

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

**January 9, 2019**

**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, January 9, 2019. This meeting is being held to go over the agenda for the regular monthly Board Meeting that will be held on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 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**

**Middle School update** - by Dr. Jo Welter

**Safe2Say presentation** - by Mr. Doug McCausland

**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**

The Beaver County Educational Trust has awarded the District the following grants:

\$1,000.00 STEAM Story Walk, Mr. Don Ayers and Mr. Brad Olenic were instrumental in securing this grant.

\$1,000.00 STEAM Story Walk, Ms. Nichole Darroch was instrumental in securing this grant.

**Point of Information**

Kindergarten Registration will be held February 5-7, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the following locations:

February 5<sup>th</sup> State Street Elementary  
February 6<sup>th</sup> Economy Elementary  
February 7<sup>th</sup> Highland Elementary

Evening appointments available:

February 12<sup>th</sup> All Schools from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the High School  
February 19<sup>th</sup> All Schools from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the High School

Please call Cathy Hopkins at 724-266-2833, Ext. 1273 to schedule an appointment.  
\*ALL STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE A FREE BACKPACK AND T-SHIRT

**Education and Technology**

**Mrs. Pedigo**

1. High School Course of Studies

It is recommended to ratify the approval of the 2019-2020 Ambridge Area High School Course of Studies Book.

2. Pennsylvania Department of Education Data Summit

It is recommended Marianne Salzman be approved to attend the Pennsylvania Department of Education Summit being held at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center in Hershey, PA on March 24-27, 2019. The purpose of the Data Summit is to ensure that administrators understand data details and will help staff understand the significance of various data submissions. All expenses (registration, fees, travel, lodging, meals) will be paid as per Board Policy 531, Job Related Expenses. The approximate cost is \$1,120.00.

3. Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials Annual Conference (PASBO)

It is recommended Dave Matzie be approved to attend the PASBO Required Facility Inspections Workshop being held at Harrisburg, PA on January 29, 2019. The School Facilities Required and Recommended Inspections Checklist has been developed by PASBO's Facilities Committee. This tool is designed to identify inspections both required and recommended by regulatory agencies for schools in Pennsylvania. All expenses (registration, fees, travel, lodging, meals) will be paid as per Board Policy 331, Job Related Expenses. Approximate cost is \$525.00.

4. Student Discipline

It is recommended to ratify discipline agreement 2018-2019-12 relevant to a High School student, effective December 5, 2018.

5. Student Discipline

It is recommended to ratify discipline agreement 2018-2019-13 relevant to a High School student, effective December 10, 2018.

6. Student Discipline

It is recommended to ratify discipline agreement 2018-2019-14 relevant to a High School student, effective January 7, 2019.

**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 \$1,363,298.66 and the monthly school district personnel salaries in the amount of \$1,380,044.06 be paid.

2. Cafeteria Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly cafeteria bills in the amount of \$75,270.69 and the monthly cafeteria personnel salaries in the amount of \$51,860.14 be paid.

3. Budget Transfers

It is recommended to approve budget transfers for December and January, 2019.

4. Tax Exoneration

It is recommended to approve exoneration of the 2018 -2019 Ambridge Area School District taxes on parcel number 64-002-0644.000, 1151 8th Street Ext., Ambridge, PA 15003, purchased by Harmony Township. Previously exonerated the 2013-2017 taxes at the November Board Meeting.

5. Restricted Fund Balance

It is recommended to allocate \$15,000.00 to Restricted Fund Balance for purpose of maintaining a trust with Achieva Family Trust.

7. BVIU 2018-2019 IDEA Allocation

It is recommended to accept the 2018-2019 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Allocation to the Ambridge Area School District, in the amount of \$377,184.00.

8. BVIU 2018-2019 Allocation of Federal 619-IDEA B Funds

It is recommended to accept the 2018-2019 Allocation of Federal 616-IDEA B Funds to the Ambridge Area School District, in the amount of \$4,860.00.

**Buildings and Grounds**

**Mr. Kowal**

**Athletics**

**Mrs. Fischer**

1. Overnight Tournament Participation Request

It is recommended to approve the high school Boys' Varsity Volleyball Team to attend the following overnight tournaments:

Northeastern High School, Manchester, PA – March 30, 2019

Central York High School, York, PA – April 13, 2019

State College High School, State College, PA – April 27, 2019

**Public Relations**

**Mrs. Mylan**

**Steering and Rules**

**Mrs. Kehoe**

1. Policy 100 – Comprehensive Planning – Second Reading

It is recommended, as a second reading, to adopt School Board Policy 100– *Comprehensive Planning*, and retire School Board Policy 100 – *Strategic Plan* (adopted June 24, 2009), to adhere to the Pennsylvania Department of Education guidelines.

2. Policy 112 – School Counseling – Second Reading

It is recommended, as a second reading, to adopt School Board Policy 112– *School Counseling*, and retire School Board Policy 112 – *Guidance Counseling* (adopted June 24, 2009), to update the goals of the school counseling program.

3. Policy 113 – Special Education – Second Reading

It is recommended, as a second reading, to adopt School Board Policy 113– *Special Education*, and retire School Board Policy 113 – *Special Education* (adopted June 24, 2009), to update the goals and legal expectations of the Special Education Program.

4. Policy 113.1 –Discipline of Students with Disabilities – Second Reading

It is recommended, as a second reading, to adopt School Board Policy 113.1– *Discipline of Students with Disabilities*, and retire School Board Policy 113.1 – *Discipline of Students with Disabilities* (adopted June 24, 2009), to update programs for students with disabilities requiring specific interventions to address behaviors that interfere with learning.

5. Policy 123 –Interscholastic Athletics – Second Reading

It is recommended, as a second reading, to adopt School Board Policy 123– *Interscholastic Athletics*, and retire School Board Policy 123 – *Interscholastic Athletics* (adopted February 21, 2007), to update the guidelines for the program of interscholastic activities.

6. Policy 123.1 –Concussion Management – Second Reading

It is recommended, as a second reading, to amend School Board Policy 123.1– *Concussion Management*, to provide guidance for prevention, detection and treatment of concussions sustained by students while participating in an athletic activity.

7. Policy 123.2 –Sudden Cardiac Arrest – Second Reading

It is recommended, as a second reading, to adopt School Board Policy 123.2– *Sudden Cardiac Arrest*, to provide guidance for prevention and recognition of sudden cardiac arrest in student athletes.

8. Policy 140.1 –Extracurricular Participation by Charter/Cyber Charter Students – Second Reading

It is recommended, as a second reading, to adopt School Board Policy 140.1– *Extracurricular Participation by Charter/Cyber Charter Students*, to establish policy on extracurricular activity and interscholastic athletic participation by a student enrolled in a charter or cyber charter school.

9. Policy 222 – Tobacco/Nicotine (Pupils) – First Reading

It is recommended to adopt School Board Policy 222 – *Tobacco/Nicotine (Pupils)*, and retire School Board Policy 222 Tobacco Use (Pupils) (adopted December 13, 2017), to establish guidelines and definitions related to the use of tobacco by pupils.

10. Policy 323 – Tobacco/Nicotine (Administrative Employees) – First Reading

It is recommended to adopt School Board Policy 323 – *Tobacco/Nicotine (Administrative Employees)*, and retire School Board Policy 323 Tobacco Use (Administrative Employees) (adopted December 13, 2017) to establish guidelines and definitions related to the use of tobacco by Administrative Employees.

11. Policy 423 – Tobacco/Nicotine (Professional Employees) – First Reading

It is recommended to adopt School Board Policy 423 – *Tobacco/Nicotine (Professional Employees)*, and retire School Board Policy 423 Tobacco Use (Professional Employees) (adopted December 13, 2017) to establish guidelines and definitions related to the use of tobacco by Professional Employees.

12. Policy 523 – Tobacco/Nicotine (Classified Employees) – First Reading

It is recommended to adopt School Board Policy 523 – *Tobacco/Nicotine (Classified Employees)*, and retire School Board Policy 523 Tobacco Use (Classified Employees) (adopted December 13, 2017) to establish guidelines and definitions related to the use of tobacco by Administrative Employees.

13. Policy 104 – Nondiscrimination/Discriminatory Harassment - Employment Practices – First Reading

It is recommended to update School Board Policy 104 – *Nondiscrimination in Employment Practices*, to provide to all persons’ equal access to all categories of employment in the district regardless of race, color, age, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, ancestry, national origin, marital status, genetic information, pregnancy or handicap/disability.

14. Policy 915 – Booster Organizations – First Reading

It is recommended to adopt School Board Policy 915 – *Booster Organizations*, to establish guidelines relating to legal and ethical responsibilities in relation to school booster groups.

**Legislative**

**Mrs. Kehoe**

**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, legal matters subject to Attorney Client Privilege 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**