

School Board Meeting

June 14, 2023

5:30pm

Good Evening. I want to thank Laura and Kristy and Stacey for meeting with some of our YMCA folks back on June 2nd. I think both entities learned things that are helpful but certainly didn't come to any win/win solution.

I think if we had all the board members at the table and some Y folks we could have a more productive discussion however I was unable to get on the agenda again for the 3 time.

So I am here to deliver a letter from the YMCA Board to again state our position about the agreement we have with the district.



June 14, 2023

To: Steve Barber
Superintendent
Atlantic Community Schools

From: Nishna Valley Family YMCA

This letter is in response to your notice of April 25, 2023 informing the Nishna Valley Family YMCA that the Atlantic Community Schools would like us to vacate the space currently used as our "infant" room at the Early Learning Center.

We appreciate the long-standing mutual sharing of spaces at the ELC and Wickman Center complex as it was set forth in the agreement dated July 20, 2013 by Dan Haynes and the then current superintendent Dr. Michael Amstein. As you can see in the agreement, the School district provided a classroom for the YMCA's use as an infant room as well as the gym as a shared space for both entities. The YMCA provides the entire playground space for mutual use by both parties. A very real benefit for both parties.

In the agreement you will also notice that for either party to terminate the agreement, it was set forth that they would need to give notice to the other at least 120 days before the end of the current school year. Your notice was dated April 25, 2023, well outside the parameters outlined by the agreement and signed off on by both entities.

We would certainly like to continue this agreement and help find a better solution so that this sharing can take place and our community families can benefit. We would rather sit down and discuss a reversal of this decision.

In the event that a reversal of the decision to vacate still stands, we would respectfully agree to follow the agreement parameters and set our surrender of the space and termination of the agreement for June 1, 2024. This date follows the agreement guidelines. It also gives the YMCA time to relocate 21 babies and the district time to arrange for alternate playground space for their preschoolers. The 120 day notice before the end of the current school year was specifically included to respectfully avoid undue burden on either party to relocate in short notice.

Again, thank you for your partnership over the years. We would be happy to sit together to discuss questions either entity might have, find a win/win solution, or discuss details of vacating your room by June 1, 2024.

Respectfully,

Dan Haynes
Executive Director

Christina Bateman
Wickman Operations Chair

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Steven Barber, Superintendent

Sarah Sheeder, Finance Director/Board Secretary

April 25, 2023

Mr. Dan Haynes
YMCA
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Dear Mr. Haynes,

Recently we discovered that our special education needs at the three-year-old level has increased in numbers. In order to meet the state guidelines in serving special education students to peer models we needed to add another section of three-year-old preschool to meet this demand. By adding this section another space is needed to serve this group of students.

We have explored many different opportunities and have decided that the best way to serve these students is at the Early Learning Center (ELC). Right now one of the rooms at the ELC is occupied by the YMCA. The needs have grown to a point where our preschool program needs that room to best serve our preschool population. During the first semester of the 2023-24 school year we will be serving this class in a temporary classroom located in a portion of the gymnasium and serving these students in the current classroom occupied by the YMCA during the second semester. We expect that the YMCA has moved the current space to another location by December 15, 2023, so that there is some time to move furniture into the room for our three-year-old program.

Sincerely,



Steven H. Barber
Atlantic School Superintendent

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Dr. Michael Amstein, Superintendent

Mary Beth Fast, Business Mngr./Brd. Secretary

July 20, 2013

This letter of understanding is between the Nishna Valley YMCA and the Atlantic Community School District.

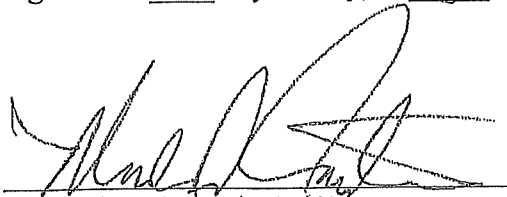
This original use agreement between the Atlantic Community School District and the Anne Wickman Child Care Center has been approved by the ACSD school board. This agreement calls for the sharing of classroom space and the gym at Lincoln School which houses the district's preschool programs and the home school assistance classroom.

This agreement allows for the Anne Wickman Child Care Center to share space with the Atlantic Community School District on an as-needed basis. The Atlantic School Community School District will allow the Anne Wickman Child Care Center to utilize the gym area for child care purposes and will be allowed to use one of the classrooms for an infant room. In return, the Anne Wickman Child Care Center will allow the school district to share the playground located at the center.

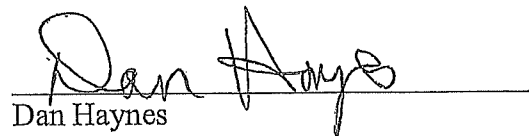
The Atlantic Community School District and the Anne Wickman Child Care Center agree to trade their above mentioned, respective facilities/services in exchange for the others. There will be no charge to either party under this arrangement for facility usage, personnel or services.

This agreement is an ongoing agreement and shall be in force on a continuing basis. In the event that either organization wishes to terminate the agreement, the organization will be required to give a 120 day notification prior to the last day of school for students in the current school year.

Signed this 20 day of July, 20 13



Michael K. Amstein, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools
Atlantic Community School District



Dan Haynes
Executive Director
Nishna Valley YMCA