

Minutes for the Meet and Discuss Non-Voting Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District held in the High School Auditorium on Wednesday, January 12, 2022.

I. Call to Order: Mrs. Romasco called the meeting to order at 9:01 p.m.

The Meet and Discuss Board Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District is held on Wednesday, January 12, 2022. This meeting is being held to review the agenda for the regular monthly Board Meeting that will be held on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. in the High School Cafeteria.

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

- Mrs. Kelly Romasco, President
- Miss Amy Fitsko, Vice President
- Mrs. Mary Jo Kehoe, Treasurer
- Mr. John Carpenter
- Mr. Thomas Cephas
- Mrs. Cathy Fischer
- Mr. Rob Keber
- Mrs. Smith
- Mr. Matt Zatchey

- Others Present
- Dr. Joseph W. Pasquerilla, Superintendent
- Mr. Barry J. King, Assistant to the Superintendent
- Mrs. Bethann Eyth, Director of Business and Operations
- Ms. Megan Turnbull, Solicitor
- Mrs. Rebecca DeMase, Substitute Board Secretary

V. Correspondence

No Correspondence

VI. Student/Teacher Recognition

VII. Presentations

VIII. 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’ comments/questions or at the conclusion of the committee reports.

IX. Committee Reports**Education and Technology****Mrs. Kelly Smith**1. 2022-2023 Proposed School Calendar

It is recommended the Proposed 2022-2023 School Year Calendar be approved, as presented.

2. Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials Annual Conference

It is recommended Bethann Eyth be approved to attend the PASBO Annual Conference at the Hershey Lodge in Hershey, PA on March 8-11, 2022. The conference has a line-up of educational sessions that will address critical school finance issues. The registration fee for Mrs. Eyth to attend is paid for by a scholarship received.

3. Pittsburgh Technology Articulation Agreement

It is recommended to approve an articulation agreement between Ambridge Area School District and Pittsburgh Technology College (PTC) to provide secondary students with a continuum of education without unnecessary duplication of instruction.

4. Boy Scouts of America Den Leaders

It is recommended to approve the Boy Scouts of America Den Leaders to come in and give "Prepared for Life" lessons to our high school students, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing, and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening, as applicable.

5. Technology Purchase

It is recommended to authorize the purchase of 29 new technology equipment and licenses (laptops) at an approximate cost of \$18,507.80, via state-contracted pricing through direct purchase for our high school students with disabilities to give them more accessibility through technology. This will be paid for by the ESSERS ATSI 2.5% Grant and is at no cost to the district.

6. Student Agreement 2021-2022-12

It is recommended to ratify the discipline agreement for student #8684297946 relevant to a middle school student, effective January 7, 2022.

7. Student Agreement 2021-2022-13

It is recommended to ratify the discipline agreement for student #2598140024 relevant to a middle school student, effective January 5, 2022.

Finance and Budget**Mr. John Carpenter**1. School District Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly school district bills in the amount of \$2,716,596.46 and the monthly school district personnel salaries in the amount of \$1,267,931.62 be paid.

2. Cafeteria Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly cafeteria bills in the amount of \$50,335.62 and the monthly cafeteria personnel salaries in the amount of \$52,248.92 be paid.

3. 2020-2021 Final Auditor's Report

It is recommended to accept the 2020-2021 final auditor's report.

4. Proposed Preliminary Budget

It is recommended the Administration be directed to have a proposed preliminary budget available for public inspection by January 19, 2022, 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.

5. Gifts in Kind

It is recommended to accept the donation from the Beaver County Committee for the Veteran's Day Parade, with appreciation. The donor has received no goods or services in return for this gift. The donation was in the amount of \$300.00 to each of the following for their participation in the 2021 Veteran's Day Parade:

- Ambridge High School Marching Band
- Ambridge High School MCJROTC

Buildings and Grounds**Mr. Robert Keber****Athletics****Mr. Matt Zatchey**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 – April 2, 2022

Public Relations

Miss Amy Fitsko

Steering and Rules

Mrs. Mary Jo Kehoe

Legislative

Mr. Thomas Cephas

X. 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.

- Randy Dawson, Ambridge, PA
 - Question regarding item #5 Finance and Budget, the Band Director is unaware of this money.
 - ✓ Will look into this and give Mr. Dawson a call.

XI. Sunshine Law

Mrs. DeMase read the following:

The Board of School Directors held an Executive Session on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, to discuss:

- Personnel matter(s)
- Matters subject to attorney-client privilege and other confidentiality laws
- Litigation or threatened litigation matters

XII. Motion to Adjourn

At 9:20 p.m. Miss Fitsko moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Keber. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Mrs. Rebecca DeMase, Substitute Board Secretary
Mrs. June Mueller, Board Secretary**