



Antietam School District
Minutes of the Special Hybrid Board Meeting
Monday, June 3, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

The Antietam School District Board met in person and virtually in a Teams meeting for their special voting meeting on Monday, June 3, 2024. Mr. Roberts, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, Monday, June 3, 2024. Mr. Roberts noted that The Board met in executive session on Monday, June 3, 2024, at 5:30 pm before the special voting meeting regarding Personnel. The next meeting of the Board will be Monday, June 17, 2024, for their regularly scheduled Committee of the Whole at 6:30 pm in the Mt. Penn Elementary Center Library. Mr. Roberts asked if there were any corrections to the agenda, none were noted.

Present:

Christopher Faro	Michael Roberts
Rebecca DiSarro	Amanda Stief
Jennifer Miller	David Okonski
Wayne Modeste	

Also Present:

Dr. Heidi Rochlin	Superintendent
Tracy Detwiler	Director of Finance & Business - Teams
Ken Bonkoski	Supervisor of Maintenance and Facilities
Anthony DiSarro	Supervisor of Technology and Security Coordinator via Teams
Staci Fink	Supervisor of Special Ed - Teams
Zachary Williams	Asst. Principal, Antietam Middle-Senior High School - Teams
Nicole Schieck	Principal, Mt. Penn Primary Center- Teams
Amanda Munson	Asst. Principal, Mt. Penn Primary Center/MTSS Coordinator - Teams
Kelly Landherr	Principal, Mt. Penn Elementary Center
Brian F. Boland	Kozloff and Stoudt
Jennifer Reeves	Board Secretary

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Heidi Rochlin congratulated the class of 2024 and stated all students graduated and the students were wonderful as they were all year. There will be a Town Hall meeting, a virtual event on June 6, 2024.

Mr. Faro moved, and Mr. Modeste seconded to Remove from the table, the motion from Monday, April 22, 2024, to approve the following new school names to be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, effective the 2024-2025 School Year

- Mt. Penn Elementary Center at 2310 Cumberland Ave. renamed to the "Kerry C. Hoffman Intermediate School".

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes: 7 Mmes. DiSarro, Miller, Stief; Messrs. Faro, Modeste, Okonski and Roberts.

Motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Faro introduced the 2024-2025 Food Service Budget review given by Mrs. Detwiler.

Mr. Faro moved, seconded by Mrs. Stief to approve the Client Proposal from Fred Beans Ford of Doylestown for a 2024 E-450 Cutaway Chassis 158" WB DRW Base (E4F) at a cost of \$67,481.00

Approve the Mt. Penn Borough Invoice #24-0008 for signs changing the direction of streets and labor in the amount of \$7,734.34

Approve the quote from Best Rubber Mulch at a cost to the district 10,484.55

Approve the New Story ESY Extended School Year Tuition agreement for one 7th-grade student effective June 20, 2024, through July 26, 2024, \$425.00/day.

Approve the John Paul II Center ESY Program agreement for one 6th-grade student, Monday through Thursday period from 9 am to 12:30 pm each day

- June 17 through 20
- June 24 through 27
- July 8 through 11
- July 15 through 18
- July 29 through August 1

Approve the 21st CCLC Data Sharing Agreement between PDE and Antietam School District.

Accept the engagement letter from Herbein+Company, Inc. for audit service for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, including the following fees:

- Gross fee, including expenses - not to exceed \$29,750
- LeaseCrunch Software for GASB 87 and GASB 96 compliance - \$140 per lease or SBITA
- Additional testing of Federal Programs above two major Federal Programs - \$4,000 per program

Approve the continued participation in the Safety and Security Consortium with the Berks County Intermediate Unit at a cost of \$6,000 per year. July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025.

Approve the ESY Agreement between John Paul II Center and Antietam School District for one 6th-grade student effective June 17, 2024, through August 1, 2024. Monday through Thursday 9:00 am through 12:30 pm each day at a cost to the district of \$3,250.00 per student. In addition to basic educational services required by IEP, various ancillary services may be necessary to meet the child's needs. The following support services for an additional fee

of \$60.00 per hour of therapy for each support service will be invoiced at the end of ESY: Speech and Language Therapy O Occupational Therapy O Behavioral Assessment and Therapy

Accept the donation to Antietam Attic from the Woman's Club of Exeter Township \$4,664.00 to be used towards items that a student may need but can not afford. Funds raised from the Designer Purse Music Bingo fundraiser.

Approve Lorraine Storms as Treasurer of the Antietam School District Board of Directors for a one-year team, effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

Approve the Affiliation Agreement for Graduate Assistants and Use Of Facility Site Placement between Kutztown University and Antietam School District effective the 2024-2025 school year for 1 student.

Approve the Extended School Year 2024 agreement between The Pathway School and Antietam School District for one 12th-grade student effective July 8, 2024, through August 9, 2024, at a cost to the district of \$8,300.00.

Approve the agreement between Stepping Stones and Antietam School District through July 31, 2025.

Specialty Hourly Rate \$90.00

- o Physical Therapist \$86.00
- o Occupational Therapist \$86.00
- o School Psychologist \$95.00

Approve the AEDY contract between River Rock Academy, LLC, and Antietam School District for the 2024-2025 school year

Approve the Contract for Reservation of 4 Secondary Slots + 4 Elementary Slots between River Rock Academy and the Antietam School District for the 2024--2025 school year. (AEDY or Secondary Special Education 7-12) at a reduced per diem rate of \$168.00 for an annual cost of \$124,320.00 and 4 reserved elementary student slots at the Amity Campus at a reduced per diem rate of \$187.00 for an annual cost of \$138,380.00.

Approve the agreement between the Antietam School District and PSBA Insurance Trust for participation in the Better Unemployment Compensation System Basic Program, effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, pending solicitor final approval of the agreement.

Approve the agreement between the Antietam School District and the PSEA Health & Welfare Fund to provide dental insurance to Antietam School District eligible employees, effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2026, with rates as approved at the April 22, 2024 voting meeting, pending final approval by the District Solicitor.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes: 7 Mmes. DiSarro, Miller, Stief; Messrs. Faro, Modeste, Okonski and Roberts.

Motion carried.

Mr. Okonski moved seconded by Mr. Faro to accept the donation of materials by Donors Choose for the Projects; "Zooming into our World", "Zooming into our World 2.0", and "Once Upon a STEM: Igniting Imagination with Fairytale Problem-Solving Kits".

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes: 7 Mmes. DiSarro, Miller, Stief; Messrs. Faro, Modeste, Okonski and Roberts.

Motion carried.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Mrs. Stief started a discussion regarding the Draft Parking Policy for the 2024-2025 school year. Dr. Rochlin stated that Mrs. Stief was wondering if we should also include Lower Alsace with the thought it should be district-wide. It was discussed and decided by the board that they would change the words Mt. Penn Borough to Antietam School District. There was a question as to if the Mt. Penn zoning board would accept that change of word. Dr. Rochlin stated the change would be made and would be on the next voting meeting.

Mrs. Stief Moved seconded by Mr. Faro to approve the request, for waiver of Fees, from Christopher Robinson on behalf of 3up3down Delucia Baseball - a non-profit insured under Elysian One, Inc. for the use of the A-field for Baseball Practice (Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm), from May 21, 2024 through August 08, 2024.

Approve the new residency affidavit for one 4th-grade, and one 5th-grade student for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year.

Approve the change to provide transportation to kindergarten through 3rd Grade Students only, effective at the start of the 2024-2025 school year.

Ratify the Admission of Fact, Waiver of Hearing, Acknowledgment of Compliance with Procedural Safeguards, and Consent to Expulsion agreement 2024-2.

Ratify a new guardianship affidavit for one 10th-grade student for the remainder of the 2023-2024 School year.

Approve the new residency Affidavit for one 11th-grade student for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year.

Approve the tabled motion from Monday, April 22, 2024, to approve the following new school names to be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, effective the 2024-2025 School Year

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Motion carried.

BERKS COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT

Mrs. DiSarro reported they had acknowledged Employee of the Month, April minutes were approved, etc. The next meeting will be on Thursday, June 20, 2024.

ATHLETIC/ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Mr. Roberts stated for the principals that might be listening, we would like to talk about students during this section who have done something commendable, for example, State events, chorus, etc.

LEGISLATIVE/COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Faro moved, seconded by Mr. Modeste to appoint Mrs. Amanda Stief as the PSBA delegate for the 2024 Delegate Assembly on Saturday, November 2, 2024.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes: 7 Mmes. DiSarro, Miller, Stief; Messrs. Faro, Modeste, Okonski and Roberts.

Motion carried.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Roberts asked that the motion below be separate.

Mr. Faro moved, and Mrs. Stief seconded to accept with regret the letter of resignation from Dr. Heidi Rochlin, Superintendent, effective June 30, 2024.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes: 7 Mmes. DiSarro, Miller, Stief; Messrs. Faro, Modeste, Okonski and Roberts.

Motion carried.

Mr. Roberts made a statement that stakeholders are saddened to see Dr. Rochlin leave. It was a personal decision for her due to a professional opportunity. We thank her for her many contributions during her tenure here at the Antietam School District. We wish her continued success in her professional endeavors. Moving forward we are making plans for a new superintendent and are committed to making the transition smooth and building upon the plan that Dr. Rochlin and her staff have made. The position will be posted immediately for a permanent superintendent locally, state, and nationally. As things move forward we will keep the staff and community informed.

Mr. Faro moved, seconded by Mrs. Miller. To accept the letter of resignation from Brian Laiacona, from the AVA Coordinator and Athletic Director positions effective June 6, 2024.

Accept the letter of resignation from Derek Evans, Middle School Head Girls Volleyball Coach for the Fall 2024 season.

Accept the letter of resignation from Patrick Devine, Middle School Assistant Girls Volleyball Coach for the Fall 2024 Season.

Accept the letter of resignation from Jennifer Rothermel, MPPC Paraprofessional effective May 31, 2024.

Ratify the FMLA request for Manny Savignano from April 01, 2024, through May 31, 2024.

Amend the FMLA dates for Donna Nuding from March 11, 2024, through April 29, 2024, to March 11, 2024, to May 31, 2024.

Ratify the FMLA request for Denise Rankin from March 20, 2024, through April 7, 2024, which includes a request for a reduced Schedule from April 8, 2024, through May 1, 2024.

Approve the FMLA request from Ted Delinko to begin May 15, 2024, through July 3, 2024.

Approve the FMLA request for Morgan Kelley (Collins) effective approximately September 4, 2024, through December 2, 2024, return date of December 3, 2024.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes: 7 Mmes. DiSarro, Miller, Stief; Messrs. Faro, Modeste, Okonski and Roberts.

Motion carried

Mr. Faro moved, seconded by Mrs. Stief to approve the creation of an annual stipend position, “Facilities Secretary,” at a rate of \$5,000 per fiscal year, July 1 through June 30, effective upon the hiring of a successful candidate. Compensation will be pro-rated in the first year, unless effective July 1.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes: 7 Mmes. DiSarro, Miller, Stief; Messrs. Faro, Modeste, Okonski and Roberts.

Motion carried.

Mr. Faro moved, seconded by Mrs. Stief to approve the amendment of the K-2 Principal position to K-3 Principal effective July 1, 2024.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes: 7 Mmes. DiSarro, Miller, Stief; Messrs. Faro, Modeste, Okonski and Roberts.

Motion carried.

Mr. Faro moved, seconded by Mrs. Miller to amend the position of 12-month Grade 7-12 Assistant Principal to 10-month Grade 9-12 Assistant Principal effective July 1, 2024.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes: 7 Mmes. DiSarro, Miller, Stief; Messrs. Faro, Modeste, Okonski and Roberts.

Motion carried.

Mr. Faro moved, seconded by Mrs. Miller to approve the addition of a 12-month Grade 6-8 Principal, effective July 1, 2024.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes: 6 Mmes. DiSarro, Miller; Messrs. Faro, Modeste, Okonski and Roberts.

No: 1 Mmes. Stief

Motion carried.

Mr. Faro moved, seconded by Mrs. Miller to amend the position of 10-month Grade K-6 Assistant Principal/MTSS Coordinator to 10-month Grade K-3 Assistant Principal/MTSS Coordinator, effective July 1, 2024.

Yes: 4 Mmes. DiSarro, Miller; Messrs. Modeste, and Roberts.

No: 3 Mmes. Stief; Messrs. Faro, and Okonski

Motion carried.

Mr. Faro moved, seconded by Mrs. Stief to amend the position of 12-month Grade 7-12 Principal to 12-month Grade 9-12 Principal, effective July 1, 2024.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes: 7 Mmes. DiSarro, Miller, Stief; Messrs. Faro, Modeste, Okonski and Roberts.

Motion carried.

Mr. Faro moved, seconded by Mrs. Miller to amend the position of 12-month Grade 3-6 Principal to 12-month Grade 4-5 Principal, effective July 1, 2024.

Yes: 5 Mmes. DiSarro, Miller; Messrs. Faro, Modeste, and Roberts.

No: 2 Mmes. Stief; Messrs. and Okonski

Motion carried.

Mr. Faro moved, seconded by Mrs. Stief to approve the addition of an elementary regular education teacher, effective at the start of the 2024-2025 school year.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes: 7 Mmes. DiSarro, Miller, Stief; Messrs. Faro, Modeste, Okonski and Roberts.

Motion carried.

Mr. Faro moved, seconded by Mrs. Stief to approve the addition of an elementary special education teacher, effective at the start of the 2024-2025 school year.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes: 7 Mmes. DiSarro, Miller, Stief; Messrs. Faro, Modeste, Okonski and Roberts.

Motion carried.

Mr. Faro moved, seconded by Mrs. Miller to approve the addition of an elementary English Language Learner (ELL) teacher, effective the start of the 2024-2025 school year.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes: 7 Mmes. DiSarro, Miller, Stief; Messrs. Faro, Modeste, Okonski and Roberts.

Motion carried.

Mr. Faro moved, seconded by Mrs. Stief to approve the addition of a Middle School Guidance Counselor, effective at the start of the 2024-2025 school year.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes: 6 Mmes. DiSarro, Miller, Stief; Messrs. Faro, Modeste, and Okonski.

No: 1 Messrs. Roberts

Motion carried.

Mr. Faro moved, seconded by Mrs. Stief to approve the addition of a Middle School ELA teacher, effective at the start of the 2024-2025 school year.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes: 7 Mmes. DiSarro, Miller, Stief; Messrs. Faro, Modeste, Okonski and Roberts.

Motion carried.

Mr. Faro moved, seconded by Mrs. Miller to approve the addition of a Middle School Science teacher, effective at the start of the 2024-2025 school year.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes: 7 Mmes. DiSarro, Miller, Stief; Messrs. Faro, Modeste, Okonski and Roberts.

Motion carried

Mr. Faro moved, seconded by Mrs. Miller to Approve the addition of a Middle School Social Studies teacher, effective at the start of the 2024-2025 school year.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes: 7 Mmes. DiSarro, Miller, Stief; Messrs. Faro, Modeste, Okonski and Roberts.

Motion carried

Mr. Faro moved, seconded by Mrs. Stief to amend the 0.5 FTE Speech and Language Pathologist Position to 1.0 FTE.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes: 7 Mmes. DiSarro, Miller, Stief; Messrs. Faro, Modeste, Okonski and Roberts.

Motion carried

Submitted by:



Jennifer Reeves
Board Secretary