

AMBRIDGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
AGENDA
January 20, 2021

7:00 P.M.

Virtual Meeting

I. Call to Order

The regular monthly Board Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District Board of Directors on Wednesday, January 20, 2020, is now called to order.

II. Flag Salute-Please rise

III. Notice This meeting is being recorded for District purposes. It is or may be published in part or in its entirety on the District's website without the express permission of meeting participants.

IV. Roll Call

V. Sunshine Law

The Board of School Directors held an Executive Session on Wednesday, January 20th to discuss:

- Personnel matter(s)
- Information, strategy and/or negotiation session relating to the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement
- Considering the purchase or lease of real estate
- Matters subject to attorney client privilege and other confidentiality laws
- Litigation or threatened litigation matters
- Sensitive public safety issues
- Salary Schedule and Labor Relations

VI. Correspondence

VII. Motion to accept or correct the Minutes of: December 10th Reorganization Meeting, December 10th Meet and Discuss Non-Voting Meeting and December 18th Board Meeting

VIII. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report dated: December 2020

IX. Amendment/Addendum to Agenda/Approval of Agenda

X. Recognition/Presentation

Dr. Pasquerilla - Board of Education Appreciation Month

On behalf of the Administration, staff, students and the entire Ambridge Area School District School Community, we want to take the time to express our gratitude for our Board of Education, one of the hardest working groups of volunteers in the community. Your direction, leadership, and service to our community is essential to the continued success of this District. You are appreciated every day and tonight we honor you.

Mrs. Fischer – Recognition of Student Athletes

BOYS SOCCER

2A ALL SECTION

Will Hrinko
Will Gruca
Hayden Hohman

2A ALL WPIAL TEAM

Will Gruca

GIRLS SOCCER

2A ALL SECTION

Rachel Guthrie
Sofia Chickos

FOOTBALL

Deyvon Gill-Martin - 2nd Team Running Back
Auston Ludovici - 2nd Team Wide Receiver and 2nd Team Linebacker
David Polachek - 2nd Team Offensive Line and 2nd Team Defensive Line
D'Saun Harmon - 2nd Team Defensive Back
Sedrick Seymour - Honorable Mention as Linebacker

CROSS COUNTRY

Top WPIAL finishers
Ryan Kroknko 34th place
Julia Bennett 34th place

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

3A Section 4 All Stars

Second Team

Keaira Chambers

Third Team

Emma Sovich

Audit Presentation – Peter Vancheri

XI. Public Comment (Regarding Agenda Items Only)

In light of the state declared disaster emergency, the Board has adopted modified public meeting and public comment processes, consistent with the Sunshine Law. These modified rules have been published in a newspaper of general circulation and on the District’s website. Public comment will only be taken in written formats via email in advance of the meeting. Public comments received in advance will be circulated to the Board. All public comments regarding agenda items will be read during the meeting. All other comments will be summarized during the meeting. All comments must include the resident/property owner’s name and address.

XII. Committee Reports

Education and Technology

Mrs. Manganello

Finance and Budget

Ms. Pedigo

1. School District Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly school district bills in the amount of \$2,254,882.81 and the monthly school district personnel salaries in the amount of \$1,327,472.30 be paid.

2. Cafeteria Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly cafeteria bills in the amount of \$17,430.03 and the monthly cafeteria personnel salaries in the amount of \$49,913.35 be paid.

3. Proposed Preliminary Budget

It is recommended the Administration be directed to have a proposed preliminary budget available for public inspection by January 25, 2021 and further the Administration take all steps necessary to apply for Act 1 exceptions including making the preliminary budget available, making all submissions to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, and compliance with all advertising requirements including giving notice as required by Act 1 of the District’s intention to adopt a budget that includes exceptions and publishing notice of intent to file for exceptions.

4. Resolution 2020-2021-06

It is recommended that Resolution 2020-2021-06, a Resolution extending the deadline for District Tax Collectors to file 2020-2021 returns with the Beaver County Tax Claim Bureau, be adopted.

5. Proposal

It is recommended to approve the proposal from Hawley Consulting Group to complete the postretirement medical valuation (GASB 75) for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years at a cost of \$5,200.00 (no increase from previous years).

Buildings and Grounds

Mr. Angus

Athletics

Mr. Campalongo

Public Relations

Mr. Metz

Steering and Rules

Mrs. Kehoe

1. Policy 247 – Hazing – Third and Final Reading

It is recommended, as a third and final reading, to update School Board Policy 247 – *Hazing*, to maintain a safe, positive environment for students and staff that is free from hazing.

2. Policy 249 – Bullying/Cyberbullying – Third and Final Reading

It is recommended, as a third and final reading, to update School Board Policy 249 – *Bullying/Cyberbullying* – to provide a safe, positive learning environment for district students.

3. Policy 318 – Attendance and Tardiness – Third and Final Reading

It is recommended, as a third and final reading, to revise School Board Policy 318 – *Attendance and Tardiness* – to establish processes for staff to report unexpected absences, which shall be addressed in accordance with Board Policy and an applicable individual contract, collective agreement or Board resolution.

4. Policy 332 – Working Periods – Third and Final Reading

It is recommended, as a third and final reading, to adopt School Board Policy 332 – *Working Periods* – to make modifications to the school calendar and the school schedule as necessary to meet the instructional and health and safety needs of students and staff.

5. Policy 335 – Family and Medical Leave – Third and Final Reading

It is recommended, as a third and final reading, to adopt School Board Policy 335 - *Family and Medical Leave* – to provide eligible administrative, professional and support employees with unpaid leaves of absence in accordance with the Family and Medical Leave Act.

6. Policy 907 – School Visitors – Third and Final Reading

It is recommended, as a third and final reading, to revise School Board Policy 907 – *School Visitors* - to ensure order in the schools and to protect students and employees.

Legislative

Ms. Young

Salary, Schedule and Labor Relations

Mrs. Curtis

1. Memorandum of Understanding

It is recommended to hereby approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ambridge Area School District and the Ambridge Area Education Association regarding tuition reimbursement.

Personnel

Mr. Angus

1. California University Student Teachers

It is recommended to approve the following California University students, for student teaching for the 2021 spring semester, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening.

- a) Kayla Zvolensky, to be placed with Gretchen Clinger, State Street Elementary
- b) Rebecca Frey, to be placed with Caitlin Bajgier, State Street Elementary
- c) Amanda Richardson, to be placed with Karen Demarco, High School
- d) Brock Adams, to be placed with Chris Yannessa, High School
- e) Amber Farkas, to be placed with Melissa Paulos, State Street Elementary
- f) Gianna Sinatra, to be placed with Paul Hrvatin, State Street Elementary
- g) Amber Farkas, to be placed with Jessica Saxton, State Street Elementary
- h) Gianna Sinatra, to be placed with Amy Braund, Middle School

2. Slippery Rock University Student Teachers

It is recommended to approve the following Slippery Rock University students, for student teaching for the 2021 spring semester, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening.

- a) Alexis Lachowski, to be placed with Kelly Bischak, Economy Elementary
- b) Amber Wilson, to be placed with Kelly Bischak and Tammy Kennedy, Economy Elementary
- c) Kelly Dudo, to be placed with Jason Gerle and Jessica Scerbo, Highland Elementary
- d) Hannah Jozwiak, to be placed with Jason Gerle and Jessica Scerbo, Highland Elementary

3. Appointments

It is recommended to approve Barry King as a substitute for the following appointments:

- a) District's Safety Officer
- b) Safe2Say Primary Contact
- c) Right-to-Know Open Records Officer
- d) Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF) Primary Contact
- e) Title IX Coordinator

4. Uncompensated Leave

It is recommended approve employee #710 taking a one-time unpaid leave, effective December 4, 2020 – February 15, 2021, for the purpose of medical leave.

5. Resignation

It is recommended to accept the resignation of Megan Racioppo, from her position as para-professional at the High School, effective January 22, 2021, with regret.

XIII. Solicitor's Report

XIV. Superintendent's Report

XV. Motion to Adjourn