

**Antietam School District**  
Minutes of the Special Hybrid CoW Meeting  
**Monday, July 17, 2023, 6:30 p.m.**

The Antietam School District Board met in person and virtually in a Zoom meeting for a Special CoW meeting on Monday, July 17, 2023, regarding the flooding that occurred on Sunday, July 9, 2023. Mr. Michael Roberts, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:30. Mr. Roberts noted that the Board met in executive session on Monday, July 3, 2023 at 6:00 pm to discuss superintendent review. The Board also met on July 11, 2023 to discuss Safety and Security. The Board will meet in executive session after the Cow meeting on July 17, 2023 regarding Safety/Security and Litigation.

**The following Members were present:**

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

**Also Present:**

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

Mr. Roberts explained to the members of the community that the board had not heard any options, plans, or reports up until this moment. The board will need time to digest the information that is given tonight by Dr. Rochlin this evening and reminded everyone it was not a voting meeting. He stated that he appreciated everyone understanding. Mr. Roberts also noted that there would be and Community Q&A Session on Thursday, July 20, 2023, at the Mt. Penn Primary Center. Mr. Roberts stated that the Q&A session date and time had been posted on all forums and has information has been sent by email.

Mr. Roberts asked if there was any public comment, there was none.

Dr. Rochlin gave brief update of the flooding and damage sustained and presentation of reopening options during her superintendents report. She wanted the community to know that Our Commitment is providing high quality in person education to the students of the district this coming school year. She stated that as we move forward we want

to make sure we are being fiscally responsible when making decisions and that we focus on a positive path forward with open minds and hearts. She then presented the attached power point.

The Board of Directors then had a conversation consisting of questions about the plans offered.

At this time we had to take a a two minute recess for technical difficulties with Teams, discussion resumed between the board members after that problem was resolved.

Mr. Roberts then repeated that this is not a voting meeting but was looking to get a feel of what the board was feeling. Mr. Roberts then stated that he was leaning towards option 1 being more fiscally responsible. Mr. Gierula thought option 2 is a big lift without knowing what the supplemental funding the district would get. Ms. Ramsey and Ms. Storms agreed with Mr. Roberts.

Mr. Roberts then asked the Student Representative, Nate Collier what his opinion was. Nate stated that he personally most agreed with option1 and he thought it was better financially and that Antietam Students would want to be in an Antietam building.

Mr. Roberts asked if there was anything else they would like to discuss. Since there was none Mr. Roberts then adjourned the meeting at 7:06 pm and announced that the Board would now go into executive session regarding Safety and Security.

Signed by:



Jennifer Reeves  
Board Secretary

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# Flood Damage Update and Reopening Options



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## Focus

- Brief Update on Flooding
  
- Presentation of Re-opening Scenarios and Board Discussion
  - Our commitment to you during this process
    - Providing a high-quality, in-person education for all students
    - Remaining fiscally responsible
    - Focusing on a positive path forward with open minds and hearts





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# Flood Damage Update

- The Middle-Senior High School sustained significant damage
    - We are working with MANY entities to assess, mitigate, and apply for aid
      - Berks County Emergency Management
      - PEMA
      - FEMA
      - PDE/BCIU
  - Next step is a “Joint PDA” (preliminary damage assessment)
  - Followed by application for aid
  - There is no access allowed to the MSHS
    - All contents that can be saved are being moved either to the MPPC or to a warehouse space in Muhlenberg (provided by the BCIU)
  - The MSHS will **NOT** be a viable option for the fall for educating students
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# Re-Opening Scenarios

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# Option #1: Educate All Students “On-Site”

## Summary of Option

- Reconfigure classrooms in grades K-6 to allow for space at the MPEC
  - Utilize local church spaces to accommodate “Elective Centers”
  - Partner with local districts for AP offerings and other courses
  - Partner with colleges for additional offerings
  - Allow flexibility with scheduling, credits, and online offerings where necessary
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# Option 1 Considerations:

## Classroom Space

- Move grade 3 to MPPC
  - Specialists (K-6) and all non-teaching staff share spaces and/or are mobile (travel to classrooms to teach)
  - Grades 7-12 will occupy the ground floor of the MPEC and one wing of the first floor
    - Grades 7-8 core classes only in the AM (4 periods available)
    - Grades 9-12 core classes only in the PM (5 periods available)
  - Electives for grades 7-12 hosted off-site at local churches (walking distance - 7th/8th grade students escorted)
    - Grades 9-12 in the AM
    - Grades 7-8 in the PM
  - All students have a full day, in-person
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# Option 1 Considerations:

## Scheduling

- All students in grades 7-12 will need to receive a newly created schedule- current Master schedule cannot be utilized this year
  - All core classes may need to be homogeneous depending on numbers of sections and staffing/classroom space available for grades 9-12. AP classes will be offered.
  - Some teaching assignments may change due to AM/PM core content sessions and needs for AP and electives for grades 9-12
  - Class sizes may increase, but larger classes will be staffed accordingly as teachers are available (co-teaching)
    - Morning session core teachers will push into afternoon classes to co-teach/support as available
    - Afternoon session core teachers (who have no AP responsibilities) will push into morning classes to co-teach/support as available
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## Option 1 Considerations:

### Teachers/Staff

- This option does not impact the number of teachers/staff needed
- Planning time, lunch time, and travel time (if needed) will be provided for all teachers as per the bargaining agreement
- Teacher schedules will most likely be different than those shared in June

### Food Service

- In order to serve all students, students may need to eat breakfast/lunch in classrooms.
  - Grades 7-12 may need to utilize a “grab-and-go” format/brown bag option
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## Option 1 Considerations:

### Traffic/Parking/Transportation:

- There will be increased traffic in Mt. Penn in the area of the MPEC and MPPC.
- Designated parking areas for staff/students - will utilize church lots as needed
- Staggered arrival dismissal (already in place)
- No additional transportation needs or costs



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## Option #2: Educate 7-12 Students “Off-Site”

### Summary of Option

- “Transplant” MSHS to an off-site location



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# Option 2 Considerations

## Classroom Space

- May be using “non-traditional” classroom spaces
- Costs associated with leasing/renting space
  - Costs range from \$15-\$20 per square foot per year
  - Just for the space we need, costs could range from: \$750,000-\$1M
- Increased costs to divide non-traditional spaces
  - Costs associated with design and retrofitting building
  - No estimate yet



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## Option 2 Considerations

### Teachers/Staff

- No impact to teachers/staff

### Food Service

- Food will be prepared onsite and then transported to off-site location, or students will be given “grab-and-go” meals
  - Increased food service costs (to prepare and transport food)
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# Option 2 Considerations

## Scheduling

- Schedule would need to be adjusted slightly, but not drastically for students
- Would need to delay the start of the school year
  - First 2-4 weeks virtual instruction





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# Option 2 Considerations

## Traffic/Parking/Transportation

- Increased transportation costs
    - Estimated cost for 1 bus: \$55,000
    - We would need approximately 14 busses (or less if we could do multiple runs)
    - Estimated cost for 1 year: \$325,000-\$750,000
  - Parking cost
    - Estimated at \$55-\$75 per month, per vehicle
    - Estimated cost for staff parking: \$2,500-\$4,000 per month
    - Yearly cost: \$25,000-\$40,000
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# Budgetary Impact for Each Option

## Option #1 - Onsite

No direct substantial impact on budget

## Option #2 - Off-site

Lease Cost for Space	\$750,000-\$1M
Design/Build/Retrofit	\$50,000-\$100,000
Transportation	\$325,000-\$750,000
Parking	\$25,000-\$40,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1.15M - \$1.89M</b>

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## Next Steps

- Direction needed tonight from the Board on which option for re-opening we would like to pursue, so that planning can continue.
  
  - Community Forum Q&A: Thursday, July 20, 2023 at 6:30 pm, MPPC Auditorium
    - The public can submit questions in advance here:  
<https://forms.gle/NhyE4AaQEgZhUnNe8>
    - Or, a question card may be filled out and submitted before the meeting begins
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