

Antietam School District
Minutes of the Hybrid Board Meeting
Monday, October 23, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

The Antietam School District Board met in person and virtually in a Teams meeting for their voting meeting on Monday, October 23, 2023. Mr. Roberts, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Mr. Roberts noted that the Board met in Executive session directly after the CoW meeting on Monday, October 16, 2023 regarding litigation and personnel, they did not reconvene. Mr. Roberts asked if there were any corrections to the agenda, a discussion was had about the votes that would take place this evening and Mr. Roberts explained that the vote on “Choosing the Path Forward” does not mean that we are not locked into all the phases of Option 1. No corrections were suggested and poll by voice vote was unanimous.

The following Members were present:

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

Also Present:

Dr. Heidi Rochlin	Superintendent – Via Teams
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 - Via Teams
Staci Fink	Supervisor of Special Education – Via Teams
Dr. Felice Stern	Principal, Antietam Middle Senior High School – Via Teams
Kelly Landherr	Principal, Mt. Penn Elementary Center – Via Teams
Brian F. Boland	Solicitor, Kozloff Stoudt
Jennifer L. Reeves	Board Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. James Oswald asked the Board if instead of talking about millions of dollars is it possible if the Board could put the explanation and amount in mils. There was a discussion on this topic along with where the money is coming from and is the Antietam Middle Senior High School Building usable and will we be winterizing the building.

Mr. John Theodossiou and Mr. Roberts discussed, and both helped explain the Option 1 and how the district would not be locked into any of the phases of that option, this vote was just choosing a path forward to investigate and gather information and not a vote on expenditures. Mr. Roberts stated that there would be a vote on each phase of the project.

Ms. Jennifer Lopez questioned the Board regarding the court documents pertaining to the Mt. Penn Primary Center being used only as an Elementary Center. Mr. Brian Boland explained that the Mt. Penn Borough had the authority to change the zoning of that building to be used for high school students.

Mrs. Boudreau urged to everyone to put the children first. She moved into this district knowing that the taxes were higher but accepted it because they loved the district, and her grandchildren want to be mounts. She stated she hoped that the community could come together on this.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Nate Collier gave his Student Representative report on Monday, October 16, 2023.

Mr. O’Boyle stated that AVCP had a couple events he would like to share that are upcoming. This Friday, October 27, 2023, the AVCP and the Class of 2024 are hosting a movie night, proceeds will go to the senior class, the movie will be Hocus Pocus. Saturday October 28, 2023, the AVCP would be hosting the Trunk or Treat at the Antietam Pool parking lot. Please reach out to him if you would like to sponsor a trunk!

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Dr. Rochlin gave her Superintendents report with presentation on Monday, October 16, 2023.

Dr. Rochlin stated that Chris Celmer, M.S. ED, was online and prepared to give his presentation on Devopar but unfortunately had to catch a plane. Mr. Roberts then read some items from the proposal.

Mr. Roberts noted the minutes of Monday, September 25, 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 reported Revenue Year to Date \$14,815,003.94, Expenditures Year to Date (\$3,984,147.49)and a Fund Balance (Unaudited) September 30, 2023 \$ 18,735,437.91.

Mr. Weldele moved, seconded by Mr. Faro, to approve the Treasurer’s Report, Cash and Investments as of September 30, 2023 - \$18,670,737,92, and approval of bills listed for October 2023.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes: 9 Mmes. Alarcon, DiSarro, Ramsey Storms; Messrs. Faro, Gierula, O’Boyle, Roberts, and Weldele.

Motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Weldele noted that there was a discussion during the Cow meeting on Monday, October 16, 2023 regarding Devopar Consulting.

Mr. Weldele moved seconded by Mr. Faro to approve the proposal from Devopar Consulting, choosing pricing model option 2, effective November 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:**Yes: 9 Mmes. Alarcon, DiSarro, Ramsey Storms; Messrs. Faro, Gierula, O'Boyle, Roberts, and Weldele.****Motion carried.**

Mr. Weldele moved seconded by Mr. Faro to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Antietam School District and Safe Berks SAFE -T Programs to 7th and 8th Grade students at no cost to the district.

Ratify the New Story Tuition Agreement for the remainder of the 2023-2024 School year effective October 10, 2023 for one 8th grade student \$366 per day based on actual days of enrollment.

Ratify a partnership with Exeter Township School District to provide transportation to Access Learning Academy in Stowe, Pennsylvania for an out of district placement, effective October 3, 2023 through May 31, 2024, at a cost of \$36 per day for 152 days, totaling \$5,472 for the school year.

Ratify the Contract for the Transportation of School Pupils, between the Antietam School District and the guardians of an Antietam Student for the 2023-2024 school year, based on the sum of the IRS mileage reimbursement rate per mile for 34 miles per day the student attends the out of district placement.

Ratify the Lease Agreement between the Antietam School District and Trinity United Church of Christ, Mt. Penn, effective August 1, 2023. The District will not pay rent for use of the Premises. The District will pay any utility expense in excess of the "Base Utility Bill" as defined in the agreement. The District will also be responsible for Repairs and Maintenance as outlined in the agreement.

Ratify the agreement between the Antietam School District and the County of Berks for warehouse space to store non-flood damaged furniture and materials, at no cost to the District.

Ratify the tuition agreement between New Story and Antietam School district for (1) 12th grade student for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year @ \$250.00/day based on actual days of enrollment.

Ratify the MOU between Ready Set Read! Initiative, managed by United Way of Berks County and Antietam School District for the "Star Readers" tutoring program for first and second grade students at no cost to the district effective August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2026.

Ratify the Behavioral and Education Services agreement between Cottage Seven Education (CSE) and Antietam School district at a per diem rate of \$215 for one student for the 2023-2024 school year.

Accept the \$200 donation from the Keystone State Literacy Association (KSLA Valley Forge) to be used toward the Mount Penn Primary Center Library.

Approve the Health and Welfare Benefits Consulting proposal with Conrad Siegel Actuaries for Affordable Care Act (ACA) mandatory employer reporting services for the 2023 tax year, at a rate of \$5,500. No increase in cost over the 2022 tax year.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes: 9 Mmes. Alarcon, DiSarro, Ramsey Storms; Messrs. Faro, Gierula, O’Boyle, Roberts, and Weldele.

Motion carried.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Mrs. Storms noted there was a Discussion during the CoW meeting on Monday October 16, 2023 regarding the Design progress at MPPC and facilities options for 2024-2025 school year.

Mrs. Storms moved seconded by Mr. Faro to authorize administration to proceed with “Charting the Path Forward: Option I” as presented at the Committee of the Whole Meeting on October 16, 2023.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes: 9 Mmes. Alarcon, DiSarro, Ramsey Storms; Messrs. Faro, Gierula, O’Boyle, Roberts, and Weldele.

Motion carried.

Mrs. Storms moved seconded by Mr. Faro to approve the Change Order 003 for the Antietam Creek Streambank Stabilization Project for steep grade excavation to be stabilized with additional site sorted R6 Rip-Rap stone, at an increase of \$5,429.91 to the contract.

Accept the donation of materials from Donors Choose for the project "Laughter and Literacy".

Ratify the Water Line Easement agreement between Antietam School District and Mt Penn Borough Municipal Authority.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes: 9 Mmes. Alarcon, DiSarro, Ramsey Storms; Messrs. Faro, Gierula, O’Boyle, Roberts, and Weldele.

Motion carried.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Ms. Alarcon noted that there was a discussion on Monday, October 16, 2023 regarding Student discipline procedures during the CoW meeting.

Ms. Alarcon motioned,seconded by Mr. Faro, to approve the revised District calendar for the 2023-2024 school year, changing November 20, 21, and 22 to full Act 80 days for the entire District for conferences.

Approve the new guardianship affidavits for (1) 2nd grade, (1) 4th grade student and (1) 9th grade student for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year.

Approve the new residency Affidavit for (1) 5th grade, (1) 7th grade and (1) 10th grade student for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes: 9 Mmes. Alarcon, DiSarro, Ramsey Storms; Messrs. Faro, Gierula, O’Boyle, Roberts, and Weldele.

Motion carried.

BERKS CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER

Mr. Roberts reported that BCTC’s next meeting would be on Wednesday, October 25, 2023. He stated that BCTC is starting an outreach program for fourth and fifth graders to get them interested and informed of a career path with no student debt.

Mr. O’Boyle wanted to inform the community that AVCP is working with BCTC to help the Exeter trailer park with repairs and stated that the students of BCTC are excited to be helping with these repairs. AVCP is still looking for funds to help supply the materials to help winterize trailers and replacing skirting, etc.

BERKS COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT

Mr. Gierula reported that the BCIU had their meeting on October 19, 2023. Their next meeting will be on November 16, 2023.

ATHLETIC/ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Mrs. DiSarro moved seconded by Mr. Faro to ratify the overnight music department trip to South Mountain, October 13, 2023 through October 15, 2023, at a cost of \$100/student, to be paid by the students.

Approve the addition of Junior High School Cheerleading to the cooperative sponsorship between the Antietam School District and the Exeter Township School District, beginning with the Winter 2023 season. Fees to be billed annually, pro-rated by actual participation, in accordance with our overall existing cooperative agreement.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes: 9 Mmes. Alarcon, DiSarro, Ramsey Storms; Messrs. Faro, Gierula, O’Boyle, Roberts, and Weldele.

Motion carried.

At this time Mrs. Storms requested an executive session regarding Personnel. At 8:22pm Mr. Roberts announced that the Board would go into Executive Session at this time regarding Personnel and they would reconvene.

Mr. Roberts reconvened at 8:43 pm.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Ms. Ramsey motioned to approve, accept, amend and ratify as presented with the exception of approving a stipend of \$1,350 for Jennifer Reeves, board secretary, for her additional board secretary duties due to the flood in July 2023, a stipend of \$10,600 for Ken Bonkoski, Facilities Supervisor, for his additional duties due to the flood in July 2023, and a stipend of \$11,000 for Tracy Detwiler, Director of Business Services, for her additional duties due to the flood in July 2023. Mr. Faro seconded the motion to approve the following unpaid dates for the following staff members:

Name	Date	Requested	Time Off Code	Start Time
MARK CARVALHO	09/18/2023 Mon	0.5 Days	UNPAID DAY	8:00 am
DERR, ROBIN	10/06/2023 Fri	1 Days	UNPAID DAY	7:40 am
KRISTIN L HELLER	10/16/2023 Mon	0.5 Days	UNPAID DAY	7:45 am
KYLE A WILLIAMS	10/17/2023 Tue	1 Days	UNPAID DAY	8:00 am
AIDEN STOUDT	10/19/2023 Thu	1 Days	UNPAID DAY	7:30 am
AIDEN STOUDT	10/20/2023 Fri	1 Days	UNPAID DAY	7:30 am

Approve the following additions to the Antietam School District's 2023 - 2024 Guest teacher list/Sub list: Susan Hertzog, Stephanie Owsian, and Susan Zigner-Steiger

Accept the letter of resignation from Britany Kratz, 7-12 Emotional Support Teacher, effective on or before December 15, 2023.

Amend the August 14, 2023 motion for Erika Elena's resignation effective date to August 11, 2023.

Amend the June 2023 motion for Mark Carvalho, LTS Secondary Guidance Counselor, effective dates of employment August 14, 2023 Through March 1, 2024.

Approve the FMLA request for Olivia Fenstermacher effective approximately December 2, 2023 through February 24, 2024.

Ratify the transfer of the following teachers to Mount Penn Primary Center effective the start of the 2023-2024 school year, Lauren Kralles, Michelle Kerper, Jackie Kast, Sean Stern, and Lisa Outland.

Ratify the following transfers: Lauren Kralles full time MPPC Special Education Teacher to MPEC Regular Ed Teacher effective September 20, 2023. Anna Legg, full time 7th grade Learning Support teacher at MSHS to MPEC Special Education Teacher effective September 25, 2023

Ratify the acceptance of Adam Neill's Letter of resignation effective August 25, 2023.

Approve Jason Dusko as 7th grade Learning Support Teacher, Master's Step 13, \$69,380, Professional Contract with benefits effective November 28, 2023.

Approve Mitizene Lindo -Blake as 9th Grade Special Ed Teacher, Master's Step 14, \$71,000 Professional Contract with benefits effective upon release from current district.

Approve Lovinda Weaver, ESL Teacher at the Middle Senior High School Level, Master's +45 Step 18, \$87,650, Professional Contract with benefits, effective upon release from current district.

Amend the June 2023 motion for Ashley Brown's unpaid leave to reflect October 20, 2023 through March 1, 2024, return date March 4, 2024.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes: 2 Mmes. Alarcon, DiSarro, Ramsey Storms; Messrs. Faro, Gierula, O'Boyle, Roberts, and Weldele.

Motion carried.

Mr. Roberts stated he would entertain a motion to table the items that were removed from the previous motion. Mr. Faro moved seconded by Mr. Gierula. A poll by voice vote was unanimous.

Mr. Roberts stated the items will be tabled to the next voting meeting.

Mr. Roberts asked if there was any new or old business, being none the meeting adjourned 8:45pm

Submitted by:



Jennifer Reeves
Board Secretary