Principal, Mt Penn Elementary Center
Nicole Schieck	Principal, Mt. Penn Primary Center
Ryan Mauer	Mayor of Mt. Penn Borough
Brian F. Boland	Solicitor, Kozloff Stoudt
Jennifer Reeves	Board Secretary

Mr. Roberts opened for discussion, Mr. Glendening’s resignation, and replacement. Mr. Roberts moved, seconded by Mr. Faro to accept, with regret the resignation from Mr. James Glendening from the Board of School Directors and his role of Vice President, Effective March 04, 2023.

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

**Yes: 8 Mmes. Alarcon, DiSarro, Kromer and Ramsey; Messrs. Faro, Gierula, Roberts, and Weldele**

**Motion carried.**

Solicitor Boland requested a motion to open nominations for Board Vice President, Mr. Weldele moved, seconded by Mr. Faro.

A poll of the Board by voice vote was unanimous.

Mr. Roberts nominated Michael Gierula for Board Vice President; Mr. Weldele seconded the motion.

Upon hearing no further nominations, Solicitor Boland requested a motion to close the floor Mr. Gierula moved seconded by Mr. Faro a poll of the board by voice vote was unanimous, Solicitor Boland declared that nominations for Board Vice President be closed.

Mr. Roberts called for a roll call to elect Mike Gierula, as Vice President of the Antietam School District Board of Directors.

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

Yes: **8 Mmes. Alarcon, DiSarro, Kromer and Ramsey; Messrs. Faro, Gierula, Roberts, and Weldele**

**Motion carried.**

Mr. Roberts requested a motion to appoint a new board member. Mr. Faro moved seconded by Mr. Weldele to appoint Lorraine L Storms to fill the vacant seat on the Antietam Board of School Directors term ending December 4, 2023.

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

Yes **8 Mmes. Alarcon, DiSarro, Kromer and Ramsey; Messrs. Faro, Gierula, Roberts, and Weldele**

**Motion carried.**

Mr. Ryan Mauer, Mayor of Mt. Penn Borough administered the oath of office to Ms. Storms.

Mr. Roberts asked if there if there were any corrections to the agenda, none were noted.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE - Student Council**

Sofia Green, Tatum Reese and Alex Schickler from the Antietam Middle Senior High School.

Sofia Green reported on the various volunteer opportunities this year including Helping Harvest – filling weekender bags with food for students in Berks Conunty; Salvation Army for helping wrap gifts for children; and a Blue Marsh trail clean up coming soon.

Tatum Reece reported that they have had pep rallies which really helps get the students involved. They continue to have complaints about the cafeteria food. Tatum reports that they are keeping the lines of communication open and meeting with the cafeteria staff to see if there is some remedy to portion sizes and variety as well.

Alex Schickler reported that the administration of the Antietam Middle Senior High School has developed a reward system for good behavior and teachers have been actively trying to enforce better behavior, but the students of the school are very disrespectful and continue to be, the program is not really helping. The student council has the intention to plan a trip to the elementary center to discuss what it means to be a high schooler an the transition to being a High School student and that if you give respect to the teachers and staff you will get respect from them as well.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Dr. Heidi Rochlin**

Dr. Rochlin reported that Ayden Davis won the Singles Boys State Bowling Championship on March 17, 2023. She stated that District is so proud of him and thanked him for putting Antietam on the map. She reported that the Antietam Middle Senior High School had a parade for him today as he was led by the Marching Band through the halls.

Dr. Rochlin also spoke about the In-service day on March 17, 2023. Klinger’s hosted a Breakfast fundraiser for unpaid school lunch balances – which raised \$2,000. Teachers also participated in a cleanup at Crystal Lake she thanked all her partners, Mt. Penn Borough, Municipal Water Authority for their support. And teachers and staff also had Social Emotional Training throughout the day.

Mr. Roberts noted the minutes of the Monday, February 27, 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**

Mr. Weldele reported Revenue Year to Date \$18,178,400.24, Expenditures Year to Date (12,611,034.53) and a Fund Balance (Unaudited) February 28, 2023 \$12,345,106.85.

Mr. Weldele moved, seconded by Mr. Faro, to approve the Treasurer’s Report, Cash and investments as of February 28, 2023 \$13,152,618.32 and approval of bills for March 2023 as listed.

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

**Yes 9 Mmes. Alarcon, DiSarro, Kromer, Ramsey, and Storms; Messrs. Faro, Gierula, Roberts, and Weldele**

**Motion carried.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Weldele moved seconded by Mr. Faro to approve he Dual Enrollment Agreement between RACC and Antietam School District for the 2023-2024 school year.

Approve the Dual Credit Affiliation Agreement between The Pennsylvania State University Commonwealth Campus and Antietam School District for the period of 5 years from commencement date beginning the 2023-2024 school year. Upon the expiration of this agreement it shall automatically renew for successive twelve (12) months.

Accept the anonymous donation of \$15,000 to go towards the purchase of marching band uniforms.

Accept the Berks County Intermediate Unit 14 Regional Wide Area Network Consortium Contract Five Year Service Period Beginning July 1, 2021 Telecommunications Services Order Form for 2023-24 (Contract year 3)

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Approve the Long-Term Disability policy renewal with Madison National Life Insurance Company, effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026, at a rate of \$0.149/\$100 of covered payroll, per month.

Accept the audit report for the 2021-2022 school year, submitted by Herbein+Co., Certified Public Accountants, as presented.

Ratify the Client Services Agreement between ProCare Therapy and the Antietam School District, as presented, pending final review by the District Solicitor.

Ratify the Therapy Services Agreement between Pediatric Therapeutic Services, Inc. and the Antietam School District, through June 30, 2024, as presented, pending final review by the District Solicitor.

Ratify the Private Academic School Student Placement Agreement between Opportunities School and the Antietam School District, as presented, pending final review by the District Solicitor.

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

**Yes 9 Mmes. Alarcon, DiSarro, Kromer, Ramsey, and Storms; Messrs. Faro, Gierula, Roberts, and Weldele**

**Motion carried.**

Tracy Detwiler then made a Budget Presentation to the Board.

**PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

Mr. Roberts moved seconded by Mr. Faro to accept the donation of an elliptical machine, approximate value \$500, to the Antietam Middle Senior High School weight room, from Missy MacLean of Mt. Penn.

Accept the proposal from Berkshire Systems Group, Inc. for Fire Alarm and Sprinkler Tests and Inspections, effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, as presented, pending final review by the District Solicitor

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

**Yes 8 Mmes. DiSarro, Kromer, Ramsey, and Storms; Messrs. Faro, Gierula, Roberts, and Weldele**

**No 1 Mmes. Alarcon**

**Motion carried.**

**POLICY COMMITTEE**

Ms. Alarcon motioned Mr. Faro seconded, to approve Approve (1) new residency affidavit for Kindergarten student for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year.

Approve the 3rd reading of Policy No. 201 "Admission of Beginning Students."

Approve the 3rd reading of Policy No. 707 "Use of School Facilities"

Approve the Antietam School District - Payroll Schedule for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

**Yes 9 Mmes. Alarcon, DiSarro, Kromer, Ramsey, and Storms; Messrs. Faro, Gierula, Roberts, and Weldele**

**Motion carried.**

**BERKS CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER**

Ms. Alarcon moved seconded by Mr. Faro to approve the 2023-2024 Budget Resolution for the Berks Career and Technology Center as presented.

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

**Yes 9 Mmes. Alarcon, DiSarro, Kromer, Ramsey, and Storms; Messrs. Faro, Gierula, Roberts, and Weldele**

**Motion carried.**

**ATHLETIC/ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**

Mrs. DiSarro moved seconded Mr. Faro to approve the overnight music department trip to South Mountain, March 31, 2023 through April 2, 2023, at a cost of \$75/student, to be paid by the students.

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

**Yes 9 Mmes. Alarcon, DiSarro, Kromer, Ramsey, and Storms; Messrs. Faro, Gierula, Roberts, and Weldele**

**Motion carried.**

**CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**

Dr. Felice Stern gave updates on Curriculum - Kutztown has created a literacy committee – to promote consistency on structured literacy. Dr. Stern also gave information on Translation services.

Discussion was also had on Community Service hours and whether it should be a requirement for graduation informal straw poll said yes.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Ms. Ramsey moved and \_Mr. Faro seconded to approve Post Season pay for the Winter Coaches as presented.

Approve the transfer of 3 unused sick days from Brandywine Heights for Jason Trullinger.

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Approve the following unpaid dates for the following employees

- Robin Derr -3/10/2023 .5 day
- Chelsea Boudreau- 3/13/23 and 3/27/2023 2 full days
- Kristen Heller 4/20/2023 and 4/21/2023 2 full days
- Denise Rankin -3/27/2023 .3 day 4/11/2023 .3 4/12/2023 .5 day
- Lee Yochum 3/6/3034 and 3/7/2023 2 full days

Amend the August 2022 motion for Philip Klahold from Professional Employee to Temporary Professional Employee.

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

**Yes 9 Mmes. Alarcon, DiSarro, Kromer, Ramsey, and Storms; Messrs. Faro, Gierula, Roberts, and Weldele**

**Motion carried**

With nothing further to discuss Mr. Roberts adjourned the meeting at 8:26 pm.

Submitted by:



Jennifer Reeves  
Board Secretary