



Antietam School District
Minutes of the Hybrid Board Meeting
Monday, November 13, 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, November 13, 2023. Mr. Roberts, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and announced that the Board would meet in executive session after the meeting regarding litigation and they would not reconvene.

The following Members were present:

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

Also Present:

Dr. Heidi Rochlin	Superintendent
Tracy Detwiler	Director of Finance & Business
Anthony DiSarro	Supervisor of Technology and Security Coordinator - via Teams
Staci Fink	Supervisor of Special Education
Kelly Landherr	Principal, Mt. Penn Elementary Center – Via Teams
Amanda Munson	Vice Principal, Mt. Penn Elementary Center, MTSS Coordinator
Nicole Schieck	Principal of Mt. Penn Primary Center
Brian J. Boland	Solicitor, Kozloff Stoudt
Jennifer L. Reeves	Board Secretary

Mr. Roberts noted there were a couple changes to the agenda. He stated he would entertain a motion to re-add the following motion under finance that was omitted in error on the agenda; Approve the custody agreement between Antietam School District and Wilmington Trust, for the investment of the remaining balance of the GOB 2020 bond proceeds. Mr. Gierula motioned, seconded by Mr. Faro.

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 like to entertain a motion to take from the table the following motions:

- Approve a stipend of \$1,350 for Jennifer Reeves, board secretary, for her additional board secretary duties due to the flood in July 2023.
- Approve a stipend of \$10,600 for Ken Bonkoski, Facilities Supervisor, for his additional duties

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- Approve 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 moved, Mr. Gierula seconded.

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. Roberts then stated he would entertain a motion to amend the motion and the stipend amount from \$1,350 to \$1,545.24 for Jennifer Reeves to account for the additional time.

And to remove the stipend of \$11,000 for Tracy Detwiler, Director of Business Services, for her additional duties due to the flood in July 2023 as Mrs. Detwiler had graciously rejected the stipend.

Mr. Faro moved, and Mr. Gierula seconded the motion, Mr. Roberts then called for a roll call vote.

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. Roberts noted the minutes of the Monday, October 23, 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.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Heidi Rochlin began her Superintendent’s Report by introducing Mr. William Wagner, 4th through 12th grade Band Director and explained that Mr. Wagner was the organizer of the A Fest and Noodl fundraiser which raised \$8,218.81 for the District for Flood relief. She stated she was so grateful for Mr. Wagner and employees like him, she wanted to publicly thank him.

Dr. Rochlin then went on to her Data Presentation, which is attached to these minutes, and explained the data within the report. Dr. Rochlin stated she was impressed with the growth thus far this year and stated that she is really excited to show the growth that the students make when the new data is out in the Spring.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Weldele reported Revenue Year to Date \$16,467,209.57, Expenditures Year to Date (\$6,081,176.87) Fund Balance (Unaudited) October 31, 2023 \$ 18,286,307.12.

Mr. Weldele moved seconded by Mr. Faro to approve the Treasurer’s Report, Cash and Investments as of October 31, 2023 - \$18,697,967.11 and Approval of bills listed for November 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 moved seconded by Mr. Faro to Ratify receipt of the 2023-2024 BCIU IDEA-B 611 subgrant funding agreement in the amount of \$262,420.31. Invoices are submitted by ASD quarterly to BCIU for reimbursement of IDEA-B 611 eligible expenses.

Approve the contract between Access Services and Antietam School district for one student for the 2023-2024 school year at the per diem rate of \$240 billed per day of enrollment.

Accept the \$100.00 donation from Ms. Kimberly Alarcon to the Antietam School District to be allocated to replacement of Photography equipment.

Accept the Music Boosters Donation of the proceeds from Afest and the noodle sale in the amount of \$8,218.81 to be used for Flood recovery.

Approve the E-Rate Consulting Agreement between the Lincoln Intermediate Unit (LIU) and the Antietam School District (ASD) for E-Rate year 2024-2025. For Category 1 services, ASD will pay \$1,400 for the first Funding Request and \$1,100 for each additional Funding Request, regardless of the USAC funding decision. For Category 2 services, ASD will pay \$1,400 for the first Funding Request and \$1,100 for each additional Funding Request, regardless of the USAC funding decision, plus an additional 2% of USAC approved reimbursement

Approve the Accelerated Budget Opt Out Resolution Certifying the Tax Rate Within the Inflation Index, not to raise taxes above the adjusted index of 7.8% for 2024-2025, as presented.

Approve the agreement between the Antietam School District and Devopar LLC for consulting services, effective November 1, 2023, pending final review and approval by the District Solicitor. Fees to be billed as follows

- o Onsite work and GIS enrollment study/demographer work = \$149.50/hr
- o Virtual Services = \$140.00/hr
- o Not to exceed 450 billable hours

Approve the custody agreement between Antietam School District and Wilmington Trust, for the investment of the remaining balance of the GOB 2020 bond proceeds.

Approve Brian F. Boland of Kozloff Stoudt as solicitor at a rate of \$235/hour for the 2024 calendar year, associate rate \$195.00 per hour and paralegal rate \$165.00 per hour.

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 COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT

Mr. Gierula reported his next meeting was November 16, 2023.

ATHLETIC/ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Mrs. DiSarro started a discussion regarding Rock Band and Jazz band. It was brought to the Boards attention that these clubs ran last year unpaid, and the proper paperwork was not filed but if the Board would think back on the Café performance at the Antietam Middle Senior High Summit Café in the Library last year. The Board discussed that some had attended that performance and enjoyed it very much. They would allow a one-time exception because of the circumstances.

Mrs. DiSarro moved; Mr. Faro seconded to ratify adding the Anime Club to the co-curricular contract at Tier Level B-5 with a base rate of \$1,252.

Approve the following as volunteer coaches for the Winter 2023-2024 sport season

- Taryn Yelk as a Volunteer Coach for Antietam Middle Senior High Cheer.
- Jaden Green as Volunteer Coach for Antietam MS Basketball.

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.

LEGISLATIVE/COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Gierula reported that there were two bills: 1094 HB –regarding advance enrollment for active military and Senate Bill 84 regarding – religious expression for professional employees.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Ms. Ramsey reported there had been a Discussion about "Additional IEP writing Stipend" that took place during the Cow Meeting on November 6, 2023.

Ms. Ramsey moved, seconded by Mr. Faro to approve a stipend of \$100 for each additional IEP written by a Special Education Certificated Staff Member for the 2023-2024 school year, to keep us in compliance due to the staff vacancies in the Special Education Department.

Accept the letter of resignation from Jenna McGinnis, 1st grade teacher, effective November 6, 2023.

Approve Kaylah Kerschner as LTS for 1st grade teacher Bachelor's Step 1, 50,000, (pro-rated) to actual days worked, with single benefits, for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year, effective November 7, 2023.

Amend the start dates for the following new employees:

- Mitizine Lindo-Blake November 20, 2023.
- Shannon Sanders - January 15, 2024

Accept the letter of resignation from Alissa Etzel 6th grade teacher effective on or before December 28, 2023.

Recind the October unpaid date motion for Kyle Williams for 10/27/2023.

Ratify the following additions to the BCIU Guest teachers/Sub for the 2023-2024 School year: Patrick Davila, John Ford

Approve the Co-Curricular and Club Positions for the 2023-2024 school year, as presented.

Approve the Mentor List for the 2023-2024 school year, as presented.

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.

Ms. Ramsey moved, seconded by Mr. Faro to approve the addition of Thomas Gery to the 2023-2024 Antietam S.M.I.L.E.S. Program.

A poll of the Board resulted in the following vote:

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

Mrs. DiSarro abstained because of relation to Mr. Gery

Motion carried.

Ms. Ramsey moved, Mr. Faro seconded to approve a stipend of \$1,545.24 for Jennifer Reeves, board secretary, for her additional board secretary duties due to the flood in July 2023.

Approve a stipend of \$10,600 for Ken Bonkoski, Facilities Supervisor, for his additional duties due to the flood in July 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.

Mr. Roberts took a moment and thanked School Board Members; Ms. Alarcon, Mr. Faro, Mr. Gierula and Mr. O’Boyle for their service to the Board over the years.

Mr. O’Boyle spoke about a study that the State conducted approximately 10 years ago to what it cost to educate a student in the state of Pennsylvania. The number they came up with was applied to all the school districts. Most were adequately funded, some were underfunded and some were overfunded. The Antietam School District was underfunded 1700.00 per student, multiply that by 1,000 its 1.7 million dollars per year and we have been underfunded for the better part of a decade. This money should be coming our way. When the tax increases come out contact the people in Harrisburg and find out the senators and congressman, who are opposed to enacting the fair funding formula. If you are upset, contact them in Harrisburg.

Mr. O’Boyle asked Mrs. Detwiler what it cost to send our students to Cyber Charter Schools. She replied, 700,000 to 800,000 a year for Cyber Charter Schools. Larry stated that your tax dollars are going to a for profit institution. Contact to your people in Harrisburg regarding Cyber Charter Reform.

With no further business, Mr. Roberts ajorned the meeting at 7:49 pm and announced the Board would now go into executive session regarding litigation.

Submitted by:



Jennifer Reeves
Board Secretary