

**AMBRIDGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MEET AND DISCUSS BOARD MEETING  
AGENDA**

**July 18, 2018**

**7:00 P.M.**

**High School Media Center**

**I. Call to Order**

The Meet and Discuss Board Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District is held on Wednesday, July 18, 2018. This meeting is being held to go over the agenda for the regular monthly Board Meeting that will be held on Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the High School Media Center.

**II. Flag Salute-Please rise**

**III. Public Videotaping.** The purpose of videotaping a meeting is for public information. The opinions expressed by any member of the public do not necessarily reflect the view or opinion of the Ambridge Area School District Board of School Directors and are solely that of the speaker. The Ambridge Area School District Board of School Directors hereby expressly disclaims any and all responsibility or liability for any false, defamatory or slanderous statements expressed by the speaker. Any unauthorized re-broadcasting of any video, audio or still image of the video recording of the meeting is strictly forbidden without the written permission of the Ambridge Area School District Board of School Directors.

**IV. Roll Call**

**V. Correspondence**

**VI. Student/Teacher Recognition**

**VII. Presentations**

**VIII. Public Comment (Regarding Agenda Items Only).**

The Meet and Discuss Meetings are open to the public. At this time, DISTRICT RESIDENTS may come forward to comment or ask questions on agenda items only. Each person must state their first and last name and address prior to speaking. Each person will be allowed three minutes and can speak only once during this half-hour period. There will be no discussion during this time, but any board member or administrator desiring to address questions or concerns may do so at the conclusion of the committee reports.

**IX. Committee Reports**

**Education and Technology**

**Mrs. Pedigo**

**Point of Information**

PDE awarded the Ambridge Area School District a Pre-K Counts Grant in the amount of \$510,000.00. Mrs. Jo Ann Hoover and Mrs. Aphrodite Galitsis were instrumental in securing the grant. This will fund three, full-day Pre-K classes.

1. Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit

It is recommended to ratify an agreement between the Ambridge Area School District and the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit (BVIU) to provide Discovery Education – Local Host through the BVIU consortium by their Instruction and Technology Department. This agreement at a cost of \$1.38 per student in grades K-2 and 9-12, will commence on July 1, 2018, and will end on June 30, 2019.

2. Ukeru Training Services

It is recommended the Crisis Intervention Training Service Agreement between Grafton School, Inc. DBA Grafton Integrated Health Network and the Ambridge Area School District be approved. This training is to provide a crisis intervention system to the Ambridge Area School District employees.

3. The Watson Institute

It is recommended the Service Agreement with The Watson Institute for the 2018-2019 school year be approved.

4. Day Student Education Agreement

It is recommended the Service Agreement with Glade Run Lutheran Services for the 2018-2019 school year be approved.

5. Alternative Education Services

It is recommended the purchase of seven (7) seats for the Alternative Education Services through the CLASS Academy Program be approved for the 2018-2019 school year at a cost of \$9,900.00 per seat.

6. Xello Career Software Package

It is recommended to approve Xello (formerly Career Cruising), to be used for Career Benchmarks and requirements for Future Ready PA Index for the 2018-2019 school year.

\*This online software provides career interest surveys, career information and a platform for the college application process.

7. Prevention Specialists

It is recommended to approve the agreement between the Prevention Network and the District for the 2018-2019 school year. This will include two Prevention Network Specialists, five (5) days per week, at Highland Elementary and the High School.

**Finance and Budget**

**Mr. Sas**

1. School District Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly school district bills in the amount of \$499,178.84 and the monthly school district personnel salaries in the amount of \$1,180,120.44 be paid.

2. Cafeteria Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly cafeteria bills in the amount of \$15,478.07 and the monthly cafeteria personnel salaries in the amount of \$32,542.36 be paid.

3. Award of Bids

It is recommended the lowest qualified bids for janitorial supplies be accepted from the following companies:

Castle Maintenance	\$ 99.16
Fagan	\$ 2,772.00
Pitt Specialty	\$22,704.06
Pyramid School Products	\$ 369.22

4. Tax Exoneration

It is recommended to approve tax exoneration regarding 2017 Ambridge Area School District Real Estate Tax in the amount of \$1,227.95 relevant to Parcel No. 10-002-0915-000-01-1 514 Merchant Street, Ambridge PA 15003.

5. Repository Settlement

It is recommended the Board approve the Sale of Property from the Beaver County Repository of Unsold Property for the following properties:

- a) 451 Merchant Street, Ambridge, PA Tax Parcel 09-002-0425.000 for the bid amount of \$1,568.00 to AYK 1995-2017, LLC.

**Buildings and Grounds**

**Mr. Kowal**

**Athletics**

**Mrs. Fischer**

**Public Relations**

**Mrs. Mylan**

**Steering and Rules**

**Mrs. Kehoe**

1. Policy 204 – Attendance – Third and Final Reading

It is recommended, as a third and final reading, to amend *School Board Policy 204 – Attendance* to clarify the protocol for submitting an excuse for a student absence.

2. Policy 105 – Curriculum Development – First Reading

It is recommended, as a first reading, to adopt updated School Policy 105-*Curriculum Development*, to ensure that curriculum is evaluated on a continuing basis.

3. Policy 138 – Language Instruction Educational Program for English Learners – First Reading

It is recommended, as a first reading, to adopt School Board Policy 138 – *Language Instruction Educational Program for English Learners* and retire School Board Policy 138 – English as a Second Language/Bilingual Program (adopted June 24, 2009), to increase the English language proficiency of eligible students so they can achieve academic success.

4. Policy 224 – Care of School Property – First Reading

It is recommended, as a first reading, to adopt updated School Board Policy 224 – *Care of School Property*, to help students learn to respect property and develop feelings of pride in community institutions.

5. Policy 815 – Responsible Computer, Telecommunications, and Information Technology Use – First Reading

It is recommended, as a first reading, to adopt School Board Policy 815 – *Responsible Computer, Telecommunications, and Information Technology Use*, and retire School Board Policy 815 – Acceptable Use of Internet, Computers and Network Resources (adopted October 19, 2011) to ensure the use of District’s technology resources is for appropriate school related educational and operational purposes consistent with the educational mission of the District.

6. Policy 236 – Student Assistance Program – First Reading

It is recommended, as a first reading, to adopt School Board Policy 236 – *Student Assistance Program*, to assist all students achieve to their fullest potential by addressing the behavioral, social and emotional needs of District students.

7. Policy 237 – Personal Electronic Devices – First Reading

It is recommended, as a first reading, to adopt School Board Policy 237 – *Personal Electronic Devices* and retire School Board Policy 237 – Electronic Devices (adopted September 16, 2009), to set forth expectations for appropriate use of existing and emerging technologies which students may possess.

8. Policy 239 – Foreign Exchange Students – First Reading

It is recommended, as a first reading, to adopt updated School Board Policy 239 – *Foreign Exchange Students*, to promote cultural awareness and understanding and to provide diverse experiences to District students by admitting foreign exchange students into District schools.

**X. Sunshine Law**

Section 708 of the Sunshine Law permits agencies to hold executive sessions to discuss employment and personnel matters, labor relations and arbitration matters, purchase or lease of real estate up to the time an option or agreement is obtained, litigation or potential litigation, and other agency business which if discussed in public would violate lawful privilege or would violate confidentiality laws.

**XI. Motion to Adjourn**