



Antietam School District
Minutes of the Hybrid Board Meeting
Monday, May 20, 2024, rescheduled to Thursday, May 23, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

The Antietam School District Board met in person and virtually in a Teams meeting for their voting meeting on Thursday, May 23, 2024. Mr. Roberts, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, Thursday, May 23, 2024. Mr. Roberts noted that the Finance Committee met at 7:00 pm on Monday, May 6, 2024, in the Mt. Penn Elementary Center Library. The Board met in executive session, on Monday, May 13, 2024, after the Board meeting for Personnel, Negotiations, and Litigation and did not reconvene. The Board will not go into an executive session regarding personnel immediately following this voting meeting as noted on the agenda on May 23, 2024. Mr. Roberts asked if there were any corrections to the agenda, none were noted.

Present:

Christopher Faro	Michael Roberts
Jennifer Miller	Amanda Stief
Wayne Modeste	Lorraine Storms
David Okonski	

Also Present:

Ken Bonkoski	Supervisor of Maintenance and Facilities
Anthony DiSarro	Supervisor of Technology and Security Coordinator
Nicole Schieck	Principal, Mt. Penn Primary Center - Teams
Brian J. Boland	Kozloff and Stoudt
Jennifer Reeves	Board Secretary

Mr. Roberts noted the minutes of the meetings for Monday, April 15, 2024, and the Board Meeting on Monday, April 22, 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.

During Public Comment, Mr. Hunter Ahrens, Manager of Mt. Penn Borough stated he wanted to first thank Dr. Rochlin and Attorney London regarding zoning questions regarding Trinity summer use. There were some questions regarding Mini Mounts Program dates. Mr. Roberts stated he would get the answers to him via email.

Mrs. Storms reported Revenue Year to Date \$25,211,455.77 and Expenditures Year to Date \$ 20,176,766.98 Fund Balance (Unaudited) April 30, 2024 \$14,046,091.64 Cash and Investments as of April 30, 2024: \$14,534,302.39

Mr. Storms moved, seconded by Mr. Faro to approve the Treasurer's Report, cash and investments, and approval of bills for April/May as listed.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

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

Motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Board discussed and decided that the General Fund motion be separated.

Mrs. Storms moved seconded by Mrs. Miller to approve the attached resolutions to finalize and approve the following submissions as part of the Public School Facility Improvement Grant request (one or both of the following depending on guidance from DCED):

- 1. MPPC Renovation Project (Emergency Provision)
 - a. Total Combined Construction Cost: \$8,000,000
 - b. Grant Request: \$5,000,000
- 2. Stony Creek Elementary School Addition Project
 - a. Total Construction Cost- \$10,000,000
 - b. Grant Request- \$5,000,000

Amend the Title I Letter of Agreement between the Antietam School District and the Berks County Intermediate Unit effective January 22, 2024, through September 30, 2024 for nonpublic schools Title I Equitable Services.

Ratify the approval of the following resolution: Resolved by the Board of School Directors of the Antietam School District that the School District authorize and ratify the intervention in the Mt. Penn Zoning Hearing Board Land Use Appeal filed by Jennifer Lopez filed in the Berks County Court of Common Pleas to No. 24-03931 and authorize and ratify the intervention and in the Mt. Penn Zoning Hearing Board Land Use Appeal filed by George Saltzman in the Berks County Court of Common Pleas to No. 24-04536 and to authorize and ratify Kozloff Stoudt P.C, Brian F. Boland, Esq. and Joan E. London, Esq. to enter their appearance in the matter for the School District and to take and file any and all actions, filings, motions, pleadings they deem necessary to pursue and protect the School District’s interests in this matter including but not limited to filing a Motion to Consolidate the appeals and for the posting of a bond in the matters by both Appellants.

Approve and ratify the entry of appearance of Brian F Boland, Esq., Joan E London, Esq and Kozloff Stoudt P.C. in the Zoning Hearing Board appeal filed by Jennifer Lopez to 24-03931 in the Berks County Court of Common Pleas and to take any and all actions necessary to represent the interests of the Antietam School District in the matter.

Accept the \$500 donation from PARRS (Pennsylvania Association of Rural and Small Schools funds to be used for a senior scholarship.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

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

Motion carried.

Mrs. Storms moved seconded by Mr. Faro to approve the 2024-2025 General Fund proposed final budget in the amount of \$28,635,079.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

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

No: 2 Mmes. Stief and Messrs. Okonski

Motion carried.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Mr. Okonski moved seconded by Mr. Faro to Approve Change Order Number 001 for BOXX Modular for additional footers for canopied walkway, additional labor and freight, one egress of steps, and additional canopy and elevated gangway in flood zone at a cost of \$28,254.00

Approve Change Order 1 for the Antietam School District Controls Reno Project due to the flood impact on the project, at a decrease of \$56,872.86.

Ratify the Spotts Stevens and McCoy (SSM) contract to conduct sampling for mold in the gymnasium of Antietam High School as outlined in proposal POP02024.0461 dated April 25, 2024, in the amount of \$800.00

Approve the Spotts Stevens and McCoy SSM contract for oversight and air monitoring in support of the asbestos debris cleanup in the renovation portion at the Mt. Penn Primary Center as outlined in the proposal POP02024.0478 at a cost to the district of \$1,400.

Mr. Roberts asked Mr. Bonkoski to give a brief explanation on the Change Orders.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

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

Motion carried

BEIT/TCC

Mr. Faro moved, seconded by Mrs. Miller to appoint Mrs. Lorraine Storms as the District’s delegate to the Berks EIT – TCC Committee, effective June 17, 2024.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

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

Motion carried

BERKS CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER

Mr. Roberts reported that the meeting was held last night, and he stated that Kaiden Hughes, a senior at Antietam School District, won 1st place at the State Leadership and Skills Conference in Hershey PA. That is a huge accomplishment, and he will be moving on to Houston Texas for the national conference.

He would also like to have a Committee of the Whole meeting at BCTC West Campus in the future.

ATHLETIC/ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Mr. Modeste moved, seconded by Mr. Faro to Approve the Cooperative Sponsorship Sports Agreement between the Antietam School District and the Reading School District pending final approval of the Reading School District and pending final solicitor review.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

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

Motion carried,

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Storms moved Mr. Faro seconded to Ratify Tatyana Hahn, and Jaime Smith as student activity leaders for the remainder of the 2023 -2024 school year for the Climb Enrichment Center at \$15.00 per hour as needed.

Ratify Rita Sobel as a student activity leader for the Climb Enrichment Center for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year @ \$12.00/hour as needed.

Approve the following professional staff for Antietam ESY, June 25, 2024, through July 18, 2024 Tuesdays through Thursdays, 4 hours/day at \$30/hour as needed: Anna Legg, Morgan Collins, Rickiesha Muldrow, Danielle Bartman, and Kim Wittich.

Approve the following support staff for Antietam ESY, June 25, 2024, through July 18, 2024 Tuesdays through Thursdays, 3.5 hours/day at their regular rate as needed: Robin Derr, Diane Zohner, Lauren Yelk, and Kristin Heller.

Approve Ann Edwards and Kaylah Kerschner as Teachers for Mini Mounts Adventure Program, Monday-Thursday, from July 1, 2024 -August 1, 2024, 4 hours/day at \$30.00/hour as needed.

Approve the following support staff for Mini Mounts Adventure Camp, July 1, 2024 -August 1, 2024 Tuesdays through Thursdays, 3.5 hours/day at their regular rate as needed: Jennifer Rothermel.

Approve the following District Employees as summer custodial assistants M-TH, 32 hours max/week at their regular hourly rate June 3, 2024, through August 30, 2024, Chelsea Boudreau and Denise Rankin.

Approve the following summer custodial assistants from M-Th, 32 max hours/week, June 3, 2024, through August 30, 2024: Scott Spatz \$14.50/hr, Steph Smith \$14.50/hour, Jordin Kauffman \$12.00/hour, Camerin Kauffman \$12.00/hour, Isaiah Smith \$12.00/hour.

Request to authorize the Superintendent to make employment commitments to qualified applicants for the purpose of filling vacancies that occur after the May 20, 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.

Accept the letter of resignation from Laura Henning Secondary Life Skill support teacher effective June 20, 2024.

Approve the following as Student Activity Leaders for the Climb Enrichment Summer Program from June 10, 2024, through August 2, 2024 @ 15/hr 6 hours per day. Tatyana Hahn, Gianna Reeves, and Jamie Smith.

Approve the following as Student Activity Leaders for the Climb Enrichment Summer Program June 10, 2024, through August 2, 2024, @ 12/hr. 6 hours per day. Gabriella Hahn, Aralyn Hoffa, Aryana Musser, Rita Sobel and Braylon Williams.

Approve Kaylah Kerschner, 1st-grade teacher, for the 2024-2025 School year, Temporary Professional Bachelor's Step 2, \$52,500 with Benefits effective August 19, 2024.

Approve Dr. Heidi Rochlin as the District Representative to the Berks County School Districts' Health Trust (BCSDHT) Board of Trustees for a two-year team from June 17, 2024 through June 30, 2026.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

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

Motion carried.

Mr. Roberts brought up some old business that needed to be discussed on the purchase of the new box truck and the payment of the borough one-way signs that needed to be taken care of and asked if everyone could keep June 3rd available for a special voting meeting.

With nothing further to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Submitted by:



Jennifer Reeves
Board Secretary