

Antietam School District
Minutes of the Hybrid Board Meeting
Monday, September 25, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

The Antietam School District Board met in person and in a Teams meeting for their voting meeting on Monday, September 25, 2023. Mr. Roberts, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Mr. Roberts noted that the Board met in executive session Monday, September 18, 2023, regarding Personnel they did not reconvene. The Board also met in executive session regarding to Personnel prior to this voting meeting.

Mr. Roberts, requested a motion to accept with regret, the letter of resignation from School Board Member Geneia Kromer effective September 19, 2023. A poll by voice vote was unanimous.

Director Roberts moved seconded by Mr. Faro to appoint Larry O'Boyle to fill the vacant seat on the Antietam Board of School Directors term ending December 4, 2023.

Mr. Roberts asked if there if there were any corrections to the agenda, Mr. Roberts stated that he would like to make a motion to break out the last item in under Finance for a separate motion. Mr. Faro confirmed that separate vote would be for the AEM Architects motion.

The following Members were present:

Kimberly Alarcon	Kyla Ramsey
Rebecca DiSarro	Larry O'Boyle
Chris Faro	Lorraine Storms
Michael Gierula	Michael Roberts

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
Brian F. Boland	Solicitor, Kozloff Stoudt

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lisa Iezzi commented and would like additional costs listed out for the agenda, Dr. Rochlin addressed her questions with answers.

Bill Howze commented and stated he would like to see the enclosures of the agendas.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Rochlin stated she would like to give an update on what has transpired from last week to this week, because that is how fast things are moving right now.

Dr. Rochlin stated that We have exciting events coming up; Homecoming weekend is coming up and this week is spirit week. There is a bonfire on Friday night and field painting with pizza party for athletes. There will be a Bonfire, approximate lighting time is 6:45 pm at the Afield and is a new addition this year, she stated she wasn't sure if Antietam ever had one. The Homecoming parade is at 9:00 am on Saturday, starting at the Rec Center followed by a soccer game and activities at the Afield. The Mt. Penn Block Party is Saturday on 25th street from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm as well, after years of being dormant lots of vendors will be there. October events; Carsonia Craft Beer and Wine Festival on October 14th, PTL Fall Fest on October 15th at the Rec Center. A Fest at the Reading Liederkrantz on October 22nd.

Student behaviour, Dr. Rochlin stated there was an altercation that had been addressed today, there was also fight last week. Dr. Rochlin said this happens when you have middle school and high school students, and students have been dealt with appropriately. What precipitated this fight was social media, students not being kind and posting incorrect information, the students find out about it and then they fight. Dr. Rochlin requested that we be good examples for our children and encourage our children not to engage in this type of behaviour.

Dr. Rochlin stated that she received one email this week and two emails last week about parking issues. While Dr. Rochlin was explaining the emails and complaints, Ms. Lopez resident of Mt. Penn, was interrupting Dr. Rochlin asking where it is she should park as a resident near the school. Dr. Rochlin tried explaining but Ms. Jennifer Lopez continued to address Dr. Rochlin while she was trying to speak. Dr. Rochlin suggested to go to the Borough to request permit parking. Ms. Lopez stated permit parking would be more expense to the taxpayers and we are paying for a lot for parking spaces. Mr. Bill Howze stood up during this conversation addressed Dr. Rochlin as Ms. Rochlin and she corrected him, he continued to address her as Ms. Rochlin, Mr. Roberts stated that Mr. Howze was being disrespectful intentionally and called for a recess and at 7:21 pm he announced that we will reconvene.

Mr. Roberts reconvened the meeting at 7:27 pm.

Mr. Roberts noted the minutes of the Sunday, August 20, 2023 and Monday, August 28, 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. Gierula reported Revenue Year to Date \$11,180,730.59, Expenditures Year to Date (\$ 2,066,329.67) and Fund Balance (Unaudited) August 31, 2023 \$ 17,031,920.60.

Mr. Gierula moved, seconded by Mr. Faro, to approve the Treasurer's Report, Cash and investments as of August 31, 2023 \$16,900,317.94, approval of bills listed for September 2023.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes: 7 Mmes. Alarcon, DiSarro, Ramsey ; Messrs. Faro, Gierula, O'Boyle and Roberts.

Ms. Storms had to step out prior to the vote.

Motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Gierula moved seconded by Mr. Faro to ratify the agreement between the Antietam School District and Albright College, including classroom space and participation in Total Experience Learning® (“TEpL®”) for Antietam’s 6th grade students at a cost of \$350,000 for the 2023-2024 school year, as presented.

Ratify Addendum #6 between the Antietam School District and School Operation Services Group Inc. for contracted support personnel positions, including substitutes, as presented.

Ratify the Science Explorers Event Agreement for 8 Sets of Science Explorers for Climb Enrichment program 180 attendees for the 2023-2024 school year \$63,000.00.

Approve the Waiver Agreement for one 12th grade student #2023-1.

Approve the Settlement Agreement for one 12th grade student #2023-3.

Approve the Settlement agreement for on 10th grade student #2023-4.

Ratify the Agreement to Furnish Meals between the Antietam School District and Aramark at Albright College for the 2023-2024 school year at a cost of \$4.35 per meal, with a minimum number of meals to be agreed upon by both parties by Thursday of the preceding week, as presented.

Approve the Agreement for Provision of Private Academic Program between Antietam School District and KidsPeace National Centers, Inc. for one 9th grade student for the 2023-2024 school year.

Ratify and approve the representation by Brumbach, Mancuso and Fegley P.C. for conflict legal services regarding the Albright College agreement at the rate of \$225 per hour and waive the conflict with Kozloff Stoudt in regard to the preparation of the agreement for Albright.

Approve the New Story agreement for one 8th grade student for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year.

Approve the Hogan Learning Academy LLC Tuition Agreement for one first grade student for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year.

Approve the submission of the Request for Act 80 Day Exceptions for the 2023-2024 school year.

Approve 2022-2023 Investment Policy Review, as presented.

Accept the engagement letter from Herbein+Company, Inc. for audit service for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, as presented, at the following rates:

- Annual local audit process - standard hourly rates plus out-of-pocket costs; gross fee, including expenses, not to exceed \$20,125
- Additional fee for COVID-19 Federal Awards testing, which will not exceed \$3,750 per program
- Lease Crunch Software tool - \$140/lease

Mrs. Ramsey had questions that regarding the Albright College
Mr. O’Boyle was concerned about voting for the settlement agreements. Brian
Mrs. DiSarro had some questions regarding the teacher trainings for Albright.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes 8 Mmes. Alarcon, DiSarro, Ramsey and Storms ; Messrs. Faro, Gierula, O’Boyle and Roberts.

Motion carried.

Mr. Gierula moved and Mr. Faro seconded to approve the agreement between AEM Architects and the Antietam School District for architect services including their service fee of 8% of the Cost of Work, as presented, pending final review by the District Solicitor.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes 7 Mmes. Alarcon, DiSarro, Ramsey and Storms ; Faro, Gierula, O’Boyle and Roberts.

No 1 Messrs. Gierula

Motion carried.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Mrs. Storms mentioned on 9/18/2023, there were discussions regarding Mt. Penn Primary Center possible renovations and Winterizing MSHS Discussion.

Mrs. Storms then moved seconded by Mr. Gierula to approve the final draft of the easement for the waterline work at Antietam Middle Senior High School.

Ratify the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Authorization to Enter form for emergency repair and stabilization of the Antietam Cree bed due to sever recent flooding.

Accept the donation of a 700 watt 9.5 amp Microwave to be used at the Trinity Church for students to heat their lunch from Liza Liszcz.

Ratify the parking lease between A&G Realty, LLC and Antietam School District for 37 spaces effective August 21, 2023 - August 20, 2024 @ 12:00 am.

Authorize AEM to commence design for renovation of additional spaces at Mount Penn Primary Center.

Accept the donation of material from Donor's Choose for the project "Safety First In STEM".

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes 8 Mmes. Alarcon, DiSarro, Ramsey and Storms ; Messrs. Faro, Gierula, O’Boyle and Roberts.

Motion carried.

BERKS CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER

Mr. Roberts stated there was a BCTC meeting coming up and he would report at the next CoW meeting. Mr. O’Boyle asked if Mr. Roberts could inquire while at his meeting if BCTC would be interested in possibly helping to install equipment for some of the flood damage victims. Mr. Roberts said that he thought that was a great idea and would email Mr. O’Boyle on what he found.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Ms. Alarcon motioned, Mr. Faro seconded, to approve one new Homeschool Affidavit for one 6 year old for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year.

Approve the additional residency affidavits for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year as presented.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes 8 Mmes. Alarcon, DiSarro, Ramsey and Storms ; Messrs. Faro, Gierula, O’Boyle and Roberts.

Motion carried.

ATHLETICS

On 9/18/2023, There were dicussion about possibly using the Mt. Penn Primary Center Gym for upcoming home games.

Dr. Rochlin mentioned that they were working with the Mt. Penn Borough to see if they could get the last of the volleyball games at the Primary Center. Mr. Boland mentioned that there was a letter sent on our behalf to the Mt. Penn Borough last week.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Ms. Ramsey moved, and Mr. Faro seconded to remove the motion to accept the letter of resignation from Stefanie Matetich, CSN effective November 13, 2023 this motion was removed because the staff member recinded their resignation on 9/27/2023.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes 8 Mmes. Alarcon, DiSarro, Ramsey and Storms ; Messrs. Faro, Gierula, O’Boyle and Roberts.

Motion carried.

Ratify Tara Perry as substitute teacher for the Climb Enrichment After School Program at \$15/hour as needed effective September 20, 2023.

Ratify the update of Katie Longlotts August 2023 motion regarding resignation effective date to September 13, 2023.

Ratify the 2023-2024 Sub list.

Approve Brian Laiacona’s Athletic Director stipend of \$11,056 for the 2023-2024 school year.

Approve Jennifer Reeves Board Secretary stipend of \$2,652 for the 2023-2024 school year.

*Approve Aryana Musser and Jaimie Gil as Student Tutor for the Climb Enrichment after school program @ \$12.00/hr as needed.

*Approve Shannon Sanders, 3rd Grade Special Ed Teacher, Master's Step 18, \$84,800 professional contract with benefits, effective upon the release of her current district.

Ratify Julianne Bentley as an instructor for the “Climb Enrichment Center "on an as needed basis, \$30 per hour effective September 18, 2023.

Accept the letter of resignation from Sara Werner, Secondary Special Ed teacher effective on or before November 3, 2023.

Ratify Abigail Welty as building substitute for the Mt. Penn Elementary Center effective September 21, 2023.

Ratify the list of teachers’ salaries for the 2023-2024 school year, as presented.

Approve a \$4000 stipend (each) for Caitlin Peck and Richard Burgon for teaching an additional class in the 2023-2024 school year.

Approve the list of unpaid dates for staff as presented.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes 8 Mmes. Alarcon, DiSarro, Ramsey and Storms ; Messrs. Faro, Gierula, O’Boyle and Roberts.

Motion carried.

Mr. Roberts stated he would entertain a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Gierula moved, seconded by Mr. Faro A poll by voice vote was unanimous, meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Submitted by:

Tracy Detwiler
Acting Board Secretary