



Antietam School District
Minutes of the Virtual
Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, January 21, 2025, 7:00 pm

The Antietam School District Board met virtually because of the weather in a Teams meeting for their Workshop meeting, Tuesday, January 21, 2025. Mrs. Storms, called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm and stated Ms. Ramsey was unable to read the agenda at the moment, so Mrs. Storms started the meeting.

Present:

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

Also Present:

Dr. Timothy Matlack	Superintendent
Stacy Stair	Director of Finance & Business
Ken Bonkoski	Facilities Manager
Anthony DiSarro	Supervisor of Technology and Security Coordinator
Becky Kohr	Director of Pupil Services
Staci Fink	Supervisor of Special Ed
Dr. Felice Stern	Principal, Antietam High School
Zachary Williams	Principal, Kerry C. Hoffman Intermediate School grades 6 -8
Kelly Landherr	Principal, Kerry C. Hoffman Intermediate School grades 4 -5
Nicole Schieck	Principal, Stony Creek Elementary School
April Olson	Asst Principal, Stony Creek Elementary School

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE -Student Council

There was no Student Council representative present.

Liyah Beckett gave a presentation on why caps should be allowed to be decorated. The Board agreed to discuss this in more detail under policy.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Dr. Timothy Matlack

Dr. Matlack noted that In-person recognition of the JNHS and NHS students will take place during the February workshop meeting if they would like to attend since we are virtual during this meeting. He did share the names of students to be honored with two National Junior Honor Society inductees, Arlene Pontiac, Lorenzo, and Chris Storms. 11 students inducted into the National Honor Society are Liyah Beckett, who we just heard from Angel Bueno Cruz, Thea Connolly, Lex Glendening, Caitlin McDaniel, Cohen Reese, Marlena Rinkevich, Karryn Rosenberger, Jacob Shrem and Alana Vaillancourt.

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Dr. Matlack suggested a SMILES program adjustment and Mr. Okonski asked what the mid and high ranges were, he also asked how many, the range was \$775 and he believes the high range was \$800. Some districts do 75 hours instead of 100. Ms. Stief stated that our taxes are highest around here so we

Should compensate them the best we can. The Board all feels \$800 is appropriate. Ms. DiSarro – She was going to abstain even if we aren’t voting since she is related to a volunteer.

Dr. Matlack said that the MTSS Overview Presentation is ready to go, but asked do we do it now or wait until we are in person. Ms. Ramsey asked if that would include Special Ed? – Dr. Matlack said the February meeting will be about Spec Ed. It was decided as a Board to wait and do the MTSS presentation in person at the Voting meeting.

There was a discussion regarding the approval of Building Logos, and it was decided there was enough feedback and it was good to move forward.

It had been decided that the AEM presentation would be given next week by representative Phil Leinbach, for the current Stony Creek Elementary Plan. The Property meeting time has changed and is at 6:00 pm instead of 6:30 pm on Monday so there is enough time.

Chris Selmer, a Devopar representative will do a presentation concerning financing next week when we are in person.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Ms. Ramsey

December 3, 2024 - reorg minutes and combined Workshop/Voting meeting minutes

TREASURER'S REPORT - Mrs. Storms

Ms. Storms stated this will be covered next week.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Mrs. Storms

Discussion item: Resolution for Bond Mrs. Stair said the next phase of construction will require us to look for a bond resolution. This will be brought to the next meeting. 15 mil will allow us to stay as a small borrower.

Mrs. Storms read and discussed the following motions up for approval:

- Accept the grant award of \$75,000 from the Job Training and Education Programs for the purchase of new playground equipment for the Stony Creek Elementary Center. We are grateful for Representative Rozzi's continued support.
- Accept with gratitude, the donation of \$5,000.00 to be used at the discretion of the district from AEM Architect, Inc.

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- Accept with gratitude, the \$178.00 donation from David's Cleaning Service to be used towards the November 25th Teacher's lunch.
- Ratify the award of IDEA Part B grant funds in the amount of \$276,312.26 through the Berks County Intermediate Unit for the grant year of July 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025.
- Ratify the CSE (Cottage Seven Education) Compensation agreement for one 11th-grade student at a per diem rate of \$240.00/day for (112 days) for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year. An additional per diem rate of \$30.00 will be added to cover related services if required in the student's Individual Education Plan.
- Approve the Ready To Learn (RTL) Block Grant Tax Equity resolution as presented
- Approve the client Services agreement between Antietam School District and Sunbelt Staffing, LLC. Upon solicitor review and approval.
- Approve the Client Assignment Confirmation from Sunbelt LLC for Janece Knapp, Speech Pathologist, at \$97.40/hr 15 hours a week, overtime rate \$146.10/hr, effective January 10, 2025, through June 6, 2025, upon solicitor review and approval.
- Approve the Linkage agreement between Keystone/Red Rock Job Corps and Antietam School District
- Approve the Affiliation Agreement for Graduate Assistants and Use Of Facility Site Placement between Kutztown University and Antietam School District effective the 2025-2026 school year for 3 students.
- Approve the Soliant client assignment agreement for Carissa Peleschak, Special Education Teacher, 37.50 hours a week \$85/hr, overtime bill rate 127.50/hr effective January 6, 2025 through June 6, 2025.
- Exonerate Fulton Bank from collecting 2024 Real Estate Tax Payments and 2023 Interim Real Estate Tax Payments, effective January 1, 2025.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE - Mr. Okonski

Mr. Okonski stated the next meeting of the Property Committee would take place on Monday, January 27, 2025, at 6:00 pm in the District Office Boardroom. Mr. Okonski thanked Mr. Rozzi for helping Antietam get the playground.

He then read and discussed the following motions for approval next week.

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- Accept the donation of materials from Donors Choose for the following projects: "The Basics to Learn Art On A Cart", Adaptive Art Supplies for All (part 2)", "Drawing Paper for Art On A Cart", "Light Boxes for Photographing Our Art", "Growing Little Scientists Planting Seeds", "Exploring Simple Machines With Hands-On Learning", "Astack Above With A Much Needed Drying Rack", "Exploring Motion and Velocity with Hands-On STEM", " "Inspiring Young Scientists with Engaging Books!" "Wonderful Watercolor Paints for Learning Art On A Cart, Sew Much Fun at Craft Club", "Beautiful Books for Art Studio Read Alouds".
- Ratify the BSGI agreement for the installation of a cellular fire monitoring system for the Antietam High School located at 201 N 25th Street Reading PA 19606 in the amount of \$2,374.80. Amount includes cellular fee for a period from January 2025 to November 1, 2025.
- Approve change order PC-2 for Vision Mechanical in the amount of \$28,255.54 for the following additions to the scope of work being done at the MPCC for the following: revision of the plumbing to boys and girls bathrooms A020 and A021 \$9850.26; remove concrete between the generator and gas meter \$6444.45; re-pipe an indirect waste line into the storm riser in kitchen corridor \$502.33; relocate water line in cafeteria and replace a leaking water stop in first-floor boys bathroom \$1656.81; Install additional shut off valves for equipment in kitchen area \$2567.09; and reroute sump pump drain from sidewalk drain box at request of owner \$7234.60.
- Approve the purchase and installation of new playground equipment from Hertz Furniture for the Stony Creek Elementary Center in the amount of \$137,300. Funding provided by Job Training and Education Programs grants and general fund.
- Approve the BSGI agreement for the annual inspection and testing of the fire alarm and sprinkler system at the Antietam High School located at 201 N 25th Street Reading PA 19606 in the amount of \$5,522.00 for the period from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026.

BEIT/TCC - Stacy Stair

Mrs. Stair stated that the Meeting was held on December 19, 2024, via Zoom at 6 pm. Officers were elected for 2025; Tax Appeal Board Members for 2025 were elected. 2025 Budget was approved. The next meeting is March 27, 2025, via Zoom at 6 pm.

POLICY COMMITTEE - Mrs. Stief

The Policy Committee met on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 6:30 pm virtually because of weather and their next Policy Committee meeting will take place at 6:30 February 18, 2025, in the District Office Boardroom.

Mrs. Stief discussed the following:

Policy 217 Graduation Requirement Discussion

Review and Discussion of the Wellness Policy assessment which will be posted to the website.

Mrs. Stief read and discussed the following motions up for approval next week:

- Ratify the new residency affidavits for one 5th-grade, one 8th-grade, and one 10th-grade student for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year. Approve the third reading of the Advertising and Sponsorship Policy 913.1
- Approve the third reading of the Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence in Education Policy 815.1
- Approve the third reading of the Student Wellness Policy 246

BERKS CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER - Mr. Roberts

Mr. Roberts stated there is a meeting on Wednesday so he will have a report next week.

BERKS COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT - Mrs. DiSarro

Ms. DiSarro said her meeting was Last Thursday, and there is a lot to go over so she will report next week. She did mention the BCIU Student Artwork Showcase and our Antietam student Sage Boyer had a great piece of artwork displayed.

ATHLETIC/ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE - Mr. Modeste

Mr. Modeste explained that the committee had their meeting virtually today at 6:00, because of the weather. Mr. Modeste stated that the end of winter is coming, which will mean the start of a new season in March. Sports Boosters is looking for volunteers to man concession stands. The next meeting will be potentially on Feb. 12th. There is a Fundraiser at Liberty Tap Room in Feb. and also a Chick-fil-A fundraiser in Feb. Check their website for more information.

Ms. Miller said the Music Boosters' next meeting is coming up. Shrek March 14-16. They are Looking for ads for the playbill.

Mr. Modeste stated the next Athletic/Activity Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 6:00 pm in the District Office Boardroom.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE - Mr. Faro

Mr. Faro stated that we were given an overview of the new STEELs course and a proposal for a new music course at our January 8th meeting. We were given an overview of what curriculum actually is from discussion to implementation in the classroom. Mr. Faro thanked the teachers from Stony Creek (2nd grade) for taking the time to come present to the board. Walked through MTSS development which takes

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a lot of time and intentional thought. We went over the Comprehensive math and literacy plans. Just starting to get the ball rolling on these. Informational items: mid-year benchmark and phonics resources to help with weaknesses.

Ms. Stief – also wanted to echo the awesome presentation done by the 2nd grade team.

The next Curriculum meeting will be on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, in the District Office Boardroom at 6:00 pm.

Discussion item: February approval of Title 1 school plans for Stony Creek Elementary School and Kerry Hoffman Intermediate School.

Mr. Faro read the following motions for approval next week.

- Approval of two new HS electives:
 - The History of Pop Culture
 - Law & Society

- Approval to adjust the order of the science course offerings at the high school to:
 - 9th grade: Ecology (.5 credit) and Our Natural World (.5 credit)
 - 10th grade: Biology (1 credit)
 - 11th grade: Chemistry (1 credit)
 - 12th grade: Physics (1 credit)

- Approval of the addition of a .5 credit course entitled "Our Natural World".

LEGISLATIVE/COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE - Mrs. DiSarro

Ms. DiSarro will give briefings and updates for next week.

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE - Mrs. Miller

Mrs. Miller stated nothing to report.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - Ms. Ramsey

Ms. DiSarro for Ms. Ramsey who was having issues with her audio– Reviewed below:

- Request to authorize the Superintendent to make employment commitments to qualified applicants for the purpose of filling vacancies that occur after the January Board meeting with action to be ratified by the School Board at the next official meeting for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year.



- Amend and Ratify Sean Stern, Climb Site Coordinator, hourly pay rate to \$35/hr retroactive to September 9, 2024.
- Ratify the acceptance of the letter of resignation from Katherine Hetrich, LTS 2nd grade teacher at Stony Creek Elementary School effective December 20, 2024.
- Ratify Megan Stevanus LTS 2nd grade teacher, Stony Creek Elementary Center, Bachelor's step 1, \$51,250 prorated to days worked, single benefits effective January 2, 2025, through the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year.
- Amend the motion from November 2024, Kelli Myers as mentor to Megan Stevanus for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year \$334.00 as per the co-curricular contract.
- Approve Dakota Rankin, custodian at Antietam High School, \$15.50/hr with benefits effective January 20, 2025.
- Ratify the 2024-2025 Co-curricular agreement for Janice Kline advisor of Mathcounts, \$2,155.00 paid as per the cocurricular agreement.
- Amend the September 2024 motion for Nancy Stump effective dates from August 26, 2024, through approximately December 2, 2024, to August 26, 2024, through January 10, 2025.
- Approve Mikayla Ridge 9-12 ELA teacher to replace Brooke Nicoletti at the Antietam High School, Bachelor step 1, \$51,250, temp professional with benefits effective January 13, 2025, with overlap through January 17, 2025.
- Approve Katie Mosser as mentor to Mikayla Ridge for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year, \$240.00 as per the Co-Curricular Contract.
- Approve the following for teaching an extra class for the 2024-2025 school year for a stipend of \$4,000 each to be paid in two installments: ½ at the end of the first semester and ½ at the end of the 2024-2025 school year.
 - Mariah Ligas
 - Caitlin Peck
 - Brian Young
 - Richard Burgon
- Amend the November 2024 unpaid date motion for Richard Derr from December 6, 2024, through December 23, 2024, to December 6, 2024, through January 3, 2025.

- Approve the following staff unpaid dates:
 - Denise Rankin February 28, 2025.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURN

With nothing further to discuss, Mrs. DiSarro ended the meeting at 7:38 pm.

Submitted by:

Staci Fink
Supervisor of Special Ed