

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

September 12, 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, September 12, 2018. This meeting is being held to go over the agenda for the regular monthly Board Meeting that will be held on Wednesday, September 19, 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**

Technology

The District has invested in technology as an integral part of instruction. In addition to the computers in the new Media Center at the middle school and an already existing computer lab, a third lab was added that houses lap tops for a full class. These labs are being utilized daily by 6th, 7th and 8th grade students. In addition, all elementary classrooms, K through 5, have received 5 to 8 ipads for student use. New WiFi was installed at the middle school over the summer and additional projectors were added. We are confident that this technology will enhance and improve instruction and learning throughout the District.

1. Attendance/Child Accounting Professional Association Conference

It is recommended that Marianne Salzman, the PIMS coordinator, be approved to attend the fall 2018 A/CAPAC (Attendance/Child Accounting Professional Association) Conference at the Hotel Hershey in Hershey, PA from October 29 through October 31, 2018. The purpose of this conference is to provide outstanding professional development for child accounting professionals in Pennsylvania. All expenses (registration, fees, travel, lodging, meals) will be paid as per Board Policy 531, Job Related Expenses. The total cost for the employee will be approximately \$1,471.00.

2. Conference

It is recommended that Dave Matzie attend the PASBO (Pennsylvania School Business Officials) Facilities, Transportation and School Safety Conference and Exhibits at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg/Hershey, Grantville, PA on October 25-26, 2018. The purpose of this conference is to provide content and networking opportunities. All expenses (registration, fees, travel, lodging, meals) will be paid as per Board Policy 331, Job Related Expenses. The total cost for the employee will be approximately \$740.00.

3. Apple Leadership Workshop

It is recommended that Dr. L. Jo Welter, Dr. Laura Burns, and Mrs. Lori Heim, District Administrators, be approved to attend the Apple Leadership Workshop in Cupertino, California from November 7 through November 9, 2018. The purpose of this Workshop is to explore the possibilities for enhancing learning environments and discover how digital learning can facilitate new approaches to teaching and learning. All expenses including transportation while there, registration, fees, lodging and meals will be paid by Apple Inc. Travel expense will be paid as per Board Policy 331, Job Related Expenses. The total cost for all three registrants will be approximately \$1,250.00.

4. The Watson Education Center Agreement

It is recommended to approve two Individual Student Enrollment Agreements (1819-2 and 1819-3) between the Ambridge Area School District and the Watson Institute for the 2018-2019 school year for students with a disability to attend the Education Center – Sewickley. Annual tuition cost of the program is \$47,146.00 per student. Quarterly invoices will be submitted to the District for payment.

5. Student Discipline

It is recommended to ratify discipline agreement 2017-2018-24 relevant to a Junior High student, effective August 20, 2018. (This is a carry-over from the 2017-2018 school year).

6. Field Trip

It is recommended that Sgt.Maj. John F. Rethage, a Marine Corps JROTC Instructor, be authorized to take the JROTC unit to Camp Guyasuta, Sharpsburg, PA for an Orientation trip from October 10 through October 12, 2018. The purpose of this trip is to build teamwork, enhance the camaraderie amongst the cadets, to develop leadership skills and to increase unit cohesion. The aforementioned training is educational and in compliance with the required curriculum. The JROTC unit will incur the expense related to this trip. All expenses will be obtained through fundraising. Parents or guardian will be required to sign permission and release forms.

7. Western Pa Psych Care Agreement

It is recommended to approve an agreement between the Ambridge Area School District and Western PA Psych Care (WPPC) to provide prevention, assessment, and treatment services within the District for the 2018-2019 school year, approval subject to WPPC review.

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 \$1,187,870.81 and the monthly school district personnel salaries in the amount of \$1,246,005.49 be paid.

2. Cafeteria Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly cafeteria bills in the amount of \$49,632.30 and the monthly cafeteria personnel salaries in the amount of \$9,943.57 be paid.

3. Construction Fund 31 Bills

It is recommended that the monthly Construction Fund 31 bills in the amount of \$13,324.00 be paid.

4. 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) 1153 8th Street, Ambridge, PA Tax Parcel 64-002-0644.000 for the bid amount of \$138.20 to Harmony Township.
- b) 1947 4th Street, South Heights, PA Tax Parcel 51-003-0812.000 for the bid amount of \$1,959.00 to Dawn Patz.

5. Lease of District Subsurface Mineral Rights – Resolution 2018-2019-1

It is recommended to approve Resolution 2018-2019-1 authorizing the Lease of District Subsurface Mineral Rights.

Buildings and Grounds

Mr. Kowal

Athletics

Mrs. Fischer

***Point of Information**

Homecoming

Homecoming is set for Friday, September 28th. We are reinstating the parade this year! It will begin at 6:00 p.m. prior to the start of kick-off at 7:00 p.m. The parade will begin at the 911 center and will end at the high school stadium. We are looking forward to our elementary and middle school students participating in the parade as well. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring our community together and provide a great experience for our kids!

***Point of Information**

Channel 11 News – First Day of School

Amy Marcinkewicz from Channel 11 News visited the middle school on Wednesday, August 22nd to tape for a segment on the morning news. The middle school was featured on Channel 11 News, Wednesday, August 29th while Mrs. Marcinkewicz broadcasted live from the front of the building.

The first day of school was successful. We continue to register students and our enrollment numbers are growing. Anyone still needing to register can find all necessary information on our website.

Steering and Rules

1. Policy 006 – Meetings – First Reading

It is recommended, as a *first reading*, to adopt updated School Board Policy 006 – *Meetings*, to ensure that meetings will be conducted in an orderly and business-like manner and are consistent with law, state regulations or Board procedures.

2. Policy 108 – Adoption of Textbooks – First Reading

It is recommended, as a *first reading*, to adopt updated School Board Policy 108 – *Adoption of Textbooks*, to establish voting policy and a planned cycle of textbook review and placement.

3. Policy 704 – Maintenance – First Reading

It is recommend, as a *first reading*, to adopt updated School Board Policy 704 – *Maintenance*, to establish and implement a maintenance program for buildings, property and equipment.

4. Policy 806 – Child Abuse – First Reading

It is recommended, as a *first reading*, to adopt School Board Policy 806 – *Child Abuse*, and retire School Board Policy 806 – *Child/Student Abuse* (adopted October 19, 2011, amended December 11, 2013), to ensure that staff adhere to identification and reporting requirements of suspected child abuse in order to comply with the Child Protective Services Law and School code.

1. **PSBA Officer Elections**

The PSBA Slate of Candidates for 2018 consists of the following:

President-elect: Eric Wolfgang, Central York SD (York Co.)

Vice President: Art Levinowitz, Upper Dublin SD (Montgomery Co.)

Insurance Trust: William S. LaCoff (Owen J. Roberts SD)
(elect 3) Dr. Richard Frerichs (Penn Manor SD)
Nathan Mains, PSBA CEO

It is recommended the Board Secretary be directed to cast the vote of the Ambridge Area School Board for election of the following PSBA officers:

President-elect _____

Vice President _____

Insurance Trust _____

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.

The Board of School Directors held/will now hold an Executive Session to discuss:

- 1) Employment and personnel matters
- 2) Salary Schedule and Labor Relations

The Board will not return to take any legislative action.

XI. Motion to Adjourn