



Antietam School District
Minutes of the Hybrid Board Meeting
Monday, April 22, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

The Antietam School District Board met in person and virtually in a Teams meeting for their voting meeting on Monday, April 22, 2024. Ms. Ramsey, Board Vice President, called the meeting to order on Monday, April 22, 2024. Ms. Ramsey noted that the Board met in executive session on Monday, March 25, 2024, regarding Personnel. The Board met in executive session on April 15, 2024, regarding Personnel they did not reconvene. The Board met in executive session regarding negotiations at 6:30 pm on April 22, 2024, and will meet again after the Board meeting on April 22, 2024, regarding personnel and Litigation and will not reconvene. Ms. Ramsey asked if there were any corrections to the agenda, none were noted.

Present:

Christopher Faro	Kyla Ramsey
Rebecca DiSarro	Amanda Stief
Jennifer Miller	Lorraine Storms
Wayne Modeste	David Okonski

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
Brian F. Boland	Kozloff and Stoudt
Jennifer Reeves	Board Secretary

Ms. Ramsey noted the minutes of the combined CoW and voting meeting on Monday, March 18, 2024, 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.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Heidi Rochlin announced that twenty-one teachers were celebrated at the 3rd Annual Mountaineer Impact Award Ceremony which took place, on Thursday, April 11, 2024. Teachers who were nominated enjoyed dinner with the nominating senior students and received a plaque. The nominated teachers were:

Matt Ahearn, Richard Burgon, Mark Carvalho, Caleb Deutsch, Russell Edmonds, Jared Frederick, Deb Gerbino, Beth Girard, Tara Halvorson, Danielle Hoffa, Alanna Lebo, Mariah Ligas, Katie Mosser, Katrina Moyer, Taryn Moyer, Kim Patterson, Caitlin Peck, Elizabeth Faust-Shucker, Stephanie Smith, Kyle Williams, and Brian Young.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Storms reported Revenue Year to Date \$ 23,870,745.01, Expenditures Year to Date (\$ 17,378.212.59) Fund Balance (Unaudited) March 31, 2024, \$15,503,935.27 Mrs. Storms moved seconded by Mr. Faro to approve the Treasurer's report, Cash and Investments as of March 31, 2024 - \$15,801,705.26 and approval of bills as listed for March/April 2024.

A roll call vote of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes: 8 Mmes. DiSarro, Miller, Ramsey, Stief, Storms; Messrs. Modeste, Faro, and Okonski.

Motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Storms started a discussion regarding 2024-2025 Budget Considerations during the April 15, 2024 meeting. Mrs. Tracy Detwiler gave a Budget presentation for the 2024-2025 school year see attached budget presentation.

Mrs. Storms moved seconded by Mr. Faro to approve the Costars Quotation from Singer for the purchase of kitchen equipment for the Mount Penn Primary Center Project at a cost of \$299,009.83, pricing via Costars Contract # 036-E22-036, as presented.

Approve The Janus School 2024-2025 Enrollment contract for one 8th-grade student for the 2024-2025 school year at a cost to the district of \$40,000.

Approve The Janus School 2024-2025 Flex Options Contract for Speech-Language Therapy for one (1) 8th-grade student 2x @week for full tuition of \$2,960.00

Approve the Compensation Agreement for Cottage Seven Education, LLC for the 2023-2024 ESY term for one (1) 8th-grade student at a per diem rate of \$125.00.

Amend the amount for the Meraki Access Point Licenses that were approved at the March 18, 2024 meeting from \$48,876.79 to \$58,922.88, due to the additional needs for the modular plans.

Ratify the IT Asset Removal Agreement between the Antietam School District and Upcycle USA, LLC for the disposition of retired IT equipment, at no cost to the District and Upcycle will pay approximately \$1,350 for the retired equipment.

Ratify the Antietam School District Independent Contractor Agreement for Tina Hertzog Deaf/Blind Consultant effective April 2, 2024, through June 30, 2024, \$125.00 per hour for preapproved and documented services.

Ratify the New Story Tuition Agreement for one 11th-grade student for the remainder of the 2023 - 2024 school year \$366/day based on enrollment.

Approve the Hogan Learning Academy LLC Tuition Agreement for special education services provided by HLA to resident pupil(s) of the District within the school program the charge is \$490/day for each pupil the district enrolls for the 2024-2025 school year.

Approve the request for the waiver of fees from Chelsea Boudreau of the Mt. Penn PTL for the Candy Bingo event on March 9, 2024.

Accept the \$290.00 check from the Reading Royals for the Antietam Flood Fundraiser held on March 23, 2024.

Accept the \$207.00 cash donation from Makaio Boudreau from the Antietam flood relief Bake sale fundraiser.

Approve the Access Services Tuition Contract for Services Provided by Access Learning Academy for the 2024 - 2025 School year @ a per diem rate of \$250.00/day.

Approve a 63-month lease with STR Business Solutions in an amount not to exceed \$158 per month for one (1) C-Auto Digital Mailing System with 5 lb scale.

A roll call vote of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes: 8 Mmes. DiSarro, Miller, Ramsey, Stief, Storms; Messrs. Modeste, Faro, and Okonski.

Motion carried.

Mrs. Storms moved seconded by Mr. Faro to approve the Proposal from PSEA Health & Welfare Fund for dental insurance provided through United Concordia, effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2026, with an administrative fee of \$2.80 per employee per month and the following budgeted rates per employee per month: o

- o Single = \$30.76
- o Employee + Spouse = \$52.75
- o Employee + Child(ren) = \$54.38
- o Family = \$85.36

A roll call vote of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes: 7 Mmes. Miller, Ramsey, Stief, Storms; Messrs. Modeste, Faro and Okonski.

Abstained: Mmes DiSarro

Motion carried.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Mr. Okonski moved seconded Mr. Faro to approve the proposal from Optimum Performance Balancing, 31 Green Street, Birdsboro, PA 19508-9526 to perform testing, adjusting, and balancing for the Antietam School District renovation project at the Mount Penn Primary Center, 201 N. 25th St, Reading, PA 19606 at a cost of \$34,320.00

Approve the purchase of One (1) NEW JLG ES2632 Scissor Lift at a cost of \$20,000 from United Rentals, 1550 Commerce Drive, Lancaster PA 17601-2732.

Approve Change Order 004 for the Antietam Creek Streambank Revitalization Project for the cancellation of the remaining portion of the project due to the July 2023 flood, at a decrease of \$366,863.70 to the contract.

Approve the proposal from AEM Architects for Architectural/Engineering Services for the MS-HS Demo and new K-3 Primary Center, with fees of 7% of the Cost of the Work.

Accept the donation of 1,000 Boxes from DS Smith for the purposes of moving teachers to meet the new grade configurations for the 2024-2025 school year.

Accept the donation of materials from Donors Choose for the following projects: "Our very own Special Sketchbook", "Add Color to Our World (Part 2)", Marvelous Markers and Spray Bottles for Art on a Cart", "Creative Minds are Rarely Tidy", Paper and Ink for Our Poster Printer", "Bluetooth Speakers for Super Creative Artists", and "Bright and Bold Markers".

A roll call vote of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes: 8 Mmes. DiSarro, Miller, Ramsey, Stief, Storms; Messrs. Modeste, Faro, and Okonski.

Motion carried

POLICY COMMITTEE

Mrs. Stief reported There were discussions regarding Transportation and the Renaming of School Buildings on Monday, April 15, 2024.

Mrs. Stief moved seconded by Mr. Faro to authorize the Administration to petition PDE for the following reconfigurations of school district buildings/locations due to the necessity created by the flooding of the Antietam Middle-Senior High School on July 9, 2023. The following configurations will be effective beginning the 2024-2025 school year:

1. Grades K-3 at 100 Antietam Rd (Name of Building Pending)
2. Grades 4-8 at 2310 Cumberland Ave (Name of Building Pending)
3. Grades 9-12 at 201 N. 25th St (Name of Building Pending)

A roll call vote of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes: 8 Mmes. DiSarro, Miller, Ramsey, Stief, Storms; Messrs. Modeste, Faro, and Okonski.

Motion carried

Mrs. Stief moved seconded by Mr. Faro to approve the following new school names to be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, effective the 2024-2025 School Year:

1. The Mt. Penn Primary Center at 201 N. 25th St. was renamed to "Antietam High School"
2. The Temporary Modular Units at 100 Antietam Rd, and the permanent building that will take its place, named as the "Stony Creek Elementary School"

A roll call vote of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes: 8 Mmes. DiSarro, Miller, Ramsey, Stief, Storms; Messrs. Modeste, Faro, and Okonski.

Motion carried.

It was decided to table the additional building renaming of The Mt. Penn Elementary Center at 2310 Cumberland Ave. renamed to the "Kerry C. Hoffman Intermediate School" to check in with Mrs. Hoffman first, we can then remove the motion from the table.

Mrs. Stief moved seconded by Mr. Faro to ratify the new guardianship affidavit for one 10th-grade student for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year.

Ratify the new residency affidavit for one 2nd-grade student for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year.

A roll call vote of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes: 8 Mmes. DiSarro, Miller, Ramsey, Stief, Storms; Messrs. Modeste, Faro, and Okonski.

Motion carried.

BERKS COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT

Mrs. DiSarro reported and acknowledged, Antietam’s own, Michele Parmelee, as being the Anne Sullivan Award winner this year. Congratulations to Michelle!

ATHLETIC/ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Mr. Modeste moved, seconded by Mr. Faro to approve AVCP to place a banner on the fence at the A-field. Banner size 4'x6' with the AVCP "Many Neighborhoods, one community" logo.

A roll call vote of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes: 8 Mmes. DiSarro, Miller, Ramsey, Stief, Storms; Messrs. Modeste, Faro, and Okonski.

Motion carried.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Mrs. DiSarro moved, and Mr. Faro seconded to approve the Dual Enrollment Agreement between Reading Area Community College (RACC) and Antietam School District for the 2024-2025 school year.

Approve the agreement between Effective School Solutions and the Antietam School District, in the amount of \$310,000 per year to provide services for school years 2024-2025, 2025-2026, and 2026-2027 (pending Solicitor review of contract - attached).

A roll call vote of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes: 7 Mmes. DiSarro, Miller, Ramsey, Storms; Messrs. Modeste, Faro, and Okonski.

No: 1 Mmes. Stief

Motion carried.

There was a question-answer session after the vote between board members and administration regarding Effective School Solutions.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Ms. Ramsey moved Mrs. Storms seconded to ratify the addition of Luke Faro to the 2023-2024 Antietam Guest Teacher/Sub list for the remainder of 2023-2024.

A roll call vote of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes: 7 Mmes. DiSarro, Miller, Ramsey, Stief, Storms; Messrs. Modeste, and Okonski.

Abstained: Messrs. Faro

Motion carried.

Ms. Ramsey moved Mrs. Storms seconded to accept with regret the letter of resignation from Tracy Detwiler, Director of Finance and Business Services effective June 14, 2024

Accept the letter of resignation from Katrina Moyer, K-6 ESL effective on or before May 31, 2024.

Accept the letter of resignation from Emily Routch, Kindergarten teacher, effective June 1, 2024.

Ratify Christina Richards as a mentor to Marlene Barrett \$250.00 for 2023-2024 school year.

Approve the unpaid dates for the following staff:

- o Denise Rankin - May 17, 2024 - half day.
- o Laura Henning - half day - May 8, 2024

Approve the addition of Rita Sobel to the Climb Enrichment Student Activity Leader Substitute list for the remainder of the 2023 - 2024 school year, \$12.00 per hour, as needed.

Approve the addition of Braylon Williams to the Climb Enrichment Student Activity Leader for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year \$12.00/hour as needed.

Request to authorize the Superintendent to make employment commitments to qualified applicants for the purpose of filling vacancies that occur after the April 22, 2024 Board meeting with action to be ratified by the School Board at the next official meeting for the remainder of the 2023-24 school year.

Ratify and approve the following unpaid dates for the following staff:

- Denise Rankin: March 20, 2024

Rescind the following staff unpaid dates:

- Denise Rankin - April 8, 2024 through April 12, 2024.
- Kaylah Kerschner April 26, 2024

Approve the FMLA request for Amanda Shannon effective approximately May 26, 2024, through October 20, 2024, return date of October 21, 2024.

Approve the transfer of 25 unused sick days from Wilson School District to Antietam School District for Carrie Saylor, Spanish teacher, 2024-2025 School year.

Approve the addition of Judy Sowers to the 2023-2024 S.M.I.L.E.S volunteer list.

A roll call vote of the Board resulted in the following vote:

Yes: 8 Mmes. DiSarro, Miller, Ramsey, Stief, Storms; Messrs. Modeste, Faro and Okonski.

Motion carried.

Mr. Faro moved, seconded by Mrs. Storms to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm.

Ms. Ramsey announced that the Board would now go into executive session regarding Personnel and Litigation and would not reconvene.

Submitted by:



Jennifer Reeves
Board Secretary