

AMBRIDGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
AGENDA
January 16, 2019

7:00 P.M.

High School Media Center

I. Call to Order

The regular monthly Board Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District Board of Directors on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 is now called to order.

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. 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 an Executive Session on Wednesday, January 9th and Wednesday, January 16th to discuss:

- 1) Employment and Personnel Matters
- 2) Salary Schedule and Labor Relations
- 3) Matters subject to Attorney Client Privilege

VI. Correspondence

VII. Motion to accept or correct the Minutes of: December 5, 2018 Reorganization Meeting, Meet and Discuss Meeting and Board Meeting.

VIII. Motion to Accept the Treasurer's Report dated: December, 2018 / January, 2019

IX. Addendum to Agenda/Approval of Agenda

X. Board President's Report

XI. Recognition/Presentation

Recognition of the winners of the District’s Holiday Greeting Card Contest – Dr. Welter

Phoenix Hale, 5th grade Highland Elementary
Kayla Jones, 1st grade Economy Elementary
Nikolai Jevsjukovs, 4th grade State Street Elementary

Recognition of our Board of School Directors – Student Presenters: Brody Yurkovac, Hayden Grant, Evan Francis, Aleeah Barkfelt, Brandon Keenan, Ryan Keenan, Owen Buchanan, Myley Deviny, and Anita Szymoniak

XII. Public Comment (Regarding Agenda Items Only)

At this time, DISTRICT RESIDENTS may come forward to comment on agenda items only. Each person must state their first and last name and address prior to speaking. Each resident will be allowed three minutes and can speak only once. This period for public comment prior to the standing committee reports will be limited to one-half hour. Although not required, board members desiring to address questions or concerns may do so after the residents’ comment/question or at the conclusion of the committee reports. There will still be an opportunity for residents to comment on any business relevant to the Ambridge Area School District under Old and New Business at the end of the meeting.

XIII. Committee Reports

Education and Technology

Mrs. Pedigo

Points of Information

Grant Acceptance

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

\$500.00 *2018 Great Ideas Program* Grant, Ms. Kristin Holmes was instrumental in securing this grant.

\$500.00 *STEAM Storytime* Grant, Ms. Nicole Darroch was instrumental in securing this grant.

\$500.00 *Digitize Learning with Boom Cards* Grant, Ms. Carrie Malinich was instrumental in securing this grant.

\$500.00 *Mosaic Mural* Grant, Ms. Jamie Orth was instrumental in securing this grant.

Kindergarten Registration

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

February 5th State Street Elementary
February 6th Economy Elementary
February 7th Highland Elementary

Evening appointments available:

February 12th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the High School
February 19th 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.

7. Student Discipline

It is recommended to ratify discipline agreement 2018-2019-15 relevant to a Middle School student, effective January 10, 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, 2018 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. BVIU Membership Agreement

It is recommended to approve a Membership Agreement between the Ambridge Area School District and the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit (BVIU) to become a member of the BVIU STEM Lending Library.

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

Points of Information

BCAEC Brass & Percussion Day

The Beaver County Arts Educators Consortium (BCAEC) is proud to sponsor the Brass and Percussion Day on Wednesday, March 13, 2019. Hosting this event will be Ambridge Area's BCAEC steering committee representative, Todd Hartman. The event will be from 8:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. in the High School Bridger Theatre and music suite. This county-wide workshop will feature six clinicians from the River City Brass Band who will give masterclasses and prepare the students for a culminating ensemble performance. The BCAEC will be responsible for all expenditures associated with this event.

Hall of Honor

Annually, Ambridge Area School District proudly recognizes graduates to induct into the Hall of Honor. The Hall of Honor was established to commend those outstanding graduates for their accomplishments, successes, service to others and/or state and national awards. Documents to complete for the 2019 nominations will be available on the District website in early February.

Steering and Rules

Mrs. Kehoe

1. Policy 100 – *Comprehensive Planning* – Third and Final Reading

It is recommended, as a third and final 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 – Third and Final Reading

It is recommended, as a third and final 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 – Third and Final Reading

It is recommended, as a third and final 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 – Third and Final Reading

It is recommended, as a third and final 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 – Third and Final Reading

It is recommended, as a third and final 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 – Third and Final Reading

It is recommended, as a third and final 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 – Third and Final Reading

It is recommended, as a third and final 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 – Third and Final Reading

It is recommended, as a third and final 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) – Second Reading

It is recommended, as a second reading, 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) – Second Reading

It is recommended, as a second reading, 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) – Second Reading

It is recommended, as a second reading, 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) – Second Reading

It is recommended, as a second reading, 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 Classified Employees.

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

It is recommended, as a second reading, 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.

Legislative

Mrs. Kehoe

Salary Schedule and Labor Relations

Mr. Wear

1. Memorandum of Understanding

It is recommended the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ambridge Area School District and the Ambridge Area Education Association be approved regarding start time for the Half-Time Physical Education Teacher at Highland Elementary and the Half-Time Music Teacher at State Street Elementary.

2. Memorandum of Understanding

It is recommended the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ambridge Area School District and the Ambridge Area Education Association be approved regarding an Alternative Learning Center position at the Ambridge Area Middle School.

1. Allegheny Health Network

It is recommended to approve the School Health Services Agreement between the Allegheny Health Network and the Ambridge Area School District to provide District physicians as needed.

2. FMLA

It is recommended to ratify employee #1098 taking a leave of absence under Board Policy 535, Family and Medical Leave effective November 19, 2018, not to exceed 12 weeks.

3. FMLA

It is recommended to ratify employee #2586 taking a leave of absence under Board Policy 535, Family and Medical Leave effective December 14, 2018, not to exceed 12 weeks.

4. FMLA

It is recommended to ratify employee #1926 taking a leave of absence under Board Policy 535, Family and Medical leave effective January 15, 2019, not to exceed 12 weeks.

5. Economy Elementary Before and After School Child Care

It is recommended to approve Tylor Takacs as a Caregiver in the Before and After School Child Care Program at Economy Elementary School at a rate of \$10.00 per hour, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and compliance with Act 168. The hours being 6:30a.m.-8:30a.m. before school and 3:30p.m.-6:30p.m. after school.

6. Resignation

It is recommended to ratify the resignation of Brian Strong, a cafeteria worker at the High School, effective December 21, 2018, with regret.

7. Resignation

It is recommended to ratify the resignation of Dondre' Elvoid, a Para-Educator (Teaching Assistant) at the Middle School, effective December 21, 2018, with regret.

8. Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth Program (Night School)

It is recommended to approve the following individuals as instructors for the Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth Program at Ambridge Area High School. The AEDY program will operate after school on Monday through Friday until 7:15 p.m. Teachers will be compensated per the collective bargaining agreement.

Amy Braund
Lauren Metz

IV. Solicitor's Report

XV. Superintendent's Report

XVI. Old and New Business

It is now time for old and new business. Any DISTRICT RESIDENT who desires to comment on any business relevant to the Ambridge Area School District should now come forward. 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.

XVII. Motion to Adjourn