

AMBRIDGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
AGENDA
August 21, 2024

7:00 P.M.

High School Auditorium

I. Call to Order

The regular monthly Board Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District Board of Directors on Wednesday, August 21, 2024, 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, August 21st 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 Wednesday, July 17th Board Meeting

VIII. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report dated: July 2024

IX. Amendment/Addendum to Agenda/Approval of Agenda

X. Recognition/Presentation

Elementary School PTA/PTO Reports

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. 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.

XI. Committee Reports

Education and Technology

Mrs. Romasco

1. Adagio Health (AHI) Memorandum of Understanding – PowerUp

It is recommended to approve an MOU between the Ambridge Area School District and Adagio Health to implement the PowerUp Eat Right Nutrition Education Program.

2. WIDA Virtual Conference

It is recommended Sarah White attend the virtual WIDA Conference from October 16 – October 18, 2024. The registration will be paid as per Board Policy 431, Job Related Expenses. The total cost will be approximately \$225.00.

3. Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit (BVIU) Title I Agreement

It is recommended to approve a Service Agreement between the Ambridge Area School District and the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit. The BVIU will provide Title I reading services.

4. Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) Title I Agreement

It is recommended to approve a Service Agreement between the Ambridge Area School District and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit. The AIU will provide Title I reading services.

5. Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV Nonpublic School Title Services (MIU IV) Title I Agreement

It is recommended to approve a Service Agreement between the Ambridge Area School District and the Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV. The MIU IV will provide Title I reading services.

6. Cheer Team UCA Regional

It is recommended to approve the student attendance and application of the student discipline code for the high school varsity cheerleaders to travel to Olgentangy High School, in Delaware, Ohio to participate in the Universal Cheerleaders Association Regionals Cheerleading Competition from October 26-27, 2024. Reimbursement for expenses shall be governed by Board Policy 240 – Student Contests/Competitions and conditioned on attendance and event participation. Parents and/or guardians 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.

Finance and Budget

Mr. Zatchey

1. School District Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly school district bills in the amount of \$1,444,526.07 and the monthly school district personnel salaries in the amount of \$1,121,946.43 be paid.

2. Cafeteria Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly cafeteria bills in the amount of \$31,230.02 and the monthly cafeteria personnel salaries in the amount of \$15,719.32 be paid.

3. Disposal of Textbooks at Ambridge Area Middle School

It is recommended to dispose of unusable textbooks with copyright dates of 2018 (see Appendix A), which are no longer used in the District curriculum at the Middle School, as per Board Policy 706-1 - *Disposal of Surplus Property and Obsolete Equipment*.

Appendix A

4. Grant Acceptance

It is recommended to accept the following Fresh Fruit and Vegetable grants from the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Division of Food and Nutrition. This award is to provide free fresh fruits and vegetables throughout the school day. Leigh Anne Holman and the Food Service Group were instrumental in securing the grants.

- a) Total amount of \$20,262.00, awarded to Highland Elementary School.
- b) Total amount of \$16,500.00, awarded to State Street Elementary School.

5. Tax Exoneration

It is recommended to approve the Borough of Ambridge’s request dated August 6, 2024 to exonerate delinquent 2024 school taxes pursuant to the Pennsylvania Property Donation Statute for tax parcels 12.006.0101-010 and 12.006.0101-002 with the condition that should either property sell in the future to a non-tax exempt entity, a pro-rata share of the proceeds will be remitted to the District, less the Borough’s direct costs of acquisition.

Building and Grounds

Mr. Metz

1. State Street Freezer

It is recommended to ratify a quote from Richard Refrigeration, LLC to replace the freezer at State Street Elementary cafeteria at a total cost of \$10,321.00 through the State contract pricing (Co-Stars).

2. Crossing Guards

It is recommended that crossing guards be placed at locations throughout the Ambridge Area School District for the 2024-2025 school year as listed below:

10th Street and Duss Avenue
5th Street and Duss Avenue
8th Street and Duss Avenue
15th Street and Church Street
State Street and Harmony Road

Athletics

Mrs. Fischer

Public Relations

Miss Fitsko

Steering and Rules

Mrs. Kehoe

1. Policy 200 – Enrollment of Students – Third and Final Reading

It is recommended, as a third and final reading to revise School Board Policy 200 – *Enrollment of Students*, to include the requirements for advanced enrollment of children of military families.

2. Policy 202 – Eligibility of Nonresident Students – Third and Final Reading

It is recommended, as a third and final reading to revise School Board Policy 202 – *Eligibility of Nonresident Students*, to include the requirements for advanced enrollment for students experiencing educational instability.

3. Policy 217 – Graduation – Third and Final Reading

It is recommended, as a third and final reading to revise School Board Policy 217 – *Graduation*, for legal liability purposes regarding the adoption and posting of graduation requirements in compliance with state law and regulations.

4. Policy 254 – Educational Opportunity for Military Children – Third and Final Reading

It is recommended, as a third and final reading to adopt School Board Policy 254 – *Educational Opportunity for Military Children* to include the requirements for advanced enrollment of military families.

Legislation

Miss Fitsko

Personnel

Ms. Young

***ALL NEW HIRES, PENDING RECEIPT OF SATISFACTORY AND CURRENT CLEARANCES, SATISFACTORY DRUG SCREENING, TB TESTING, RESPONSES BY CURRENT/FORMER EMPLOYERS TO ACT 168 SCREENING, AND PDE CERTIFICATIONS IF APPLICABLE.**

1. Administrative Positions

A. It is recommended to close the following positions, effective August 21, 2024:

1. Assistant to the Superintendent
2. Director of Special Education

B. It is recommended to open the following positions, effective August 21, 2024:

1. Assistant Superintendent
2. Coordinator of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

2. Resolution 2024-2025-04 - Appointment

It is recommended to approve Resolution No. 2024-2025-04, a resolution appointing Dr. Amy Filipowski to the position of Assistant Superintendent for a five (5) year term beginning August 21, 2024 at a salary of \$150,000.00; and authorizing its related terms.

3. Professional Employee

It is recommended to approve Shannon Tatman as an Elementary STEAM Teacher All Buildings at a salary of \$48,971.00 (Step 1, Bachelor), effective August 20, 2024, as per the terms of the Ambridge Area Education Association AAEA/PSEA Agreement, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening, and PDE certifications if applicable.

4. Posted Positions: Clubs / Activities

It is recommended to amend the approval of Kelly Gregory as the Finance Director Sponsor, approved at the July 17th Board meeting, to approve Kelly Gregory and Mary Marasco as the Finance Director Co-Sponsors to be paid the following split stipend:

- Kelly Gregory – to be paid a stipend of \$1,550.00
- Mary Marasco – to be paid a stipend of \$1,550.00

5. Resignation

It is recommended to ratify the resignation of Brian Strong from his position as a Union Utility Worker at the high school, effective August 14, 2024, with regret.

6. Resignation

It is recommended to ratify the resignation of Casey Spieler from her position as a Pre-K Paraprofessional at Highland Elementary, effective August 14, 2024, with regret.

7. Resignation

It is recommended to ratify the resignation of Kathy Dunmire from her position as a Paraprofessional at the middle school effective August 16, 2024, with regret.

8. 2024-2025 Fall Coach

It is recommended the following individual be ratified to fill the designated Fall coaching position for the 2024-2025 school year at a salary as per the terms of the collective bargaining agreement, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing, and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening, provided the school year allows coaches to hold Fall sports as normal.

Girls' Tennis

Brianna Hunt, Assistant Coach

Stipend

\$1,050.00

9. Assistant High School Principal/Athletic Director

It is recommended to approve _____, as the Ambridge Area School High School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director at a salary of \$_____ as per the terms of the Act 93 agreement, effective _____ pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening.

XII. President's Report

XIII. Solicitor's Report

XIV. Superintendent's Report

XV. 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.

XVI. Motion to Adjourn

Appendix A

6TH GRADE- 81 BOOKS (At least 61 - I could not get into last classroom)

Houghton Mifflin Science: Student Edition Single Volume Level 6 2008

ISBN-10: 0-618-49228-3 / 0618492283

7TH GRADE- 125 BOOKS

Glencoe Science: Level Red, Student Edition Volume Level 7 2008

ISBN-13: 9780078778063

8TH GRADE- 275 BOOKS

Glencoe Science: Level Blue, Grade 8, Student Edition (- integrated Science)

ISBN 10: 0078778107

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