

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

October 10, 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, October 10, 2018. This meeting is being held to go over the agenda for the regular monthly Board Meeting that will be held on Wednesday, October 17, 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

Dr. Welter would like to recognize Mr. Tom McKelvey and State Street Elementary School for being named a Title I Distinguished School for the 2018-2019 academic year.

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

1. Drill and Academic Competition

It is recommended that Sgt.Maj. John F. Rethage, a Marine Corps JROTC Instructor, be authorized to take the JROTC unit to Penn Hills High School, Pittsburgh, PA for a Drill and Academic Competition on October 27, 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 drill/academic competition 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.

2. Field Trip

It is recommended that Anthony Amadio, a social studies teacher at the Middle School, be authorized to take the 7th and 8th grade social studies students to Washington, DC from November 2 through November 4, 2018. The bus will depart from the Middle School on Friday, November 2nd at 4:30 p.m. and return to the Middle School on Sunday, November 4th around 9:00 p.m. The trip will cost \$350.00 per student and will cover all expenses. There will be no cost to the District. Parents or guardian will be required to sign permission and release forms. Chaperones will be required to have current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening.

3. Settlement Agreement

It is recommended to approve the settlement agreement between the District and student 2018-01, as presented. It is further recommended to authorize the Administration to take all steps in accordance therewith.

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 \$ 1,336,678.75 and the monthly school district personnel salaries in the amount of \$ 1,336,301.38 be paid.

2. Cafeteria Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly cafeteria bills in the amount of \$ 83,752.91 and the monthly cafeteria personnel salaries in the amount of \$ 41,422.57 be paid.

3. Construction Fund 31 Bills

It is recommended that the monthly Construction Fund 31 bills in the amount of \$ 137,874.15 be paid.

4. Tax Exoneration

It is recommended to approve exoneration of the 2017-2018 Ambridge Area School District taxes on parcel number 09-005-0114-000-01-1, 104 Park Road, Ambridge, PA 15003, purchased by the Borough of Ambridge.

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) 325 Maplewood Avenue, Ambridge, PA Tax Parcel 09-002-0225.000 for the bid amount of \$1,597.00 to Red Knot Life, LLC.

Buildings and Grounds

Mr. Kowal

Athletics

Mrs. Fischer

1. WPIAL/PIAA

It is recommended to approve Raeffon Ruskin to represent the Ambridge Area School District as an independent/individual W.P.I.A.L./PIAA swimmer with the Moon Area High School Swim Team. It is further recommended to approve Frank Ruskin to serve as his sponsor/coach at all practices and meets. This is at no cost to the District.

Public Relations

Mrs. Mylan

Superintendent's Coffee

Ambridge Area School district families are invited to enjoy coffee and conversation with Superintendent Dr. Jo Welter at special sessions designed to share information about AASD. Sessions are scheduled as follows:

- Ambridge Area Middle School – 7 p.m. October 24th
- Ambridge Area High School – 6 p.m. November 15th

Superintendent's Coffee held on the below dates and times:

- Highland Elementary School held on October 2nd at 7 p.m.
- State Street Elementary School held on October 5th at 8 a.m.
- Economy Elementary School held on October 9th at 8 a.m.

Homecoming 2018

Steering and Rules

Mrs. Kehoe

1. Policy 006 – Meetings – Third Reading

It is recommended, as a *third 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 – Third Reading

It is recommended, as a *third 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 – Third Reading

It is recommend, as a *third 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 – Third Reading

It is recommended, as a *third 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.

5. Policy 111 – Lesson Plans – First Reading

It is recommended, as a *first reading*, to amend School Board Policy 111 – *Lesson Plans*, to require professional staff members to develop and maintain daily lesson plans.

6. Policy 246 – School Wellness – First Reading

It is recommended, as a *first reading*, to adopt School Board Policy 246 – *School Wellness*, and retire School Board Policy 246 – *School Wellness* (adopted June 19, 2006, amended December 11, 2103), to provide a healthy school environment where students can learn about and participate in positive dietary and lifestyle practices that can improve student achievement.

7. Policy 802 – School Organization – First Reading

It is recommended, as a *first reading*, to amend School Board Policy 802 – *School Organization*, to update the organizational structure of the buildings.

8. Policy 808 – Food Services – First Reading

It is recommended, as a *first reading*, to amend School Board Policy 808 – *Food Services*, to require professional staff members to ensure the effective operation of the District’s food service program.

Legislative

Mrs. Kehoe

1. Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit (BVIU) Resolution 2018-2019-2

It is recommended to approve Resolution 2018-2019-2 authorizing a mail in ballot on an annual basis for the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit reorganization and election of officers for the Beaver Valley Joint School Board, as presented.

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