

Antietam School District
Minutes of the Hybrid Board Meeting
Monday, August 14, 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, August 14, 2023. Mr. Roberts, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, Monday, August 14, 2023. Mr. Roberts noted that the Board will be meeting in executive session after this voting meeting, Monday August 14, 2023 regarding Safety and Security. Mr. Roberts asked if there were any corrections to the agenda, none were noted.

The following Members were present:

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

Also Present:

Dr. Heidi Rochlin	Superintendent
Tracy Detwiler	Director of Finance & Business
Ken Bonkoski	Supervisor of Maintenance and Facilities
Anthony DiSarro	Supervisor of Technology and Security Coordinator via Teams
Becky Kohr	Director of Student Services
Dr. Felice Stern	Principal, Antietam Middle Senior High School
Zachary Williams	Assistant Principal, Antietam Middle Senior High School
Brian J Boland	Solicitor, Kozloff Stoudt

During the public comment Mr. Troy Goodman introduced himself as the President of the Mt. Penn Borough Council. He stated that each school board member had received a copy of a letter which had been sent to the School District from the Council at their seats then commented on the contents of the letter.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Heidi Rochlin announced that she had three certificates from PSBA honoring Michael Gierula, Kayla Ramsey and Chris Faro for their years of service to the Antietam School District.

Dr. Rochlin gave a presentation on updates, which is attached to these minutes.

Mr. Roberts noted the minutes of the 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

In Mr. Weldele's absence Mrs Ramsey moved seconded by Mrs. Alaron to approve the agreements (2) between New Story and Antietam School District for one 3rd grade student and one 1st grade student for the 2023-2024 School year.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

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

Motion carried

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Mrs. Storms motioned, Ms. Ramsey, seconded, to accept the donation of materials for "Scholastic Magazines to Inspire Third Grade Readers and Writers" and "Help Replace Lost Materials After Flood" projects from Donors Choose.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

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

Motion carried.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Ms. Ramsey moved, seconded by Mr. Faro to accept the letter of Resignation from Erika Alena, effective on or before Monday, October 9, 2023.

Approve Kaylah Kerschner, LTS for 1st grade teacher, Bachelor's Step 1, 50,000, (pro-rated) to actual days worked, no benefits, effective date from August 14, 2023 - November 6, 2023.

Approve one daily building level substitute position, per building level, for the 2023-2024 school year.

Approve the following building level substitutes for the 2023-2024 school year.

- o Deb Gerbino - MSHS level
- o Josh Potts - Elementary level
- o Kim Wittich - Primary level

Approve the Fall Coach List for the 2023-2024 School year, as presented.

Approve the list of unpaid dates for staff, as presented.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

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

Motion carried.

Submitted by:



Jennifer Reeves
Board Secretary

Board Updates



8/14/2023



Thank You for Your Service to the ASD!

Please help me in honoring the following School Board Members for their dedicated service:

Michael Gierula

Kyla Ramsey

Chris Faro



Updates!

- We have been focusing on re-opening for teachers TOMORROW, and for students on the 21st.
 - Parking:
 - We are leasing the entire lot at 23rd and Perkiomen for teacher parking (37 spots), and we are being gifted 2 lanes of parking at St. Catherine's (about 16 spots)
 - Food Service and Transportation:
 - Kitchen has been inspected in the church space, SOS met with student representatives about the menu, and times and logistics are being worked out.
 - The BCIU has assured us that they will be able to meet our transportation needs for Albright.
 - Facilities:
 - Air conditioners have been installed in the church classrooms.
 - The Fire System at the Church will complete installation by Wednesday.
 - The Albright move will happen Tuesday AM
 - Brandywine Heights is sending their teachers to volunteer on Tuesday afternoon - they will buddy up with teachers at all locations to help set up classrooms 😊
 - Berks Fire and Water came out this week to "rescue" items from the affected classrooms at the MSHS - teachers were very grateful
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Updates!

- Family Outreach/Beginning of Year Communication:
 - We hosted the 3 parent/student tours at Albright this week - we had about 2/3 of our families attend. All who attended were very excited about the program. The MPEC staff has contacted every family by phone to make sure they are aware of the plan for this year.
 - All buildings held their virtual "town hall" and "back-to-school" presentations this week. Important information was shared at those meetings - and the presentations have been posted on the website.
 - Traffic Patterns:
 - I spoke with Chief Serafin today.
 - No traffic patterns will change for the start of school (Borough/PennDOT does not have authorization yet to change any traffic patterns)
 - As the year progresses, traffic patterns may be changed.
 - The School District will take direction from the Borough/Central Berks and will comply with any changes throughout the year.
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Updates!

- After we get school re-opened, we will focus on formulating the next phase of plans
 - We are working with many entities on this including the BCIU, PDE, Albright, BEMA, PEMA, FEMA, etc.
 - GSL-RCAP Program
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